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Dear Dr. Beaven:

I had not been informed that we were repeating your experiment this year, but on receiving your letter I raised the question, only to find at Rothamsted the barley has already been sown. Most unfortunately it has again been sown at triple width, 18 inches, which I think, makes the experiment useless as a varietal comparison.

At Woburn, however, the seed is not yet in, and I had a long talk with the Director and Miller, with the result that he agreed to drill across the plots, sacrificing 6 feet of the permanent barley and as much of the permanent wheat, to make a headland. We shall only have independent comparisons for total produce, but this might give you most of what you want.

I am sorry you have been laid up. I have had a succession of illnesses since last summer, but seem to be getting clear of them at last.

Yours sincerely,