

Production Practices of High Yield Growers

Crop Year 2007

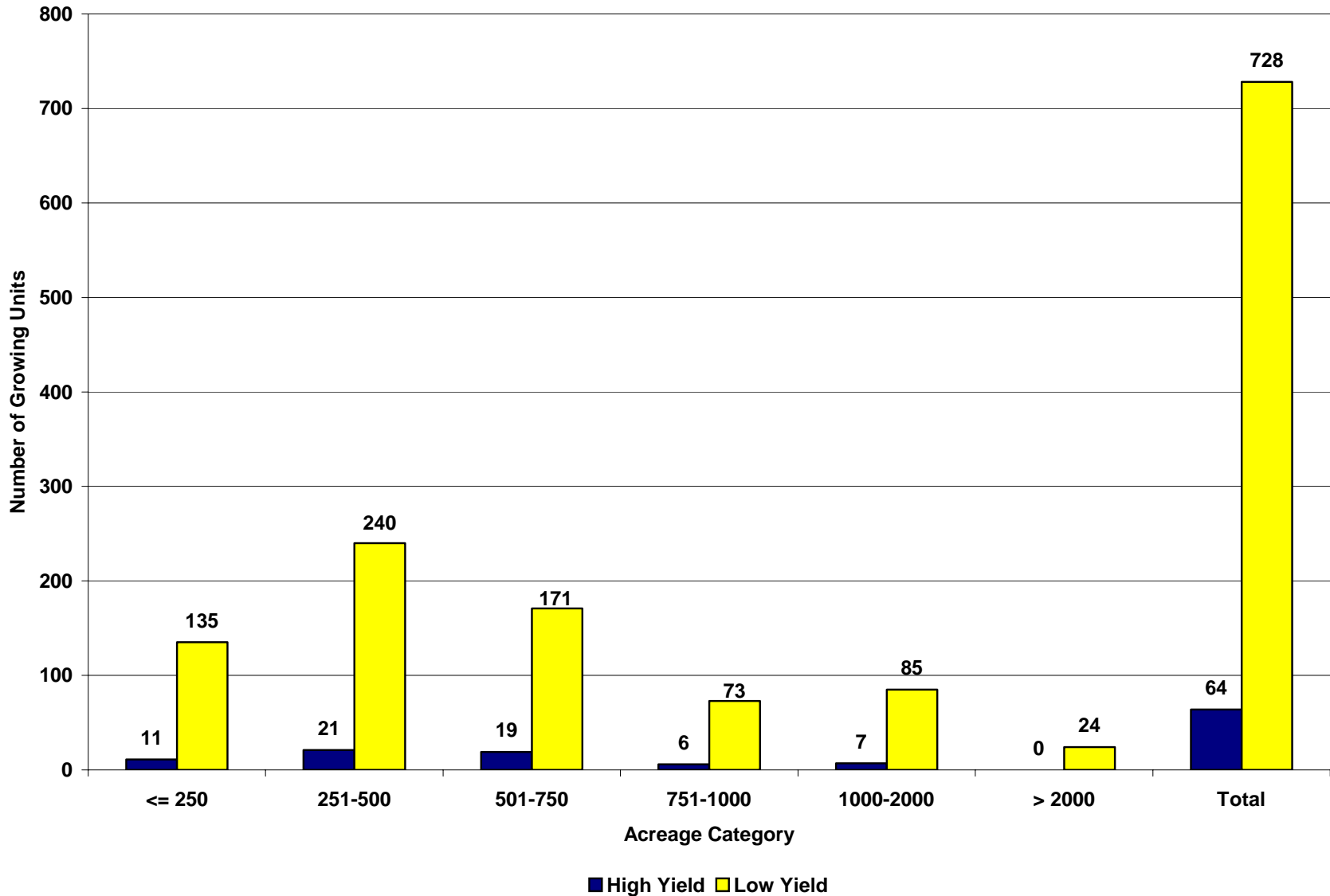
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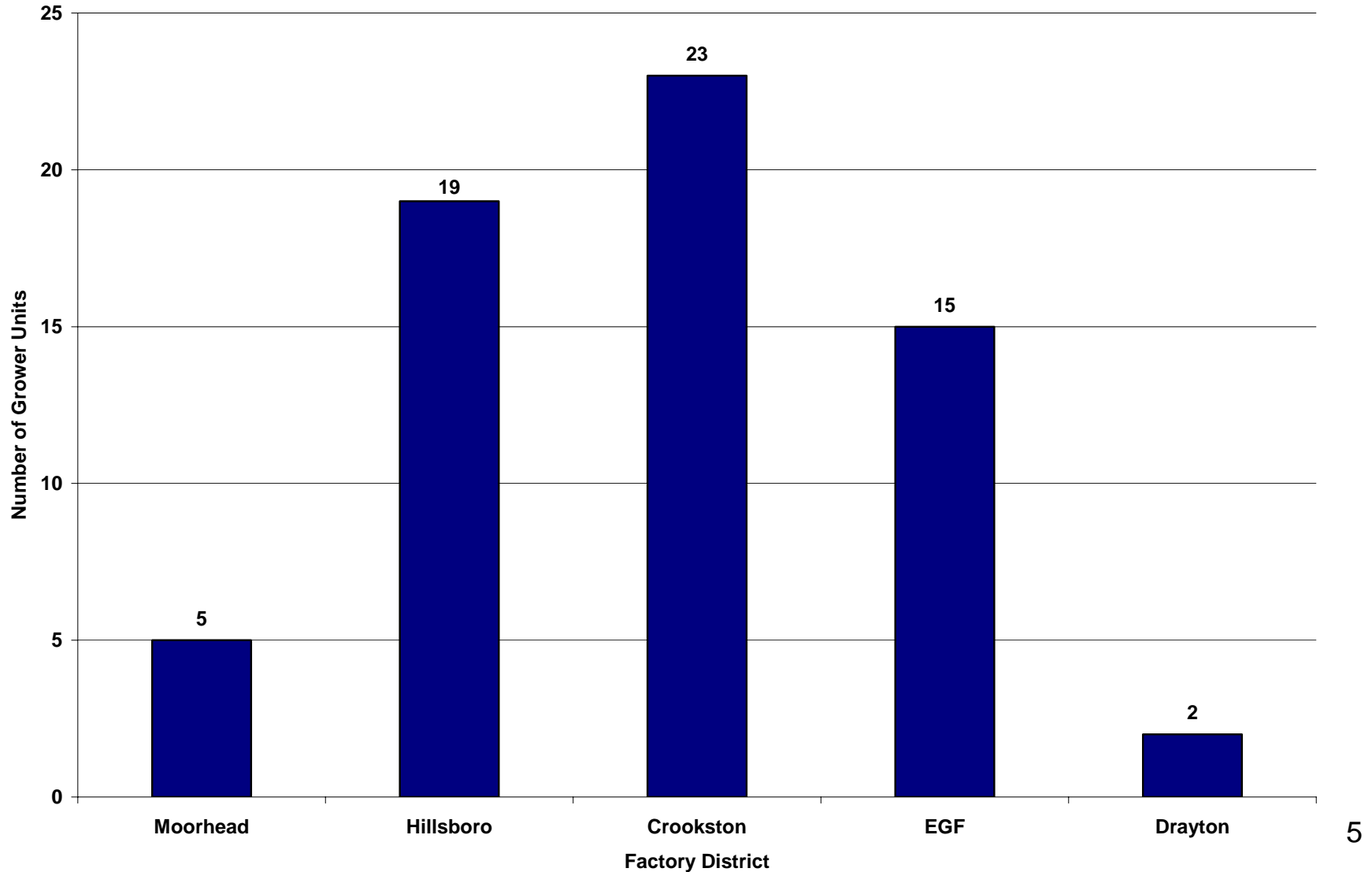
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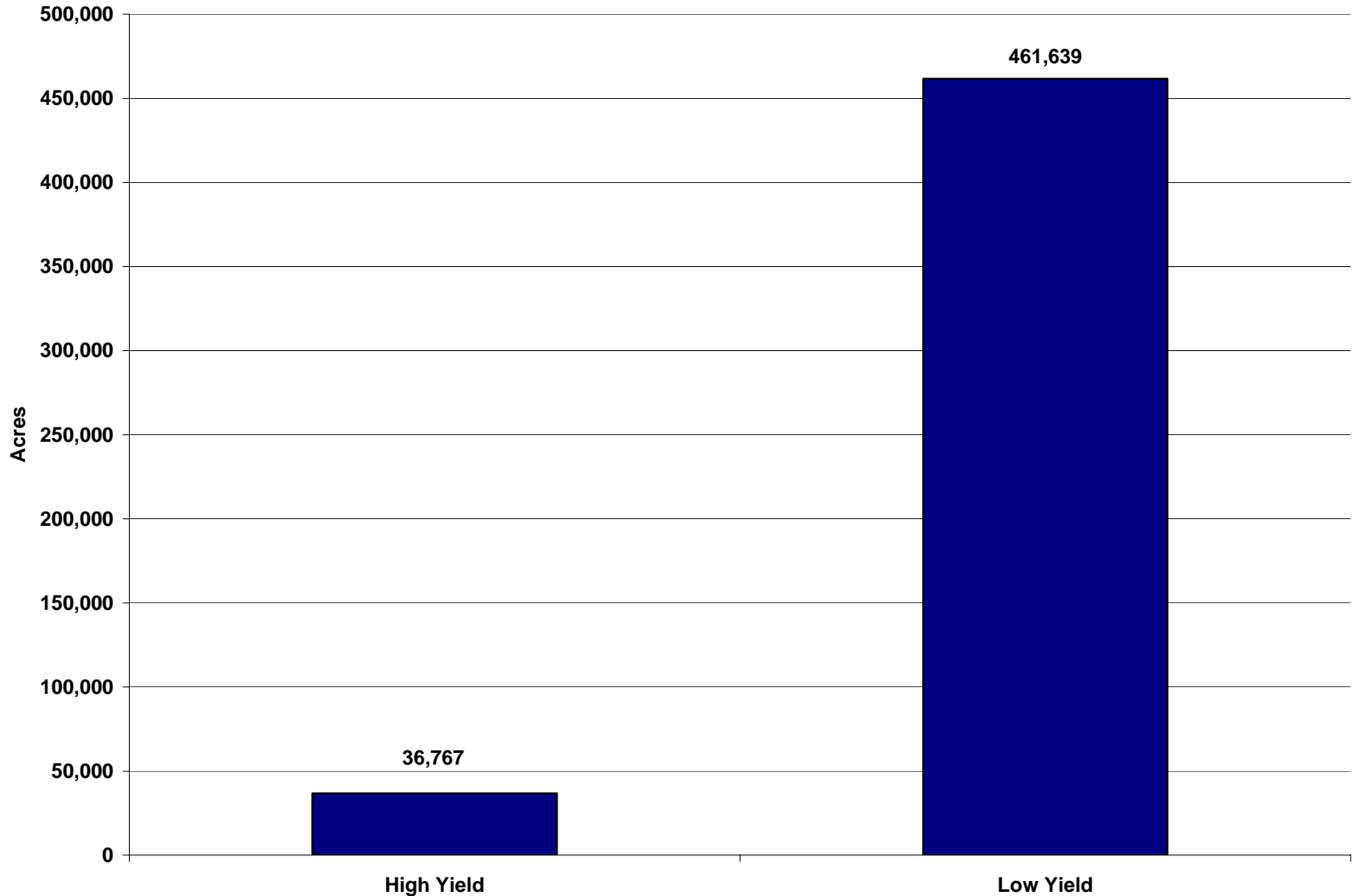
Grower Unit Size - RRV



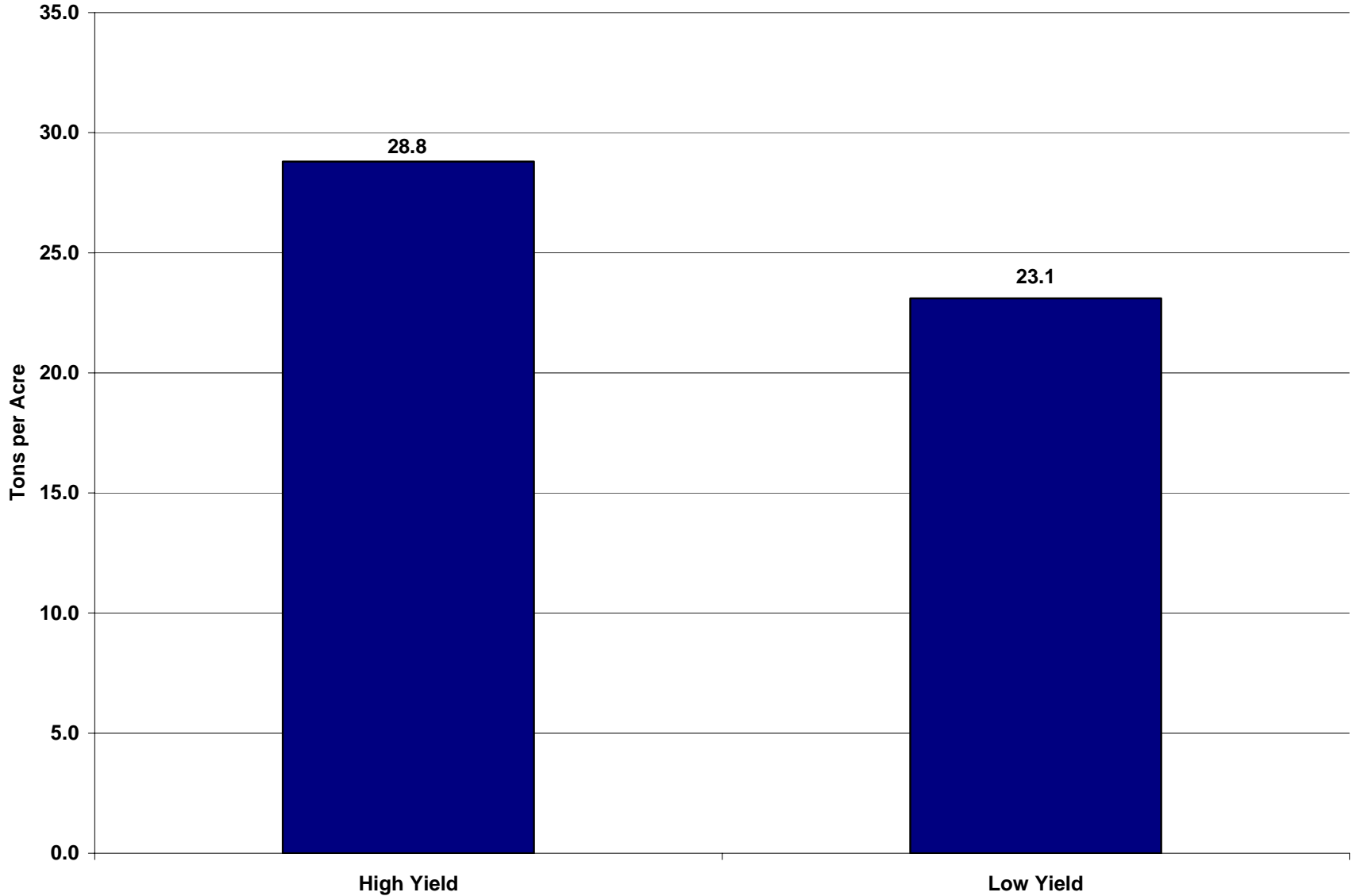
Grower Units by Factory District



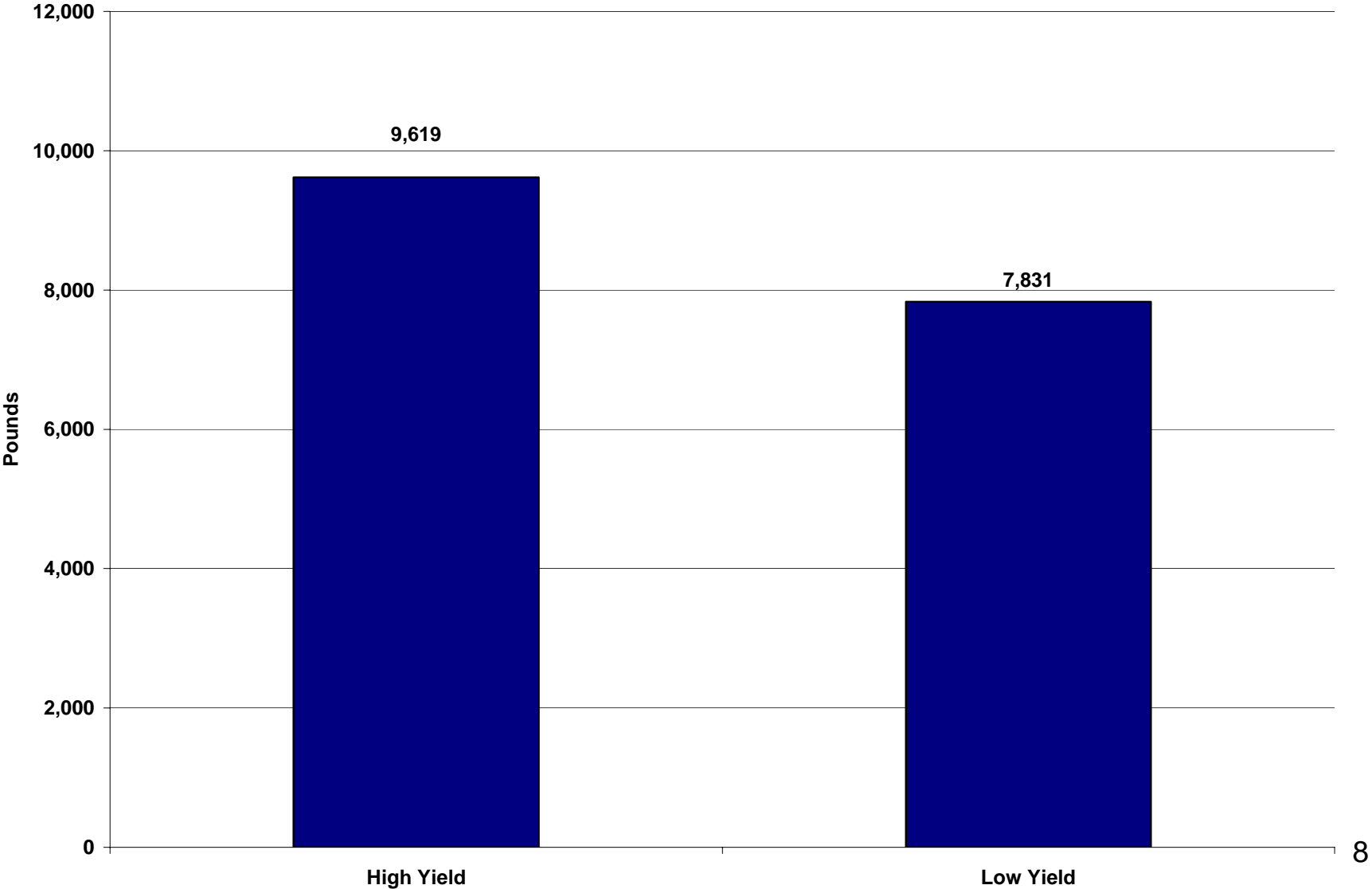
Total Acres for High (28+ tpa) and Low Yield Groups



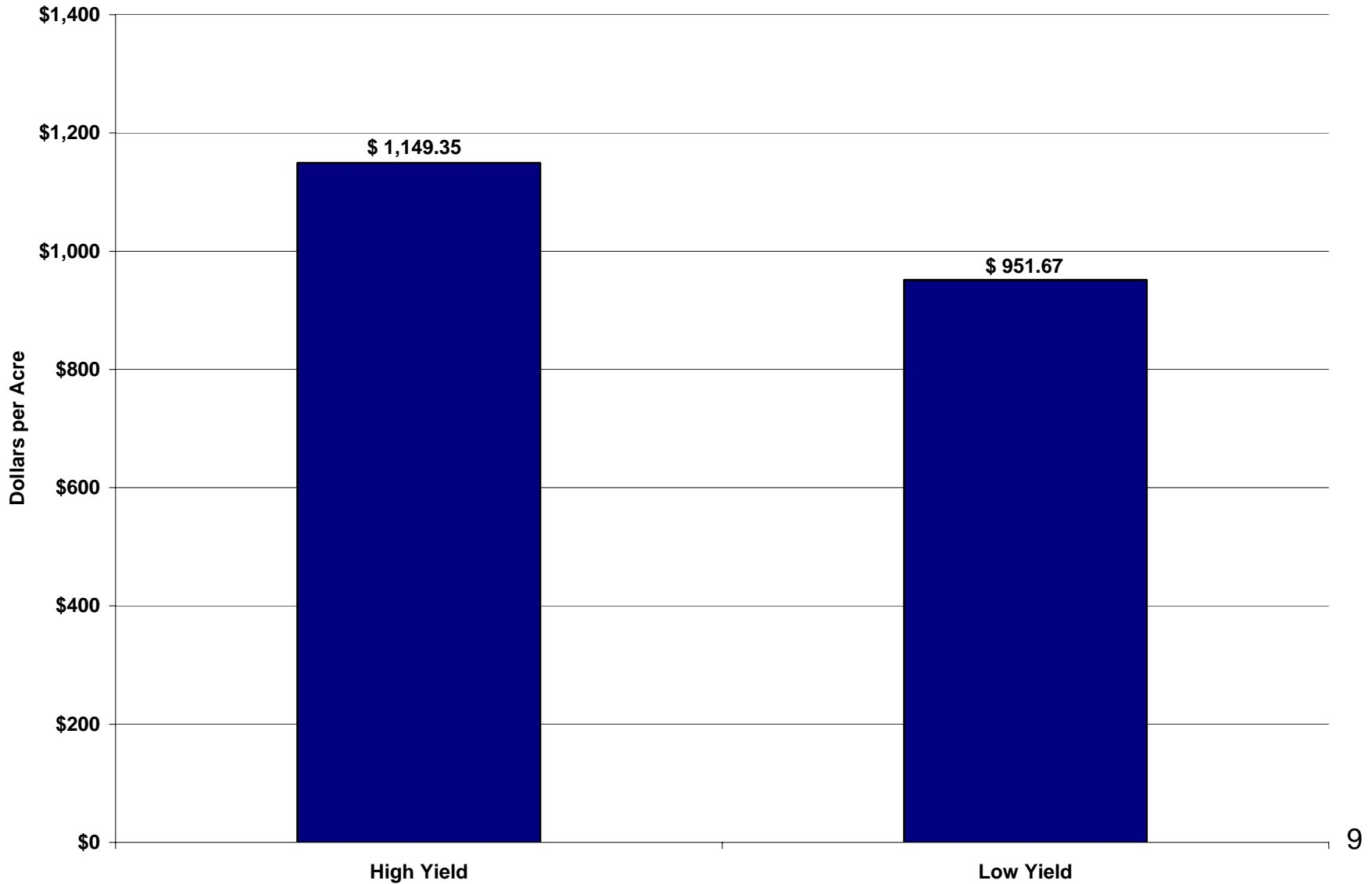
Average Yield by Group



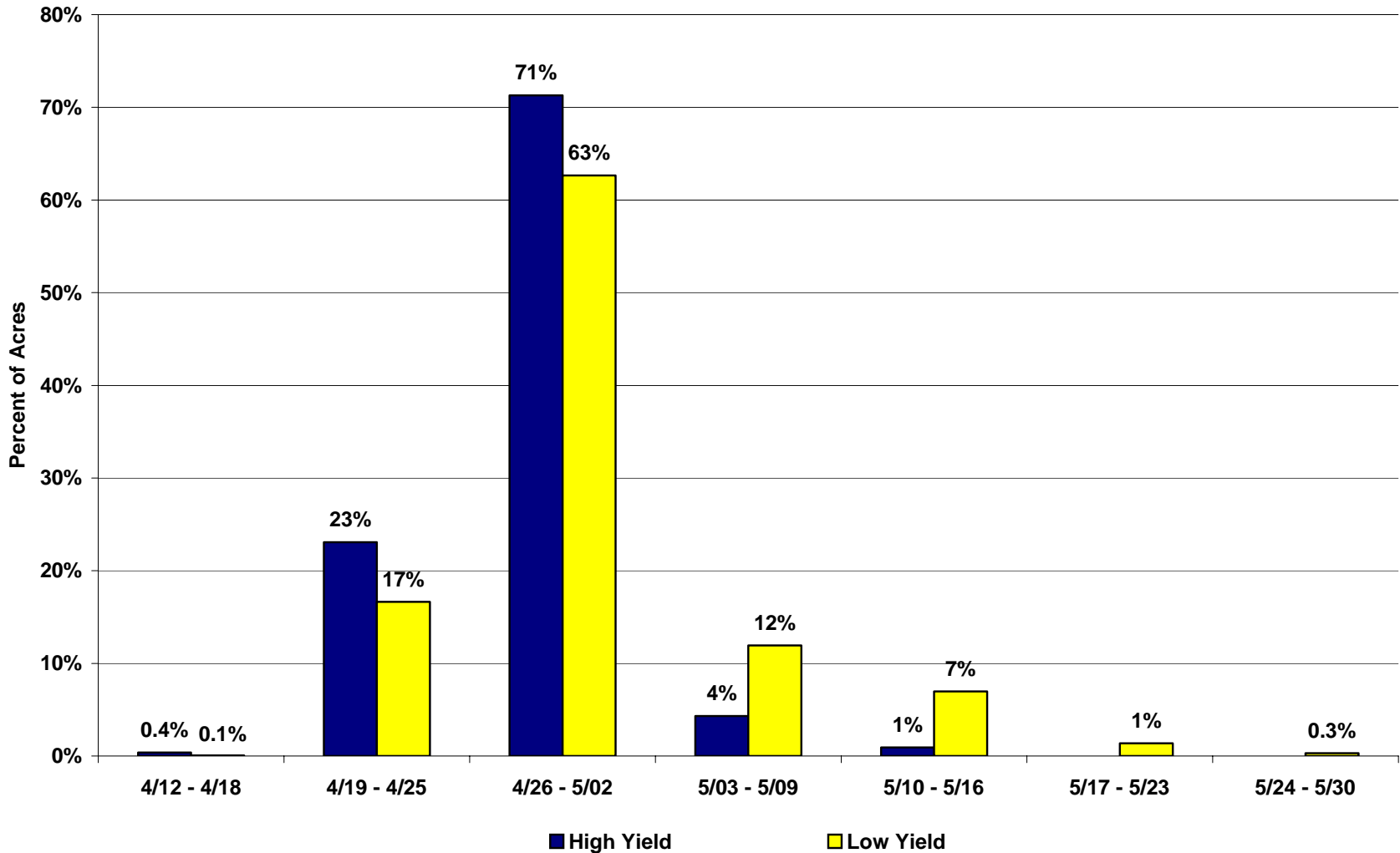
Recoverable Sugar per Acre



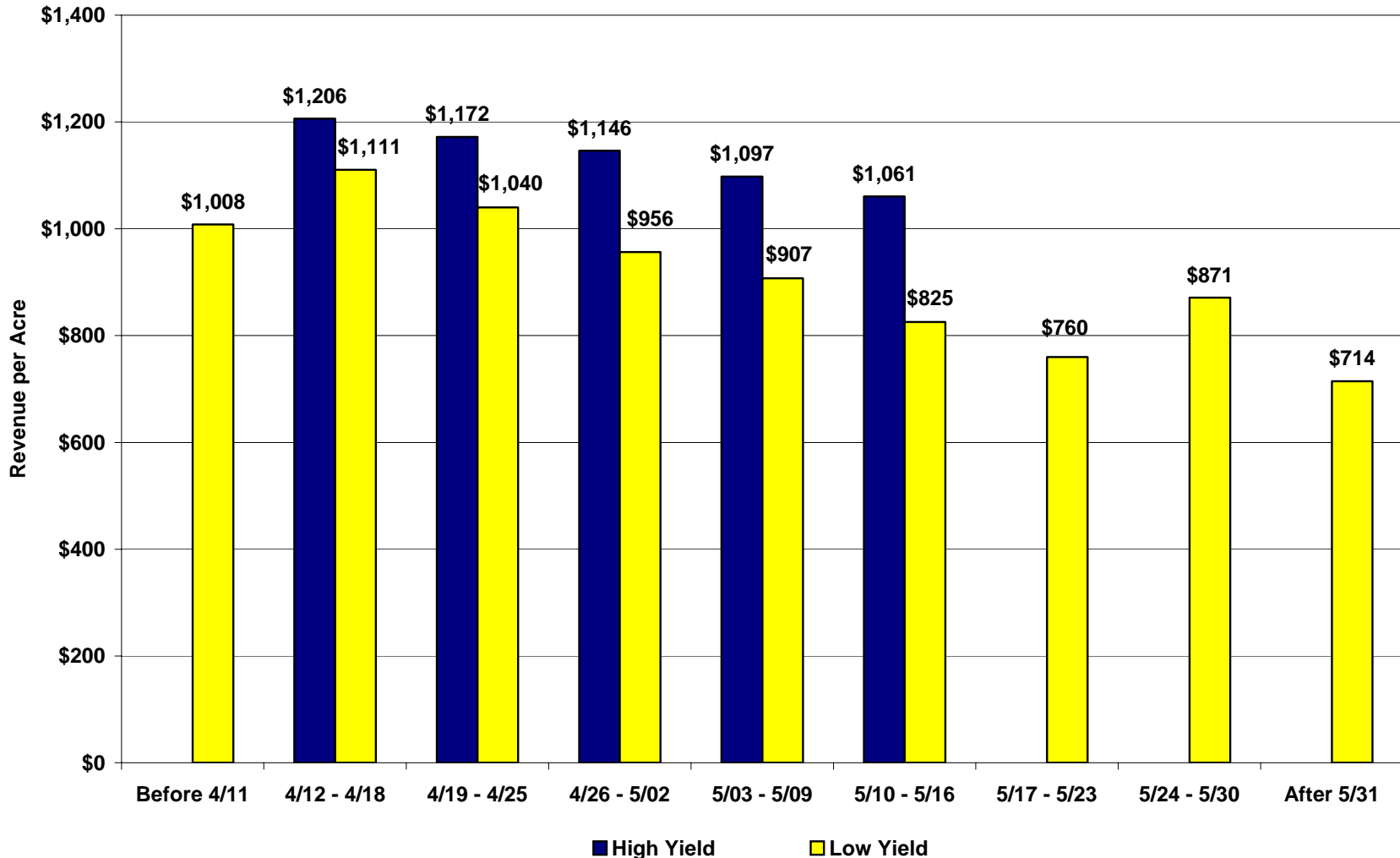
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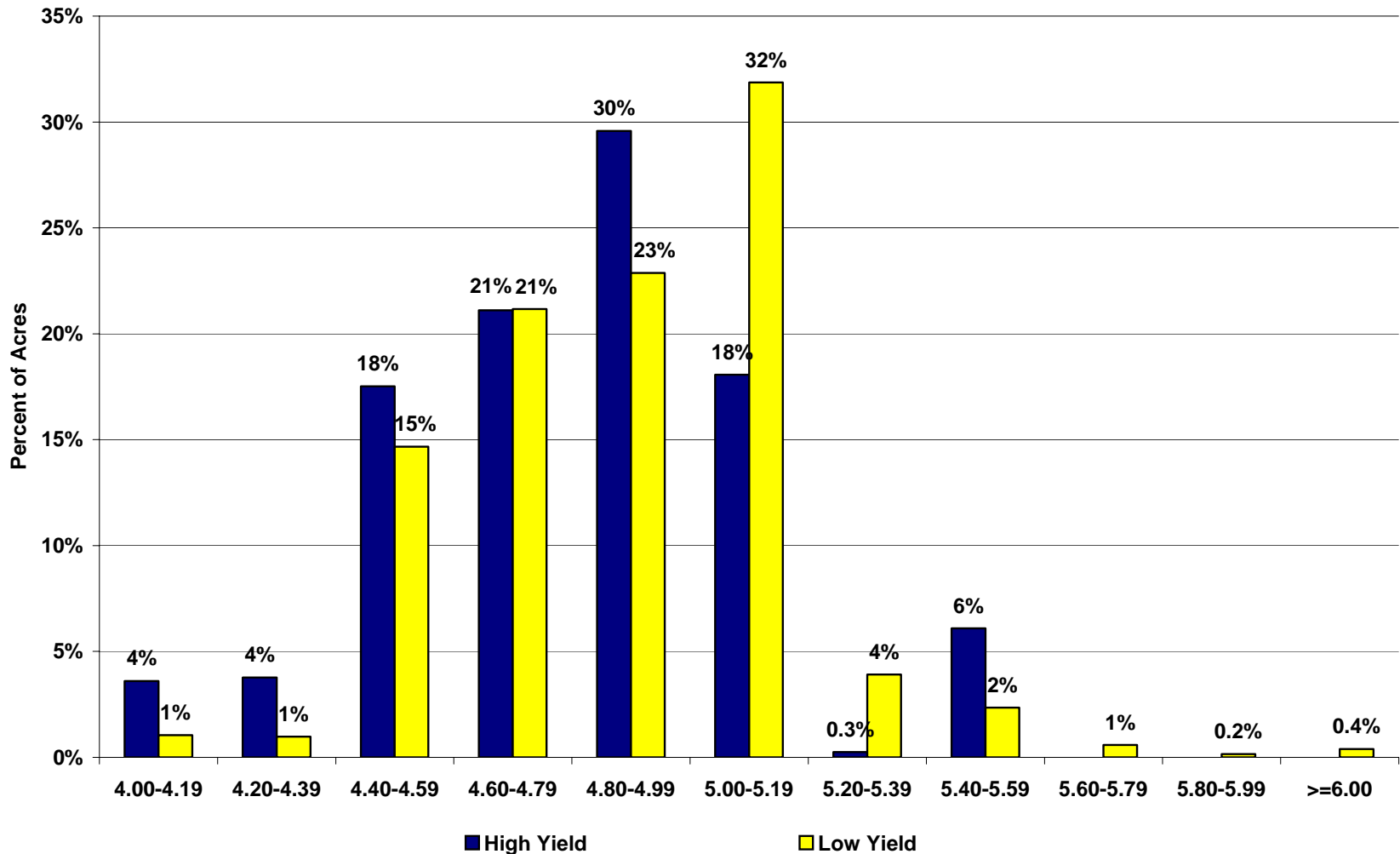
Acres by Planting Week



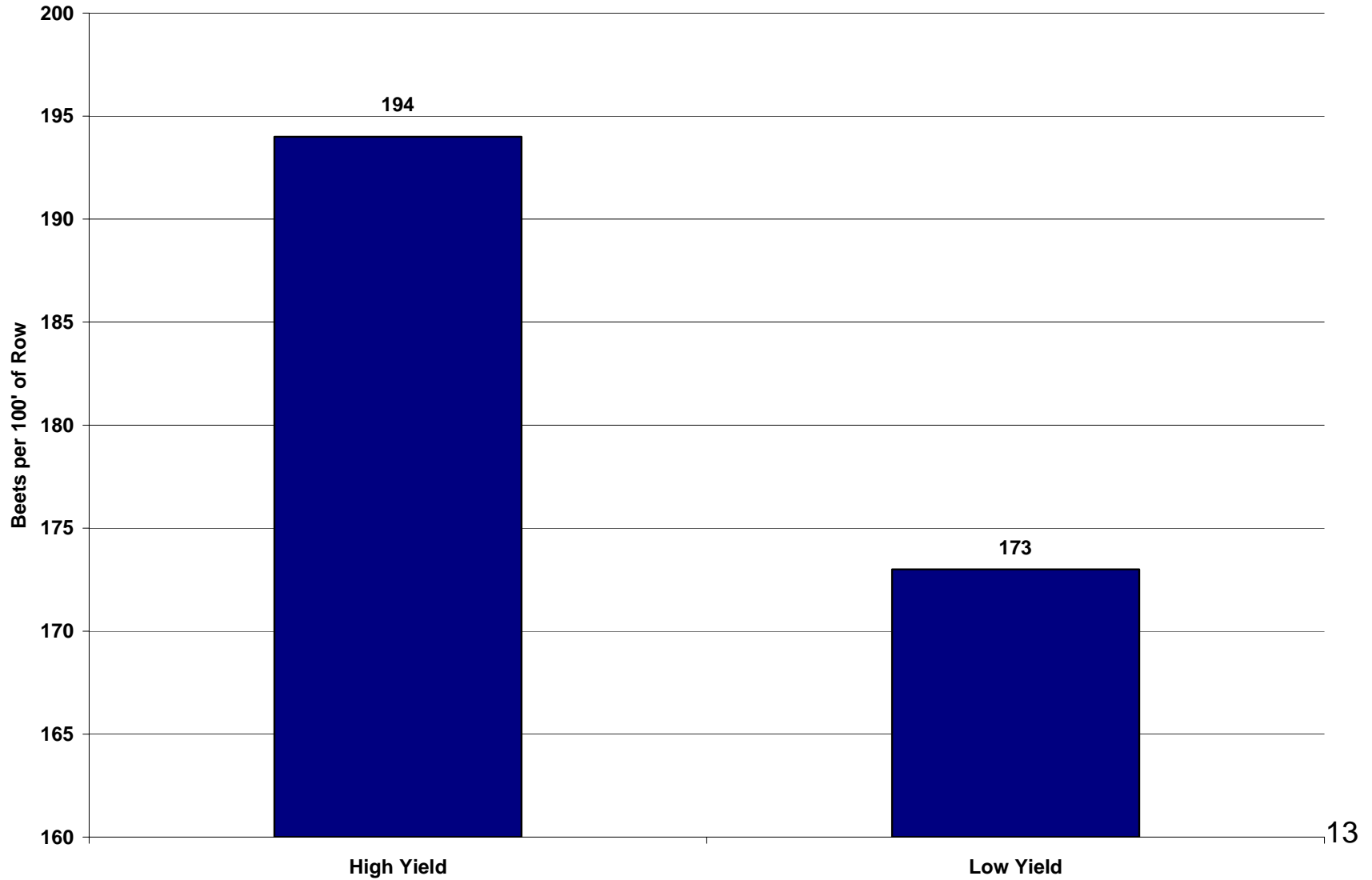
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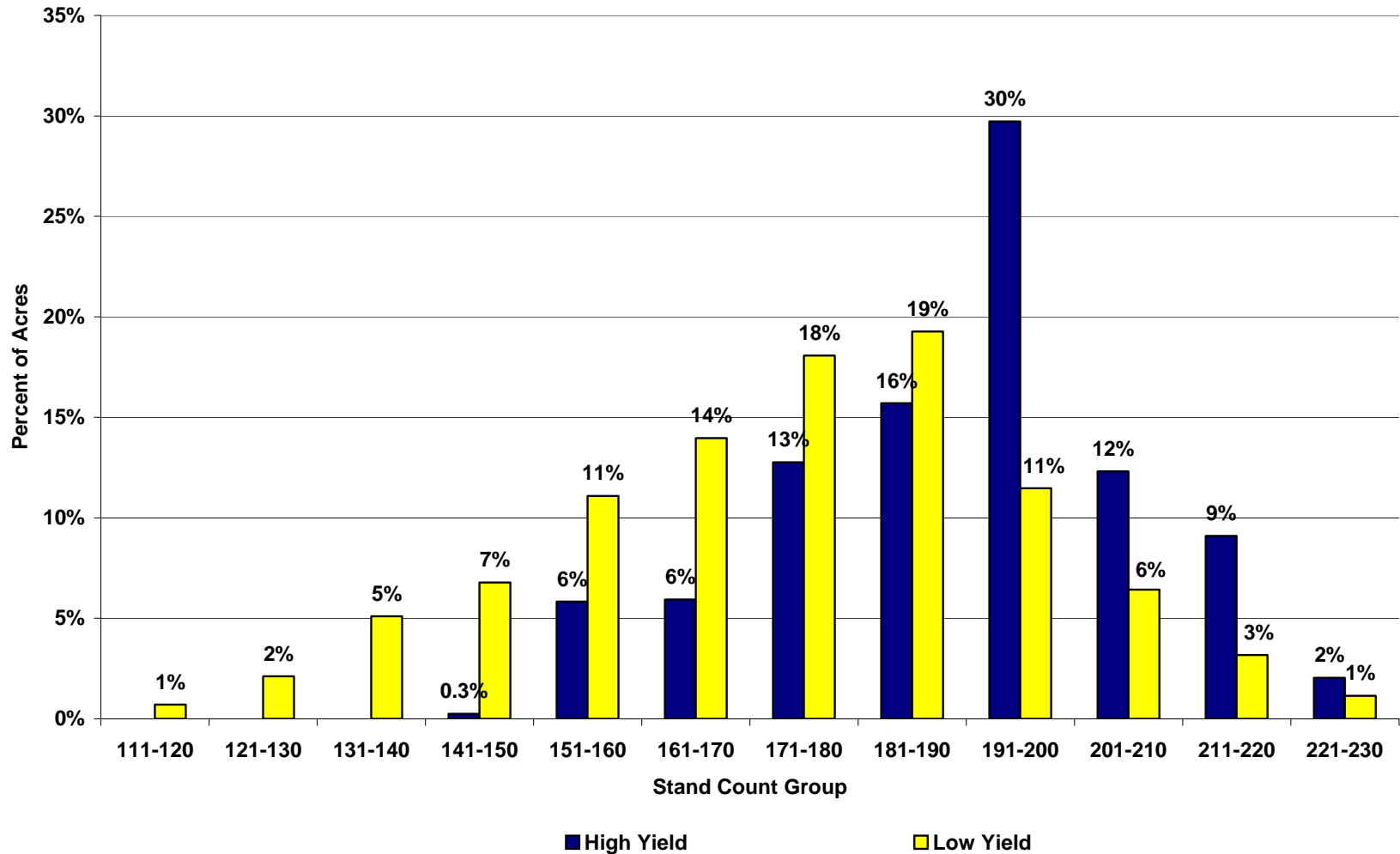
Percent of Acres by Seed Spacing Group



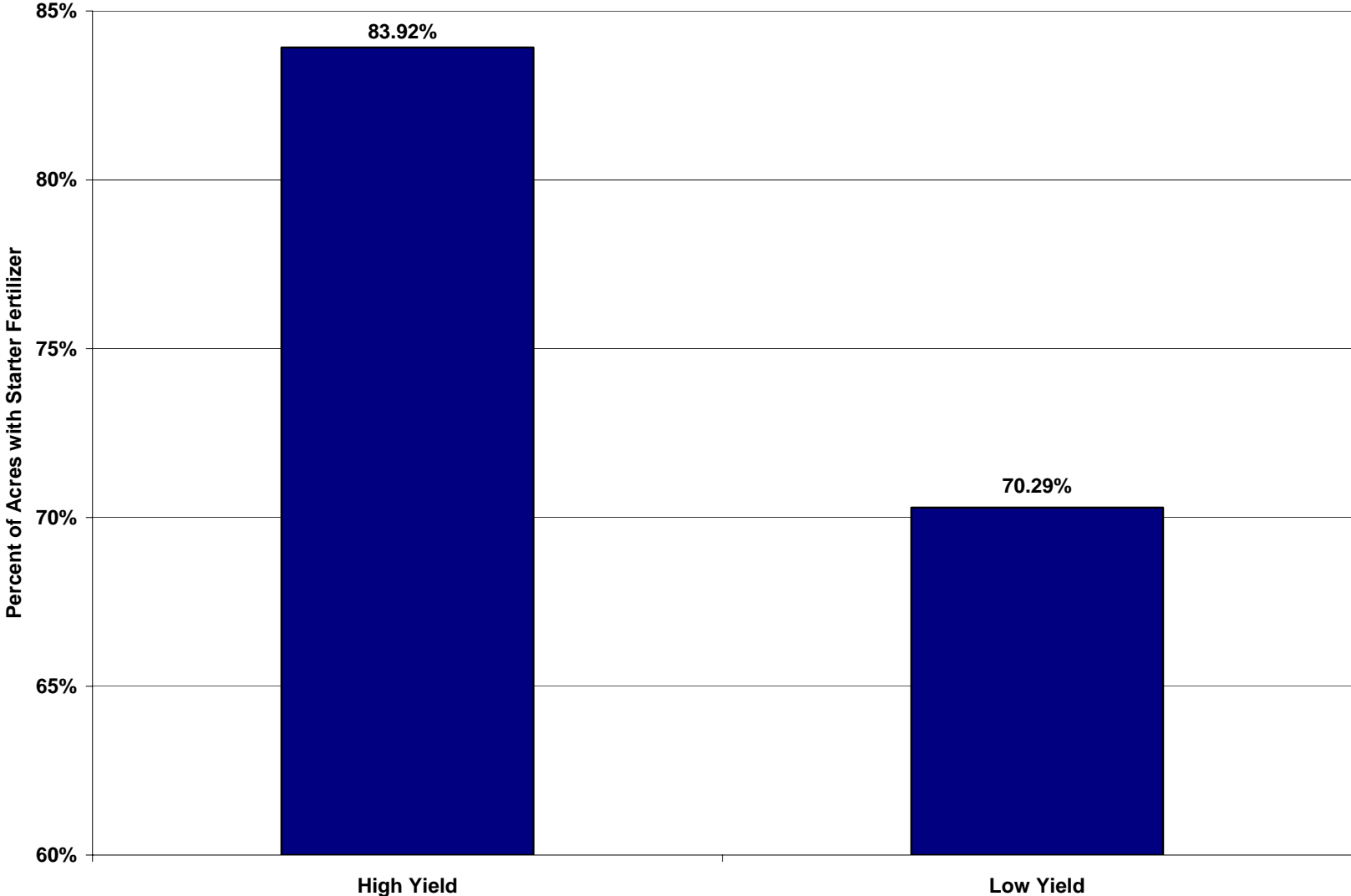
Average Stand Count



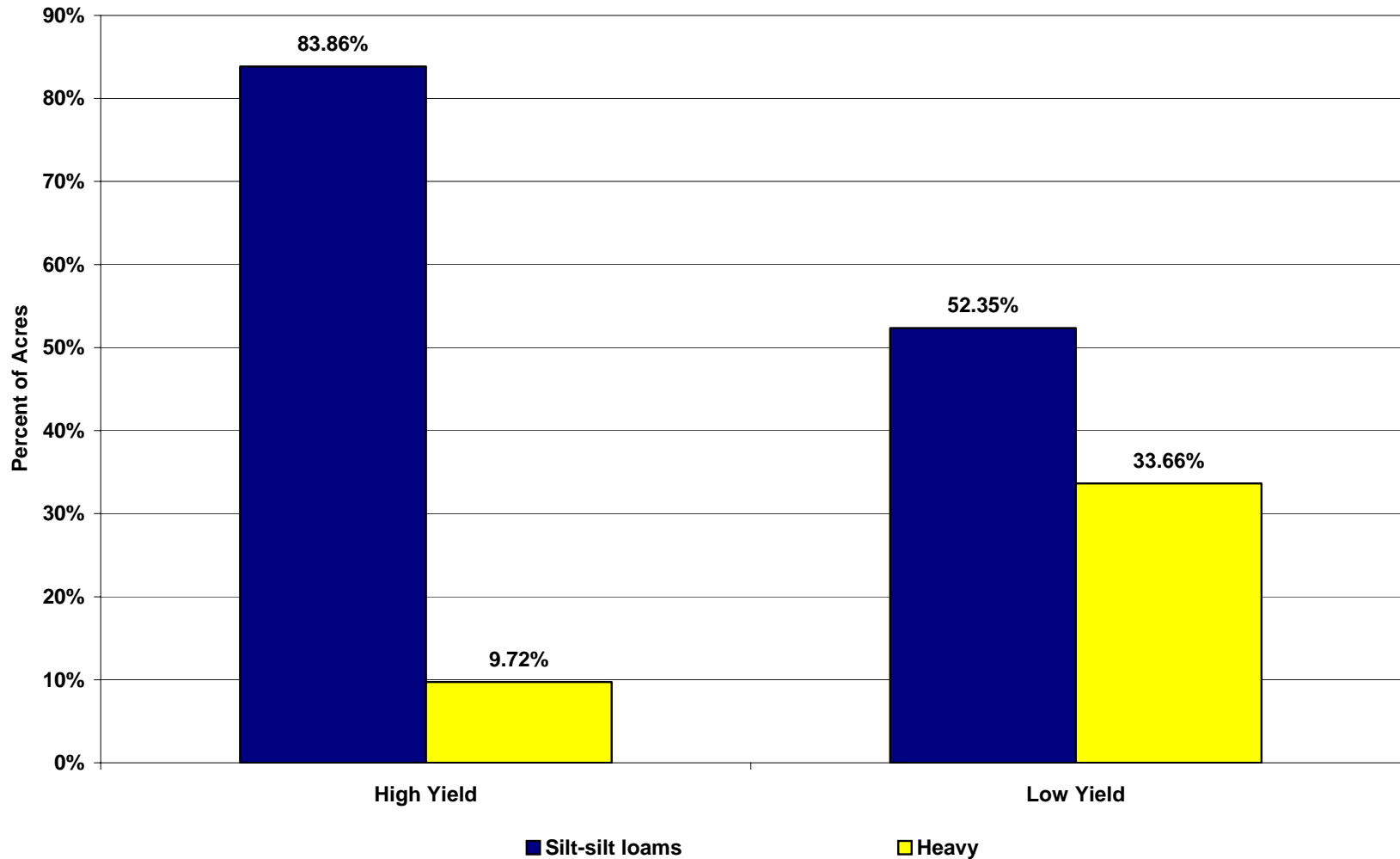
Percent of Acres by Stand Count



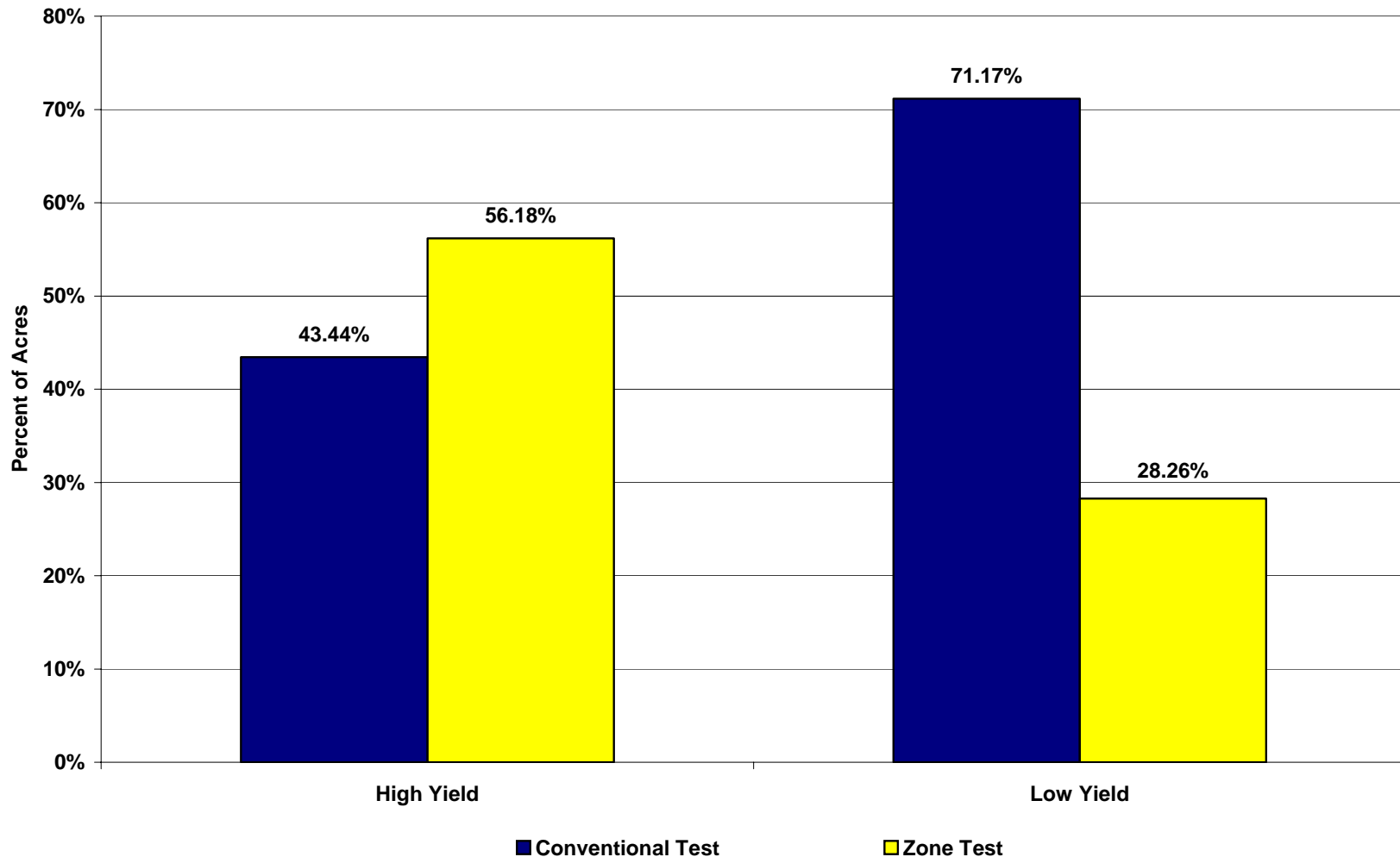
Percent of Acres with Starter Fertilizer



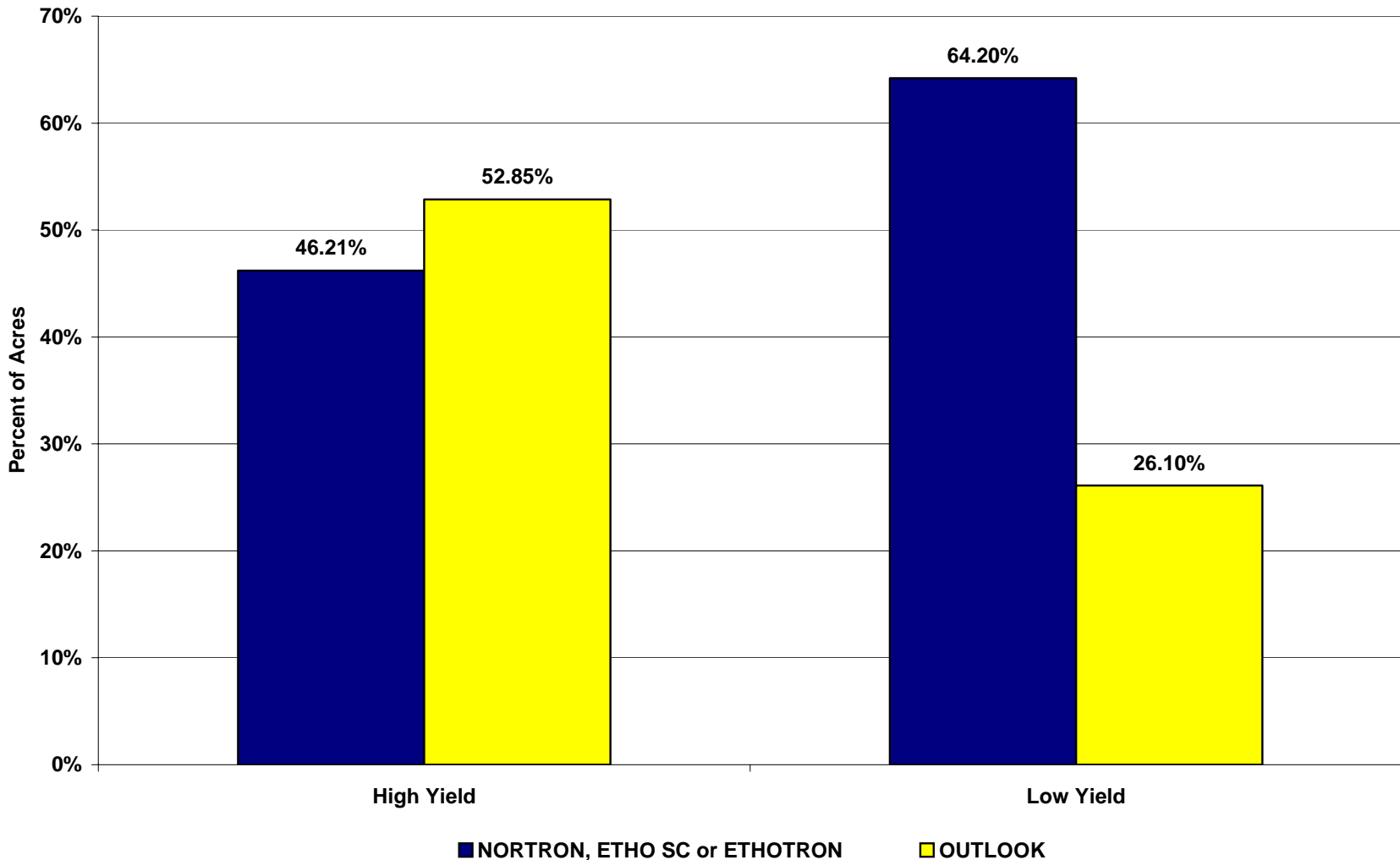
Percent of Acres by Soil Type



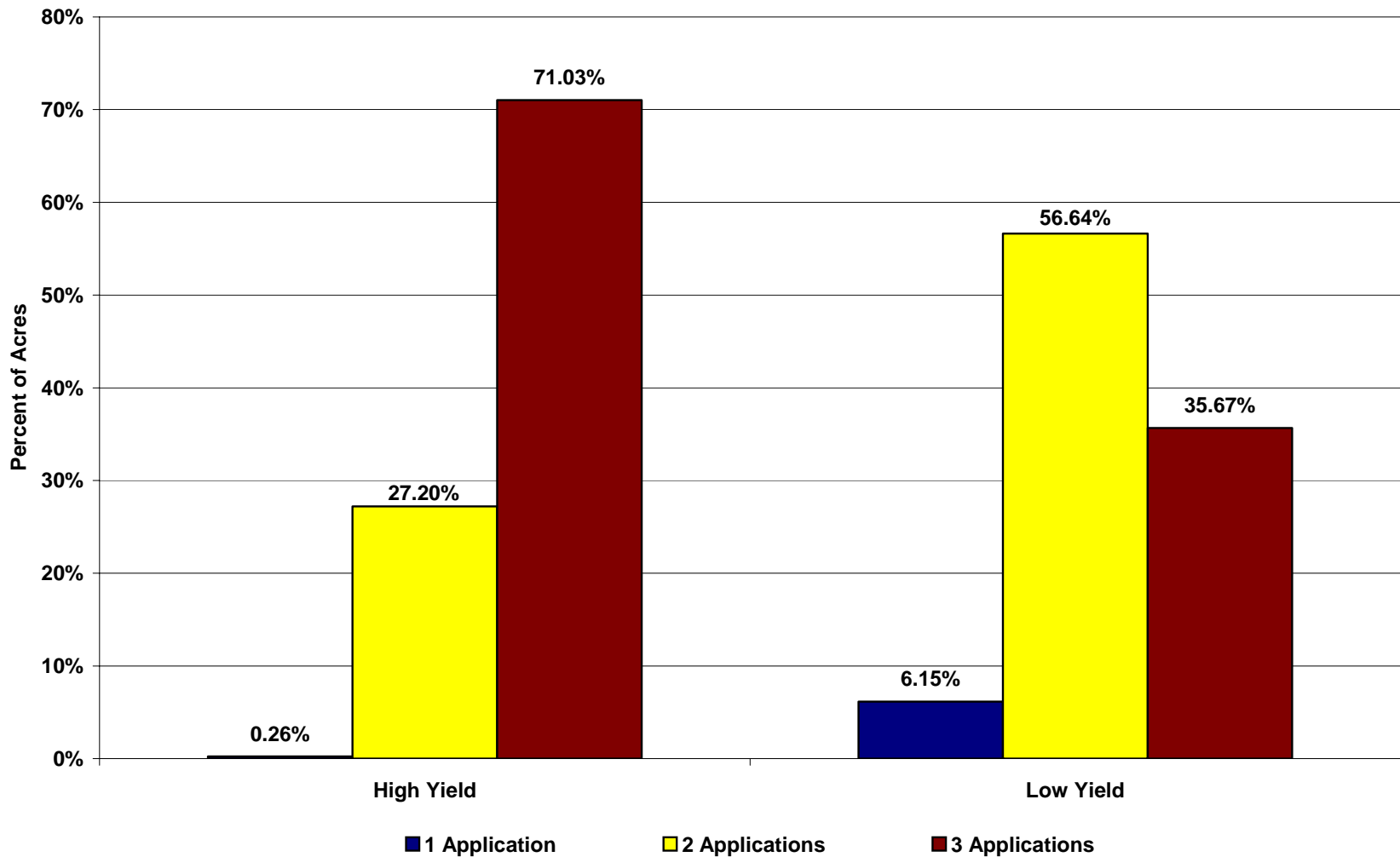
Percent of Acres Based on Soil Test Method



Soil Applied Herbicides



Percent of Acres by Number of Fungicide Applications



Summary

- Shareholders averaging the top yields in 2007
 - Planted more of their acres in the ideal planting window – April 19 through May 2.
 - Planted a higher percentage of their acres with a seed spacing less than 5 inches.
 - Maintain stand counts from 170-210 on more acres.
 - Utilize zone testing on a greater number of acres.
 - Planted more of their acres on Silt-Silt Loam soils.
 - Used starter fertilizer on more acres.
 - Appeared to have better weed control.
 - And made more fungicide applications.

Thanks for your attention!

Does anyone have questions we
can answer?