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A lot of statistical and agronomic information can be gathered on commercial fields planted to sugarbeets. Putting the information in a usable form is very time consuming. Our objective was to create a computer program that would manage the data for us. The resulting program runs on a laptop computer and is easy to use. Beet quality is improved when fieldmen use this tool in discussions with growers. The program can access grower field records for the previous five years. Statistics can be compiled by district, station, or grower. Grower averages can be graphed against the station average. Reports and graphs are printed out on 8 1/2" x 11" paper using an Epson compatible printer.