

INTRODUCTION

In a paper discussing suggestions for experiments in tomato cultivation in the West Indies Paterson (1) made certain recommendations for the laying down of manurial trials.

An experiment based on his recommendations was laid down at the New College Farm of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture in January, 1954, at the beginning of the dry season, with the object of studying the effects of different amounts of fertiliser dressings on a tomato crop. The crop failed and the trial yielded no information on manuring, but a study of the factors contributing to the failure might lead to suggestions for the modification of some of the cultural methods used in the experiment.