

FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER

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Reports from the Low-country Station at Ratnapura have already shown that, on clone TRI 2023, significant yield increments have resulted from dividing the annual dose of nitrogen into several applications. Frequency of application at nine times **per two years** soon proved beneficial and in the following cycle an increase to 11 applications over two years showed a similar benefit.

A more recent experiment (A5) on St Coombs has now begun to show a similar trend at the higher level of nitrogen: 240 lb N per annum. Both 3 and 4 applications **per year** are showing superiority over 2 applications.

Reference should be made to the Annual Reports for 1965 of the Assistant Director and Agricultural Chemist respectively. Interpretation of this type of experiment is not as simple as may be thought. Seasonal effects are obviously bound to be shown and appreciation of results of our experiments will gain in value as the experiments mature.
