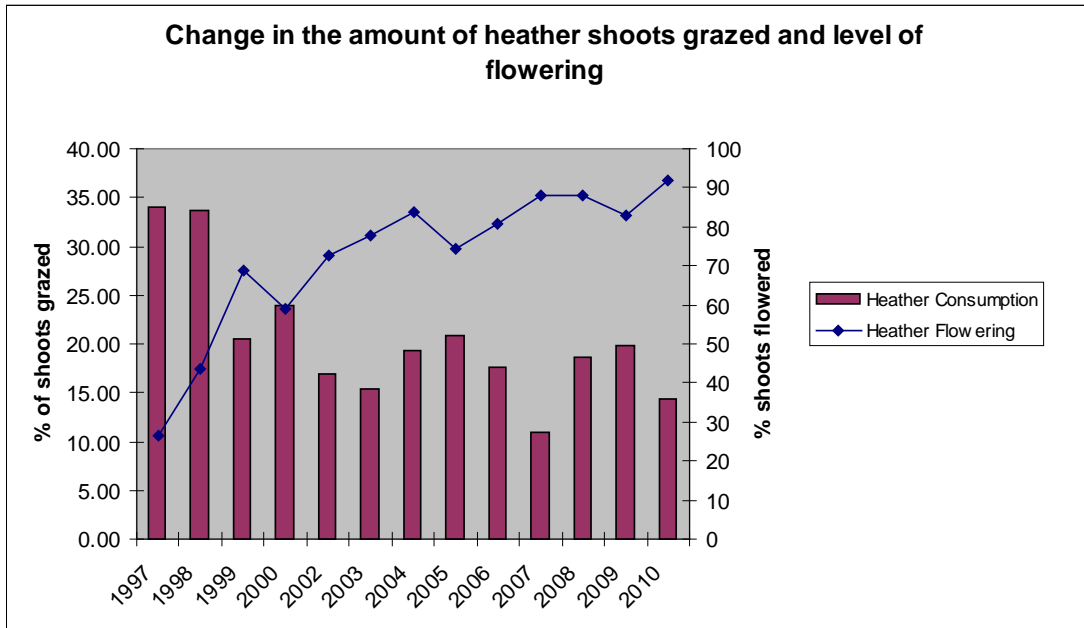
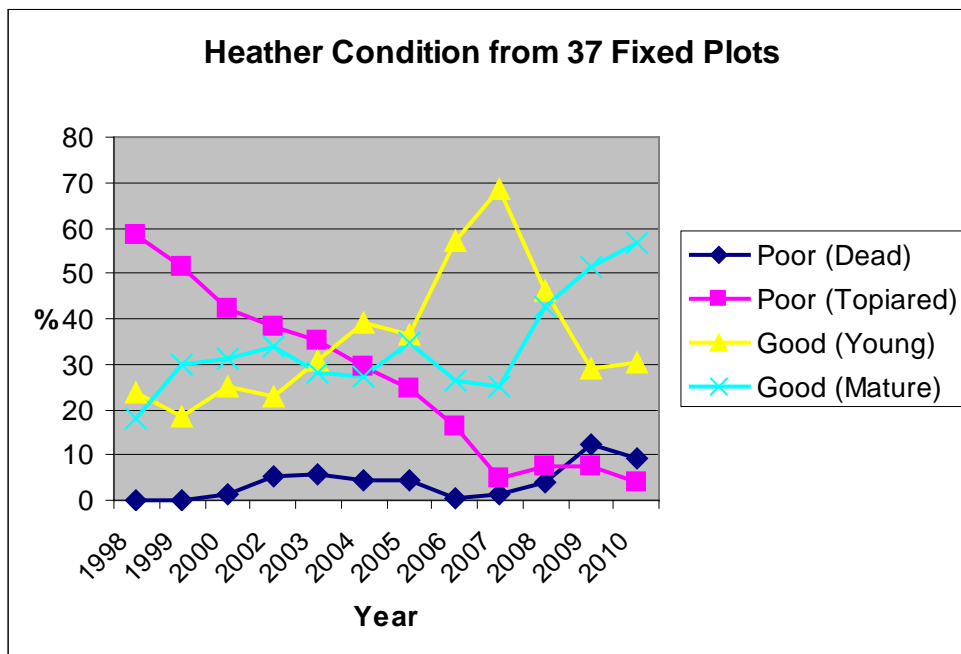


**Results from long Mynd Heather Survey (fixed plots)**  
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Note: There is a decrease in eaten heather and an increase in flowering shoots. This is likely to be due to less winter grazing by sheep due to snow and less heather beetle last year.



Note: Recent loss of young heather is due to a combination of increased dead heather (through heather beetle) and natural ageing, moving it into next category. The high levels of heather beetle damage seen in the last 2 yrs should continue to decrease next year due to the cold winter.