

2020 IHARF Agronomy Update

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Wheat Response to Various Inputs Alone & in Combination (ADOPT 2018-20)



ADOPT Wheat Input Demonstration

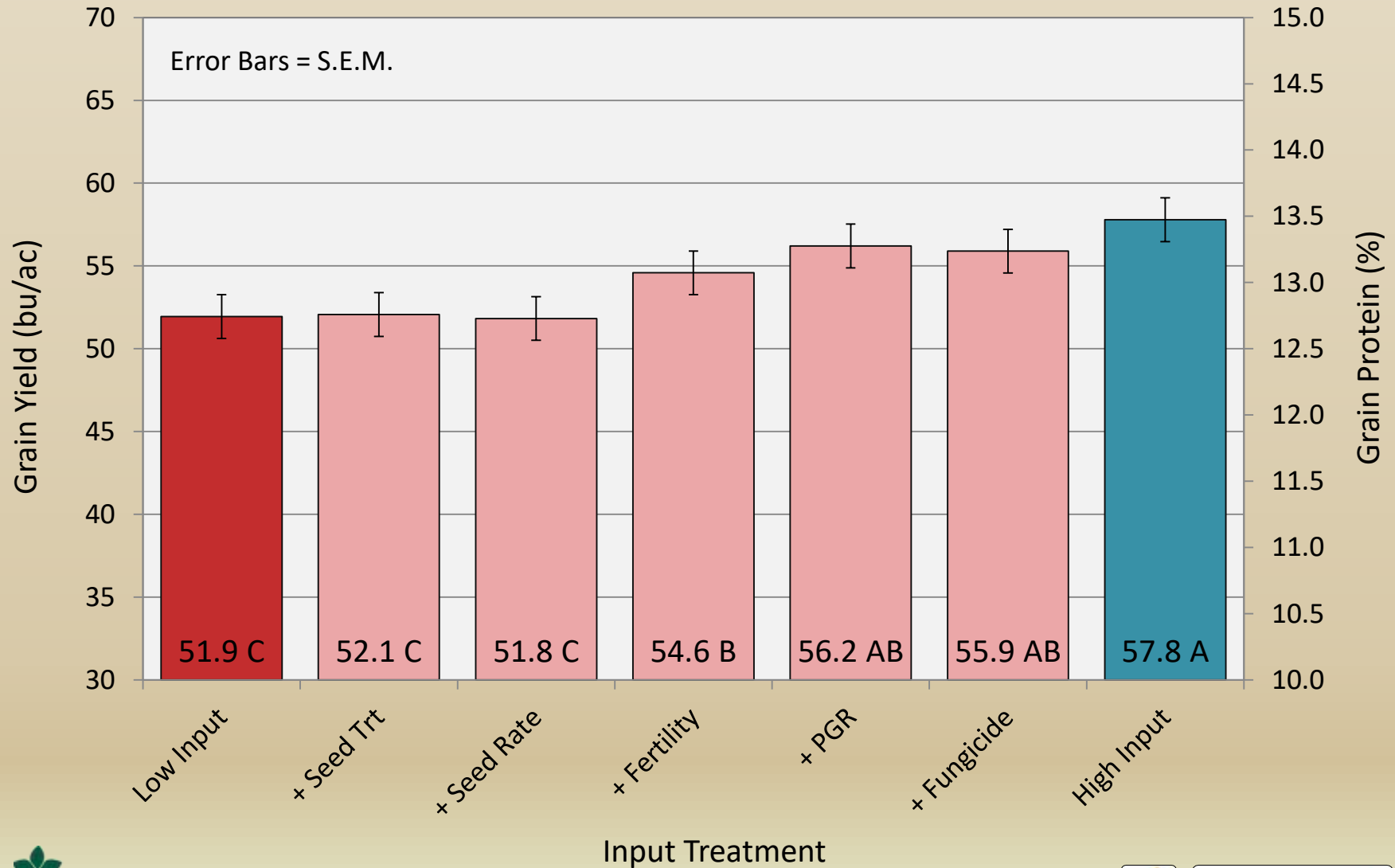
Indian Head 2018

Objectives: To demonstrate agronomic and economic responses of CWRS wheat to various crop inputs both individually and collectively

#	Name	Seed Trt (no/yes)	Seed Rate (seeds/m ²)	Fertility (lb/ac N-P ₂ O ₅ -K ₂ O-S)	PGR (no/yes)	Fungicide (no/yes)
1	Low Input	No	250	80-18-9-9	No	No
2	Seed Trt	Yes	250	80-18-9-9	No	No
3	Seed Rate	No	400	80-18-9-9	No	No
4	Fertility	No	250	120-36-18-18	No	No
5	PGR	No	250	80-18-9-9	Yes	No
6	Fungicide	No	250	80-18-9-9	No	Yes
7	High Input	Yes	400	120-36-18-18	Yes	Yes

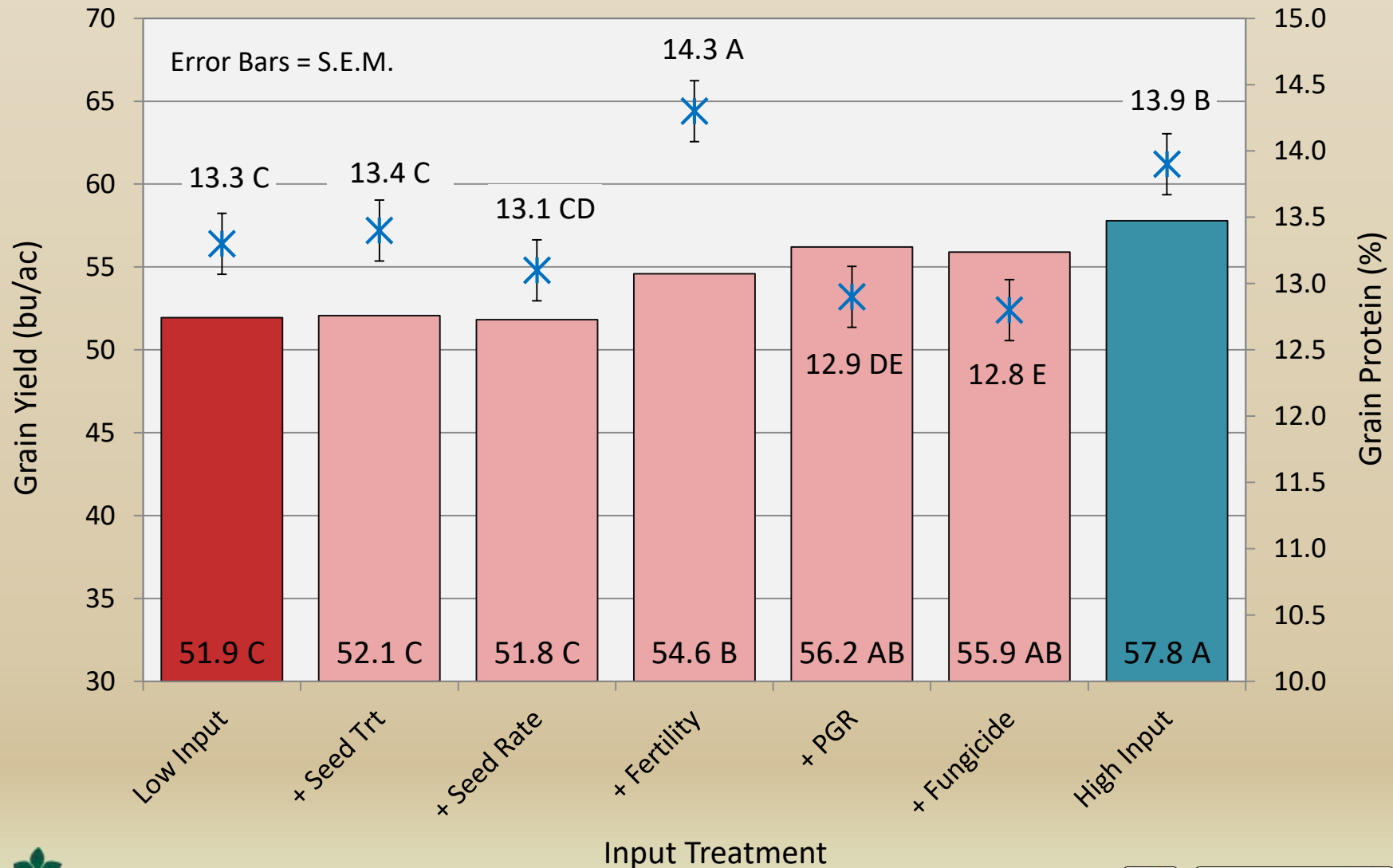
Input Effects on Wheat Yield & Protein

Indian Head 2018



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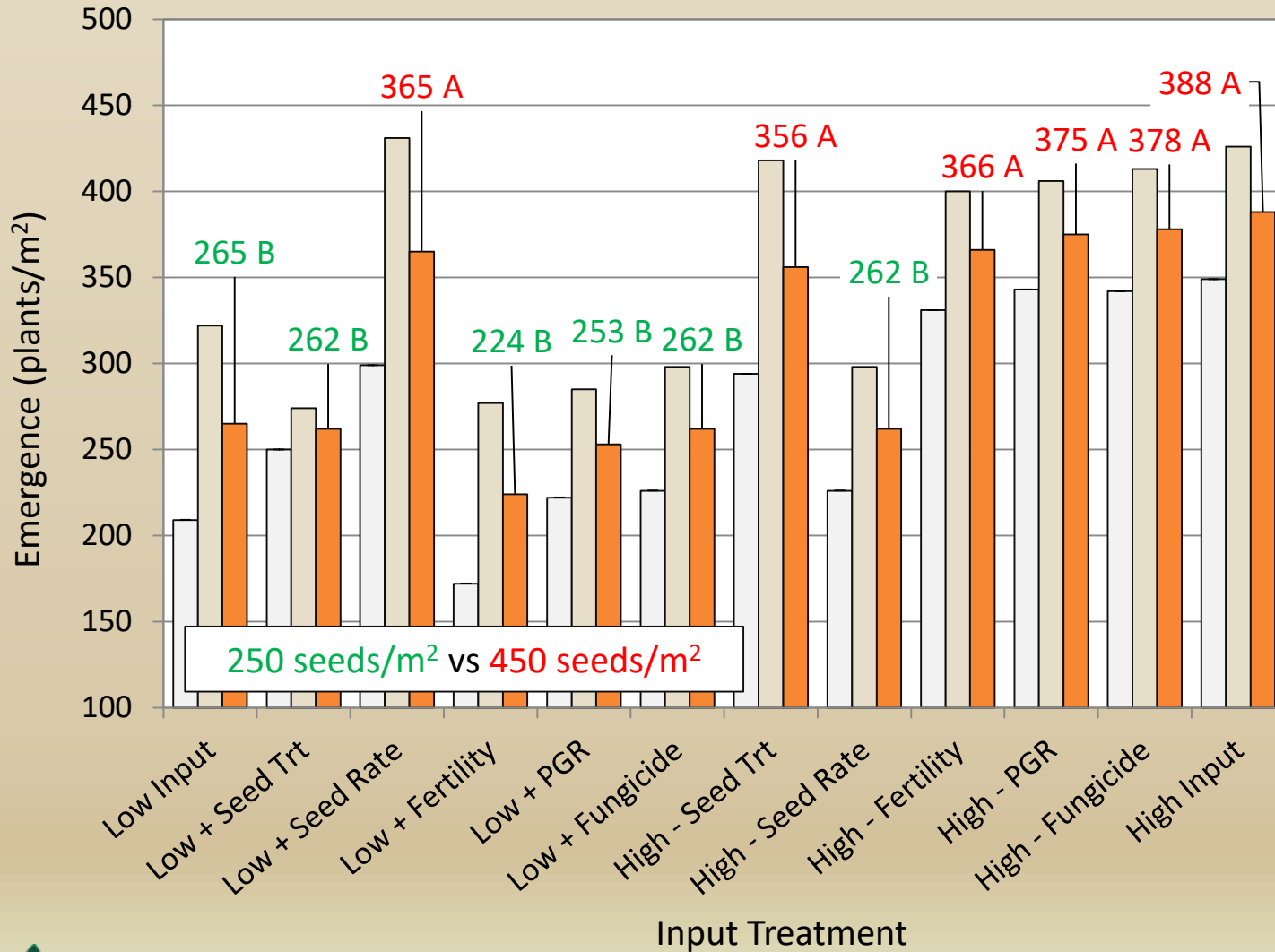
Indian Head 2019 & 2020

Objectives: To build upon the results from the 2018 demonstration

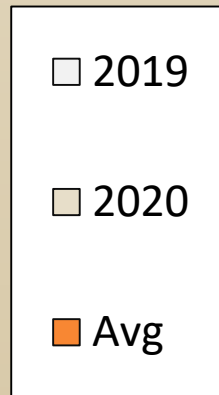
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1	Low Input	No	250	80-18-9-9	No	No
2	+ Seed Trt	Yes	250	80-18-9-9	No	No
3	+ Seed Rate	No	400	80-18-9-9	No	No
4	+ Fertility	No	250	120-36-18-18	No	No
5	+ PGR	No	250	80-18-9-9	Yes	No
6	+ Fungicide	No	250	80-18-9-9	No	Yes
7	- Seed Trt	No	400	120-36-18-18	Yes	Yes
8	- Seed Rate	Yes	250	120-36-18-18	Yes	Yes
9	- Fertility	Yes	400	80-18-9-9	Yes	Yes
10	- PGR	Yes	400	120-36-18-18	No	Yes
11	- Fungicide	Yes	400	120-36-18-18	Yes	No
12	High Input	Yes	400	120-36-18-18	Yes	Yes

Input Effects on Wheat Emergence

Indian Head 2019-20



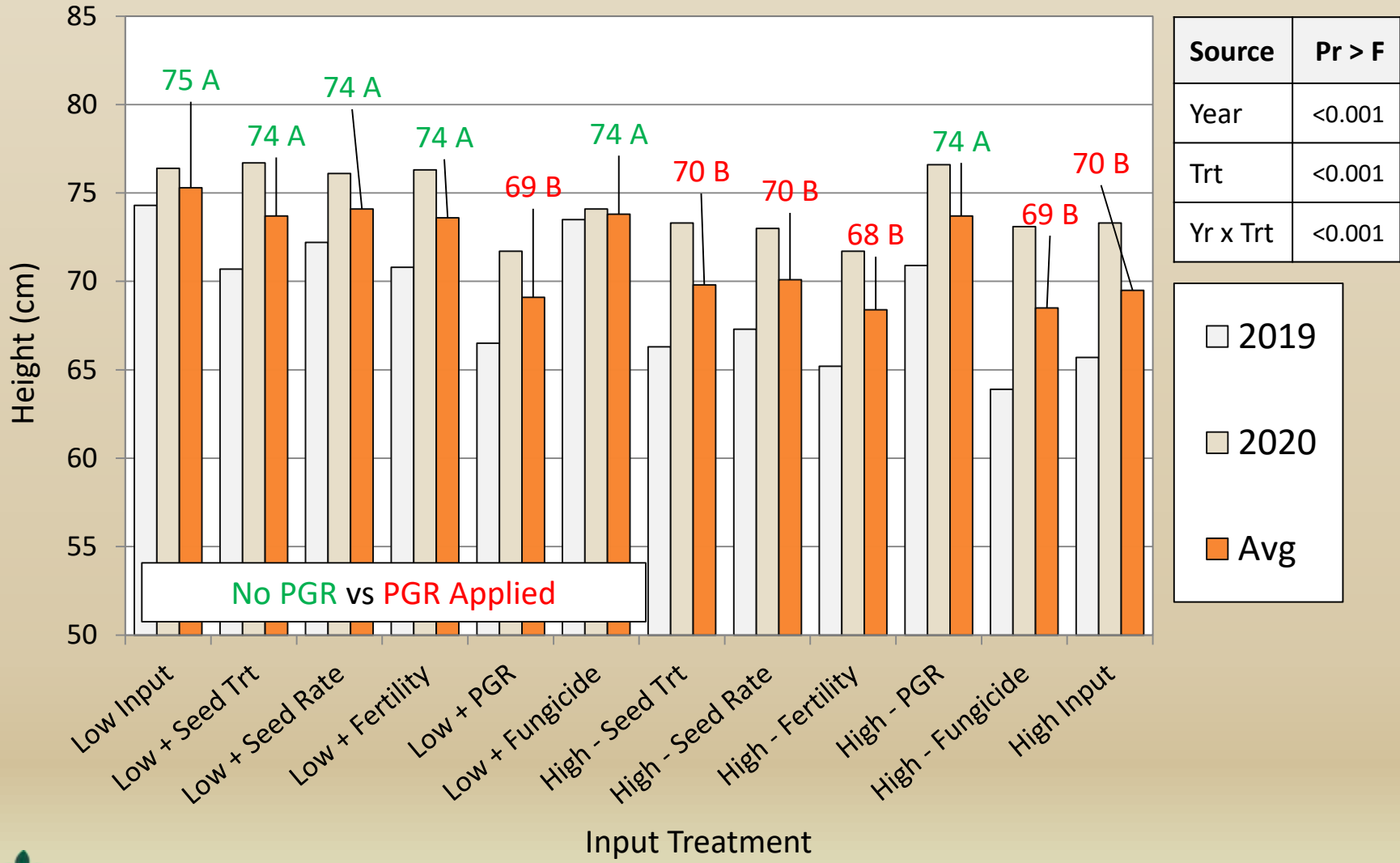
Source	Pr > F
Year	<0.001
Trt	<0.001
Yr x Trt	0.093



250 seeds/m² vs 450 seeds/m²

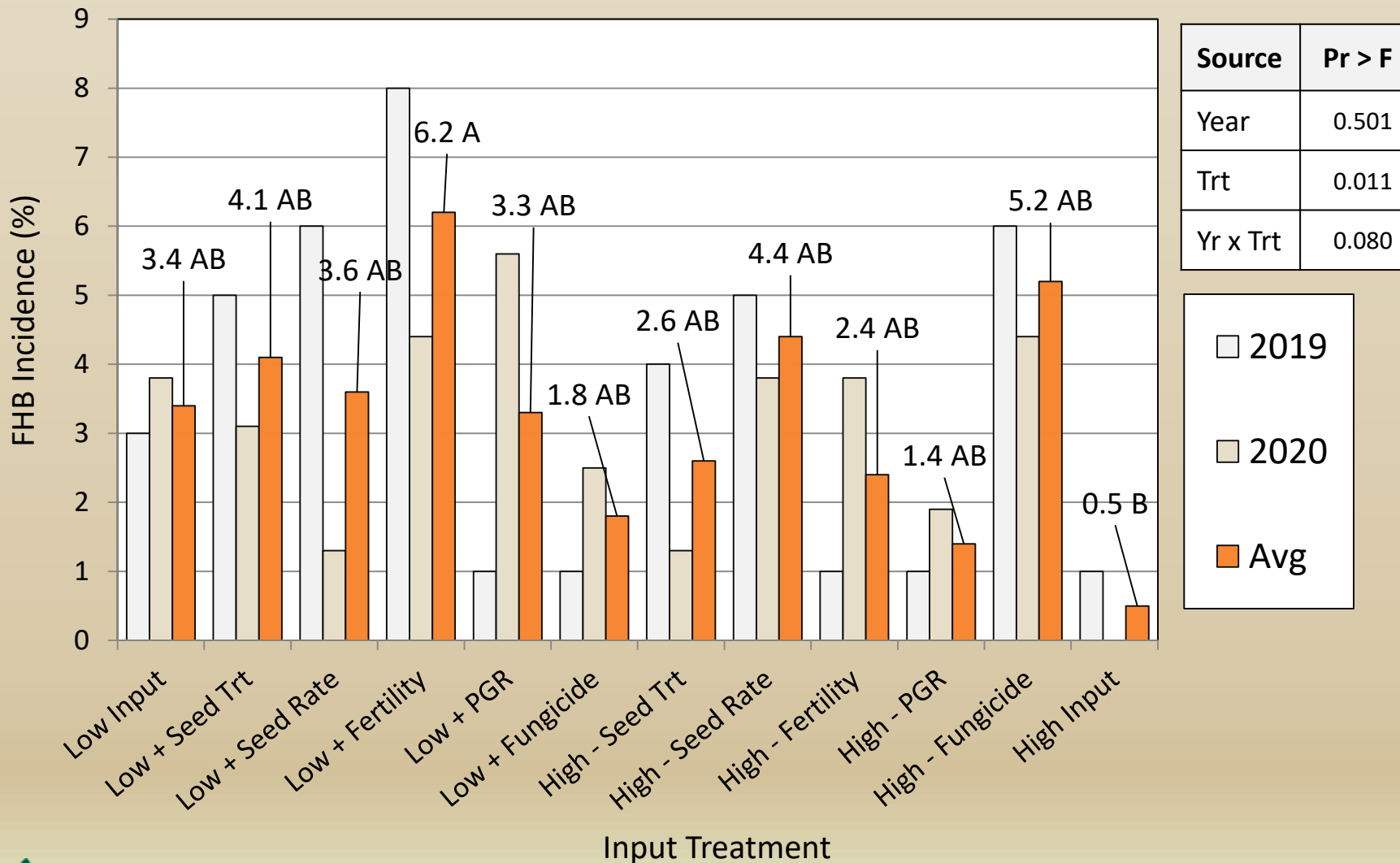
Input Effects on Wheat Height

Indian Head 2019-20

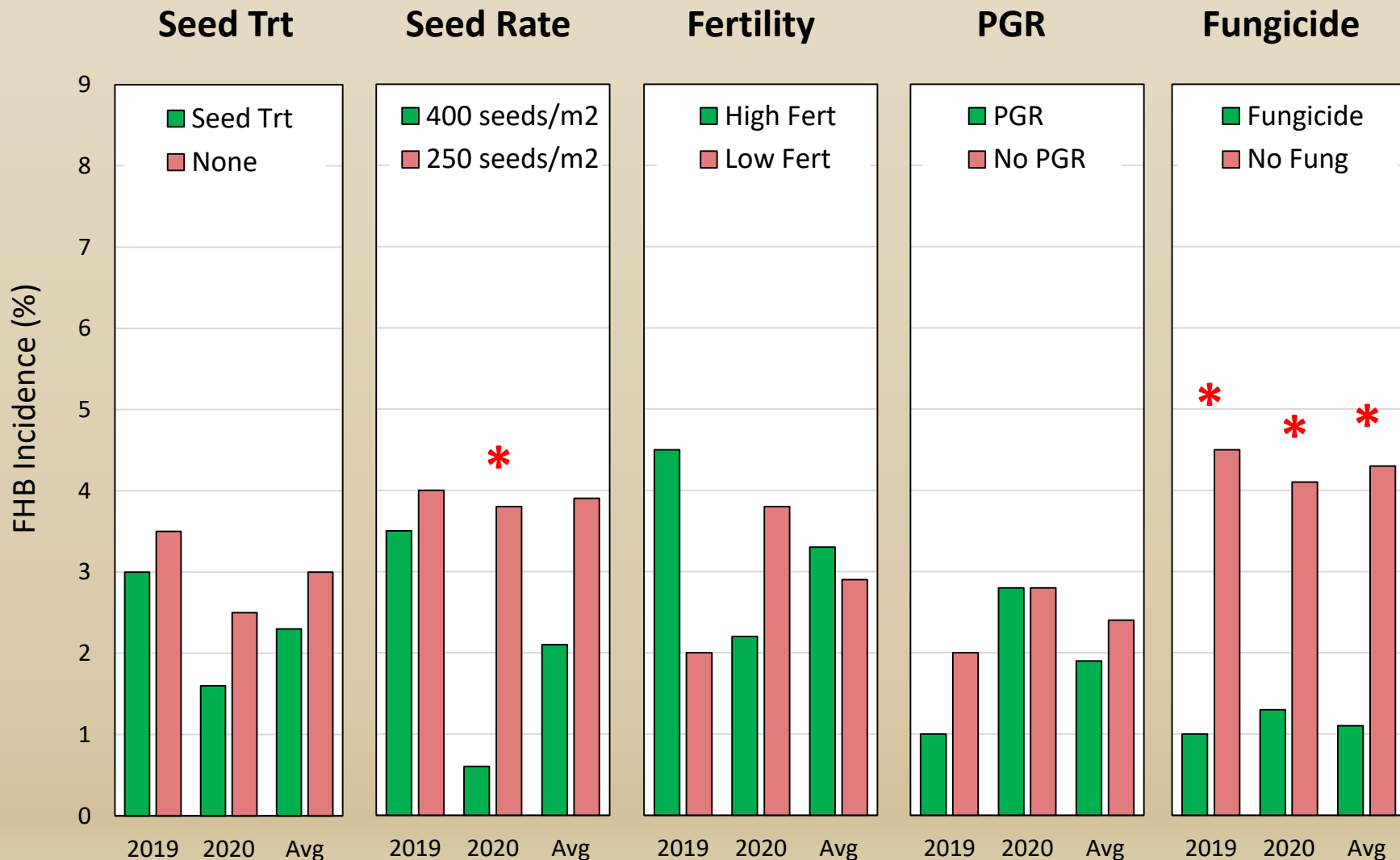


Input Effects on Wheat FHB Incidence

Indian Head 2019-20



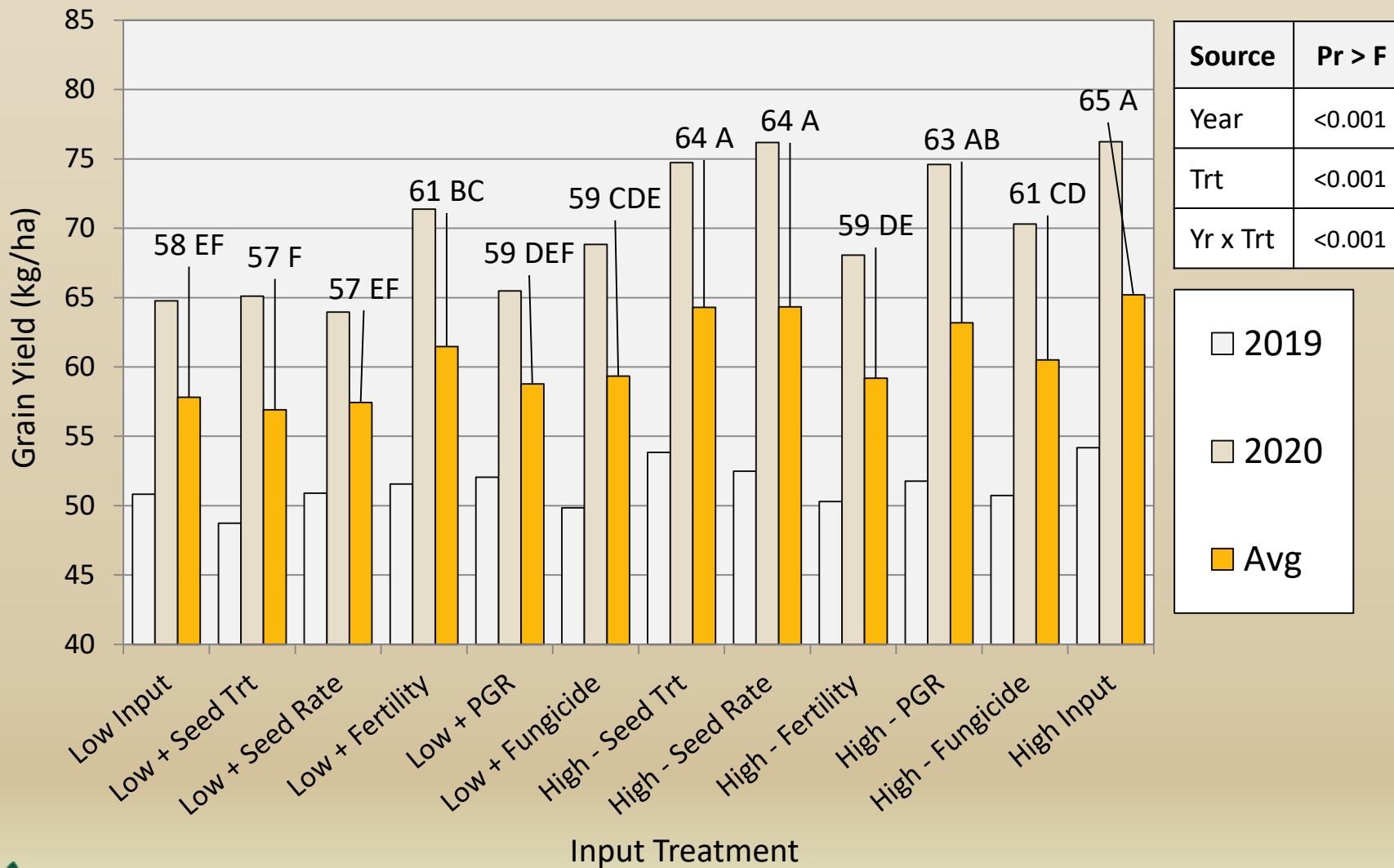
Average Input Effects on FHB Incidence



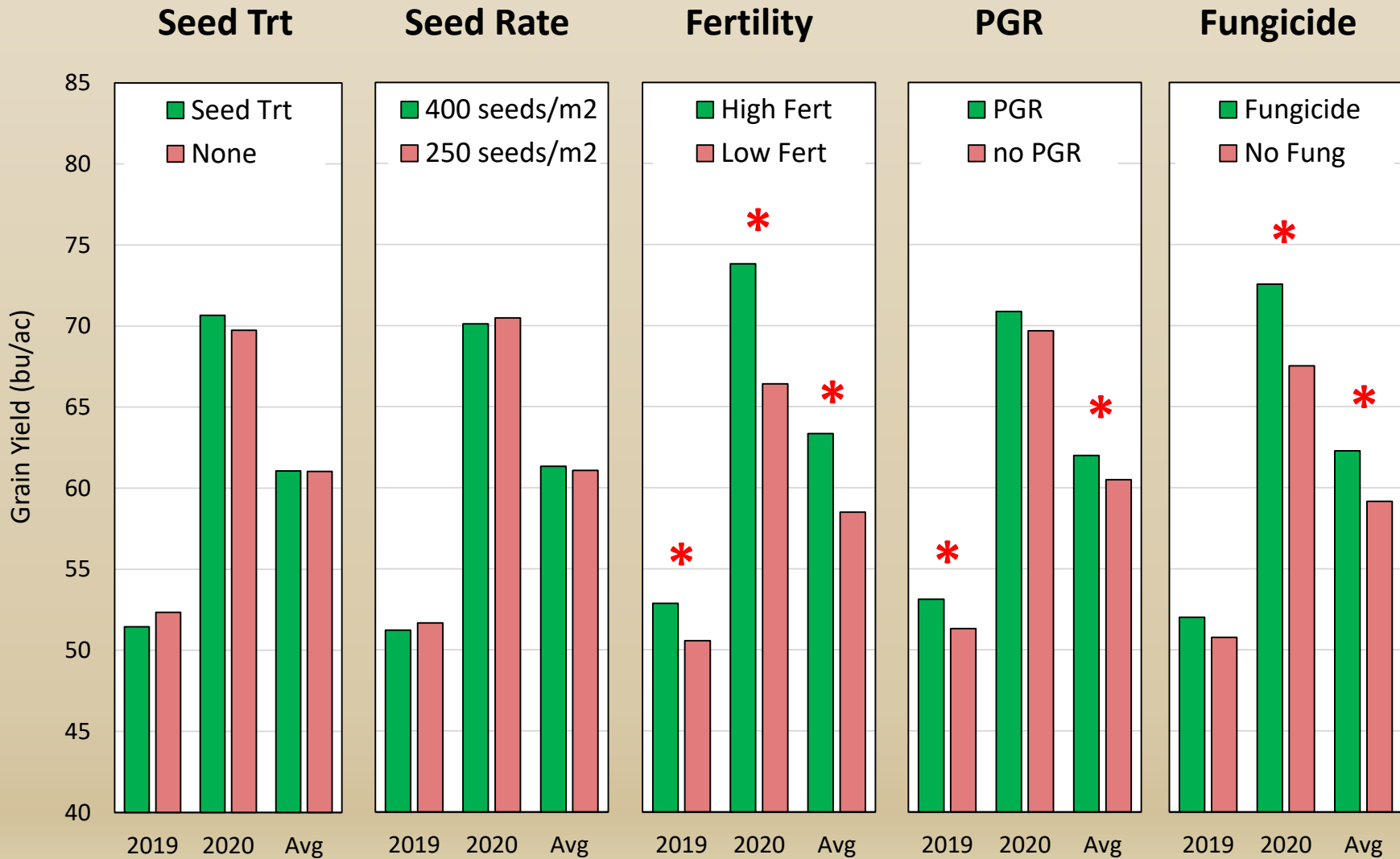
* significant at P ≤ 0.05

Input Effects on Wheat Grain Yield

Indian Head 2019-20



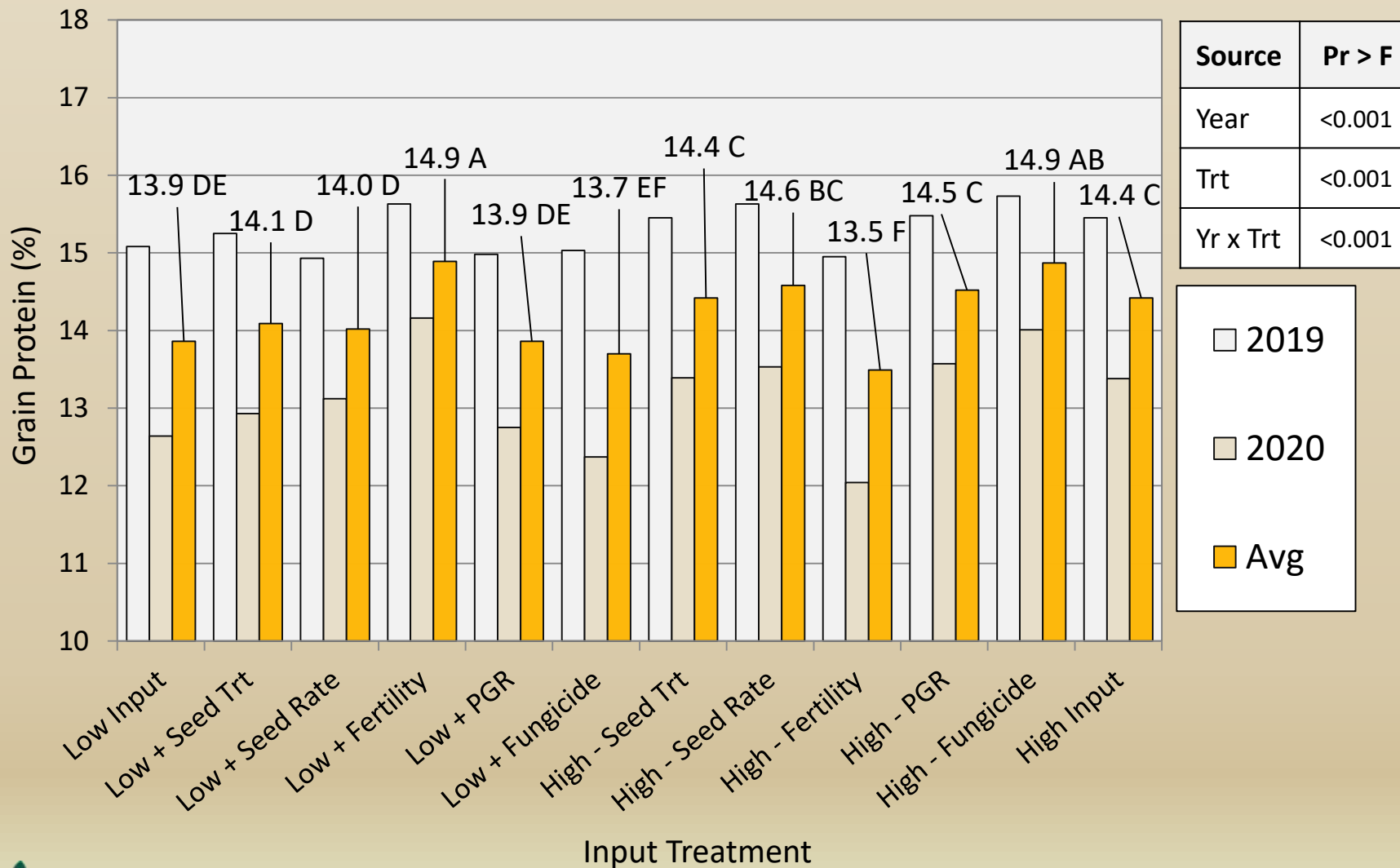
Average Input Effects on Wheat Yield



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Input Effects on Wheat Grain Protein

Indian Head 2019-20

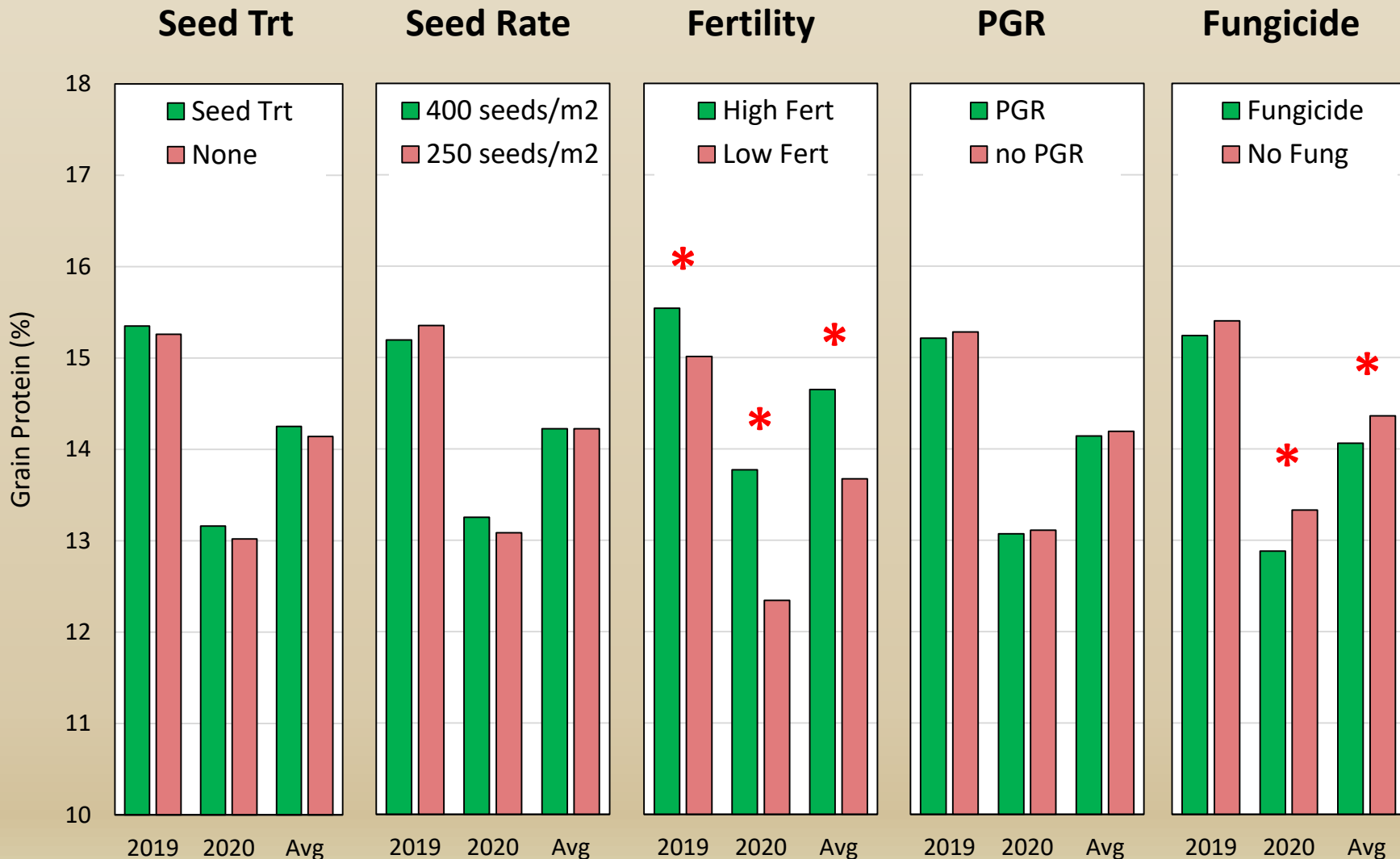


Source	Pr > F
Year	<0.001
Trt	<0.001
Yr x Trt	<0.001

Legend:

- 2019 (White bar)
- 2020 (Light Gray bar)
- Avg (Yellow bar)

Average Input Effects on Wheat Protein



* significant at P ≤ 0.05

Wheat Input Treatments – Economics

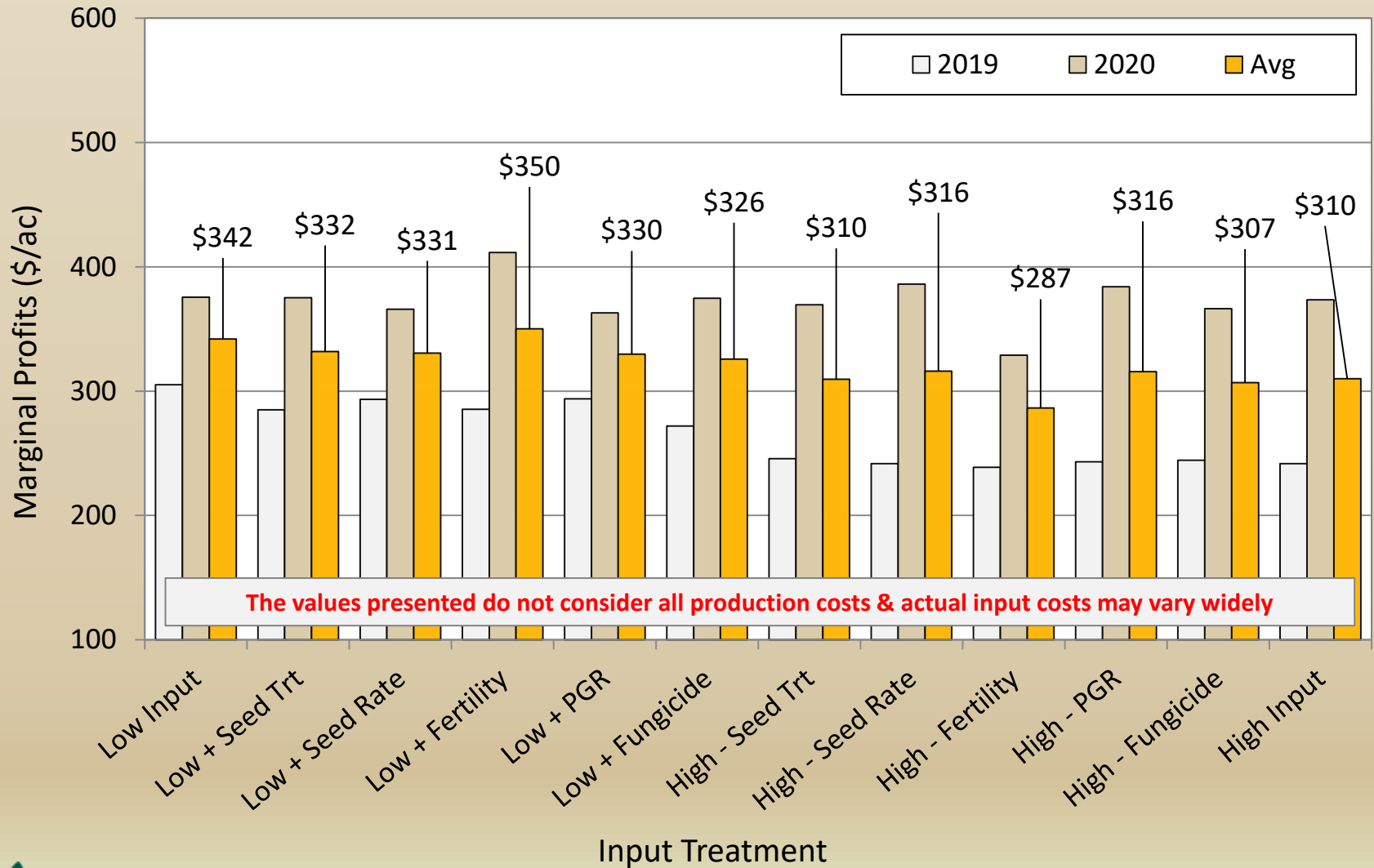
Assumptions Used for Marginal Profit Calculations

Treatment	Seed Trt ^Z	Seed ^Y	Fertility ^X	PGR ^W	Fungicide ^W	Revenue ^V
	----- \$/ac -----					
Low Input	\$6.32	\$16.41	\$51.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$358.56
Low + Seed Trt	\$0.00	\$26.84	\$51.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$371.51
Low + Seed Rate	\$0.00	\$16.41	\$81.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$383.25
Low + Fertility	\$0.00	\$16.41	\$51.01	\$19.00	\$0.00	\$380.41
Low + PGR	\$0.00	\$16.41	\$51.01	\$0.00	\$25.23	\$364.63
Low + Fungicide	\$0.00	\$26.84	\$81.69	\$19.00	\$25.23	\$398.62
High - Seed Trt	\$6.32	\$16.41	\$81.69	\$19.00	\$25.23	\$390.13
High - Seed Rate	\$6.32	\$26.84	\$51.01	\$19.00	\$25.23	\$367.06
High - Fertility	\$6.32	\$26.84	\$81.69	\$0.00	\$25.23	\$383.25
High - PGR	\$6.32	\$26.84	\$81.69	\$19.00	\$0.00	\$378.39
High - Fungicide	\$6.32	\$26.84	\$81.69	\$19.00	\$25.23	\$401.05
High Input	\$6.32	\$16.41	\$51.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$358.56

^Z Not adjusted for differences in seeding rate; ^Y Assumes certified seed price of \$0.478/kg; ^X Assumes \$725/tonne for MAP and \$525/tonne for urea – K and S costs were excluded as these nutrients were not limiting; ^W Includes SRP of products plus \$12.36/ha application cost; ^V Based on actual yields & protein with a CWRs wheat price of \$257/Mt (\$7/bu) & a \$0.73/Mt premium/discount for every 0.1% above/below 13.5% protein

Wheat Input Treatments – Relative Profits

Indian Head 2019-20



Wheat Response to Various Inputs Alone & in Combination: Conclusions

- Seed treatment improved establishment 1/2 years but had no other impacts
- PGR consistently reduced plant height – while it wasn't a problem under the dry conditions, experience has shown that lodging can be worse with high seed rates & fertility but largely eliminated with PGR applications
- Disease pressure was low, but fungicide had the greatest & most consistent impact on FHB. Higher seed rates reduced FHB 1/2 years & combining higher seed rates & fungicide tended to result in the lowest FHB incidence
- Extra fertility had the greatest impact on yield & was the only input to increase protein, fungicide & PGR both increased yield in 1/2 years
- While all the inputs evaluated have merit, the most intensively managed treatments were not the most profitable; thus, inputs should be chosen carefully based on previous observations, soil tests, & frequent crop scouting throughout the season in order to optimize yields & maximize returns

Pre-Harvest Options for Improved Stem & Seed Drydown in Flax (ADOPT-SFDC)



Pre-Harvest Options for Flax

Locations, Treatments, & Data Collection

Locations: Indian Head, Yorkton, and Swift Current (2020 only)

Treatments: 2 varieties x 4 pre-harvest treatments

Varieties (2)	Pre-harvest Treatments (4)
1) CDC Bethune	1) Unsprayed Control
2) CDC Glas	2) 894 g glyphosate/ha (0.67 l/ac Roundup Transorb HC)
	3) 894 g glyphosate/ha + 50 g saflufenacil/ha (0.67 l/ac Roundup Transorb HC + 59 ml/ac Heat LQ ^z)
	4) 400 g diquat/ha (0.81 l/ac Reglone Ion)

^z BASF has not fully established import tolerances (maximum residue limits (MRLs)) for flax for all markets around the world and does not recommend the use of Heat LQ as a harvest aid on flax for the 2020 season

Data Collected: Visual stem dry-down ratings, stem and seed moisture at time of harvest, & yield

NOTE: Only Indian Head results presented at this time

Pre-Harvest Options for Flax

Stem Dry-Down Rating Scale (SFDC)

- 1 – Almost all stems grass green
- 2 – 50% mixture of grass green & green stems
- 3 – Mostly green stems
- 4 – 50% mixture of green & pale green stems
- 5 – Mostly pale green stems
- 6 – 50% mixture of pale green & yellow stems
- 7 – Mostly yellow stems
- 8 – 50% mixture of yellow & brown stems or mostly light brown stems
- 9 – Almost all stems medium or dark brown (very dry)

Rating scale and photo reference provided by Michelle Beath, SaskFlax





Indian Head 2020

Aug 21
Day 0



Aug 28
Day 7



Harvest Date

Aug 28
Day 14

0 DAA

4 DAA

7 DAA

14 DAA



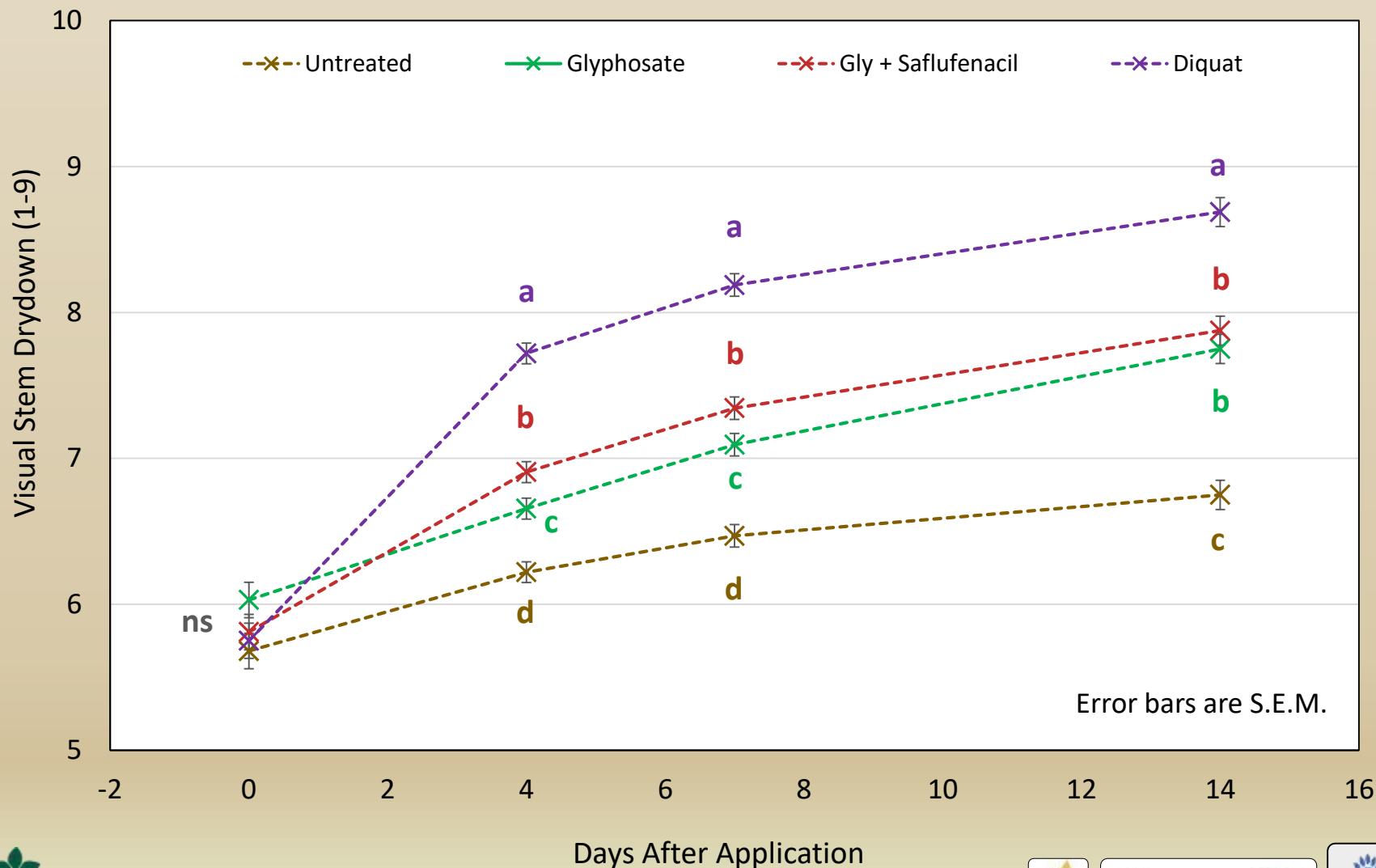
CDC Glas - Untreated



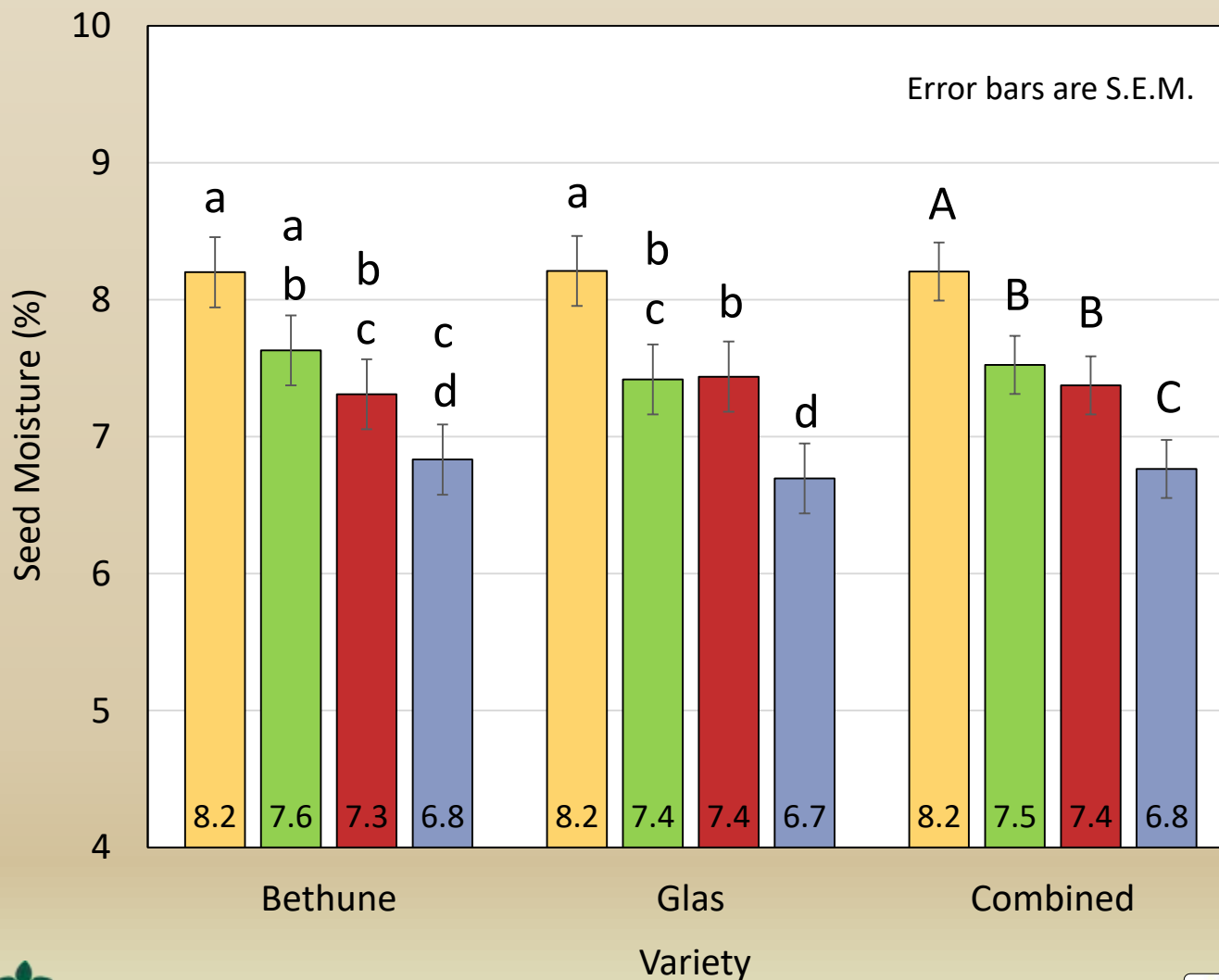
CDC Glas - Diquat

Pre-Harvest Treatment Effects on Flax

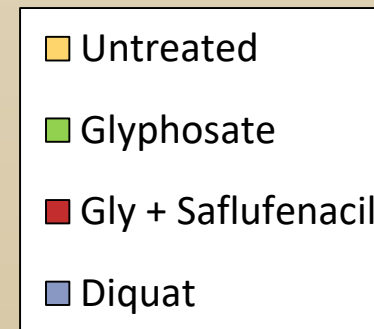
Visual Stem Drydown at Indian Head 2020



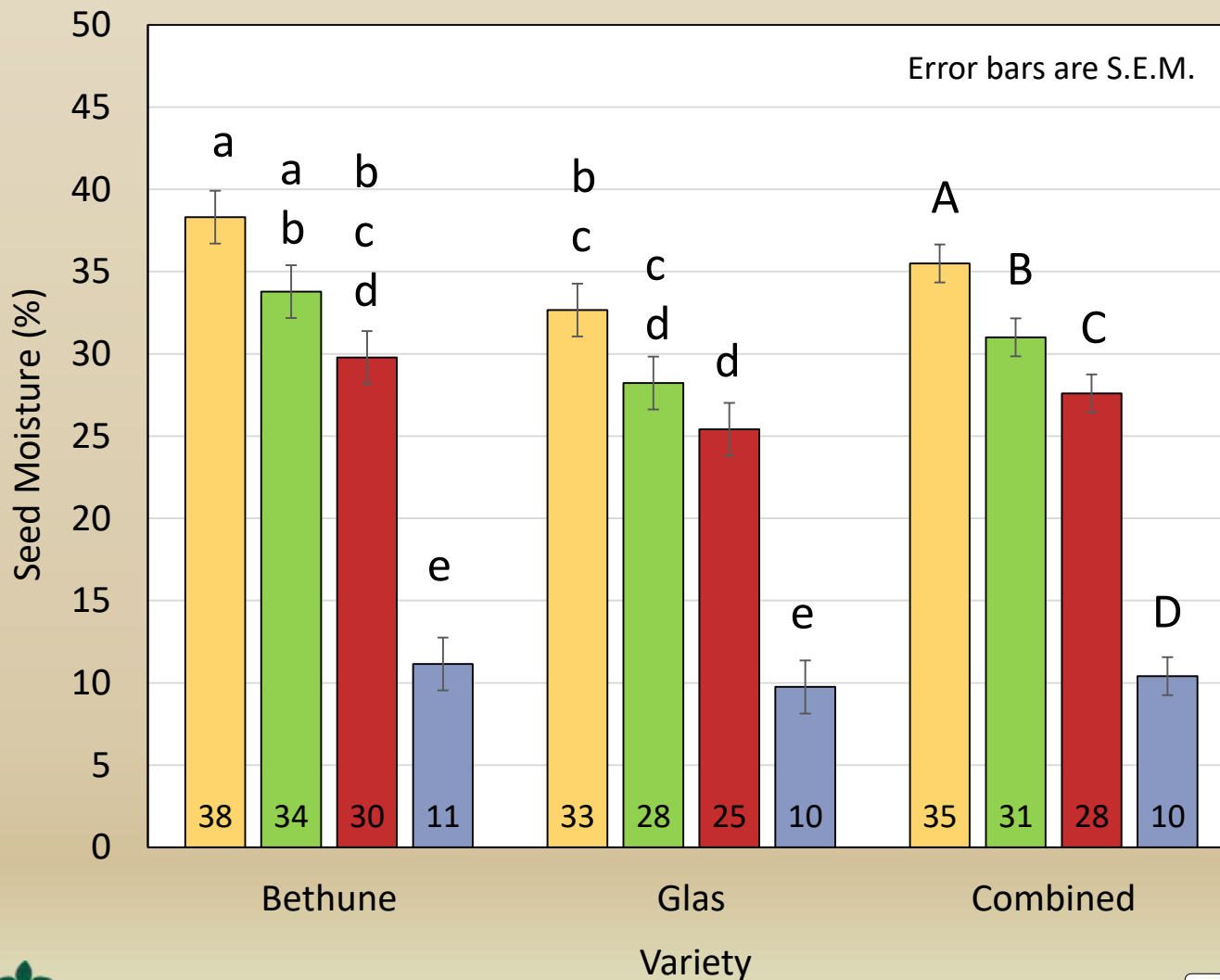
Pre-Harvest Treatment Effects on Flax Seed Moisture at Indian Head 2020



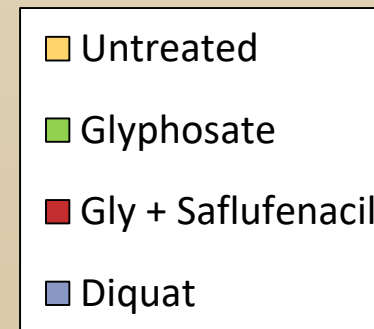
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TRT	<0.001
VAR x TRT	0.836
Check vs Rest	<0.001



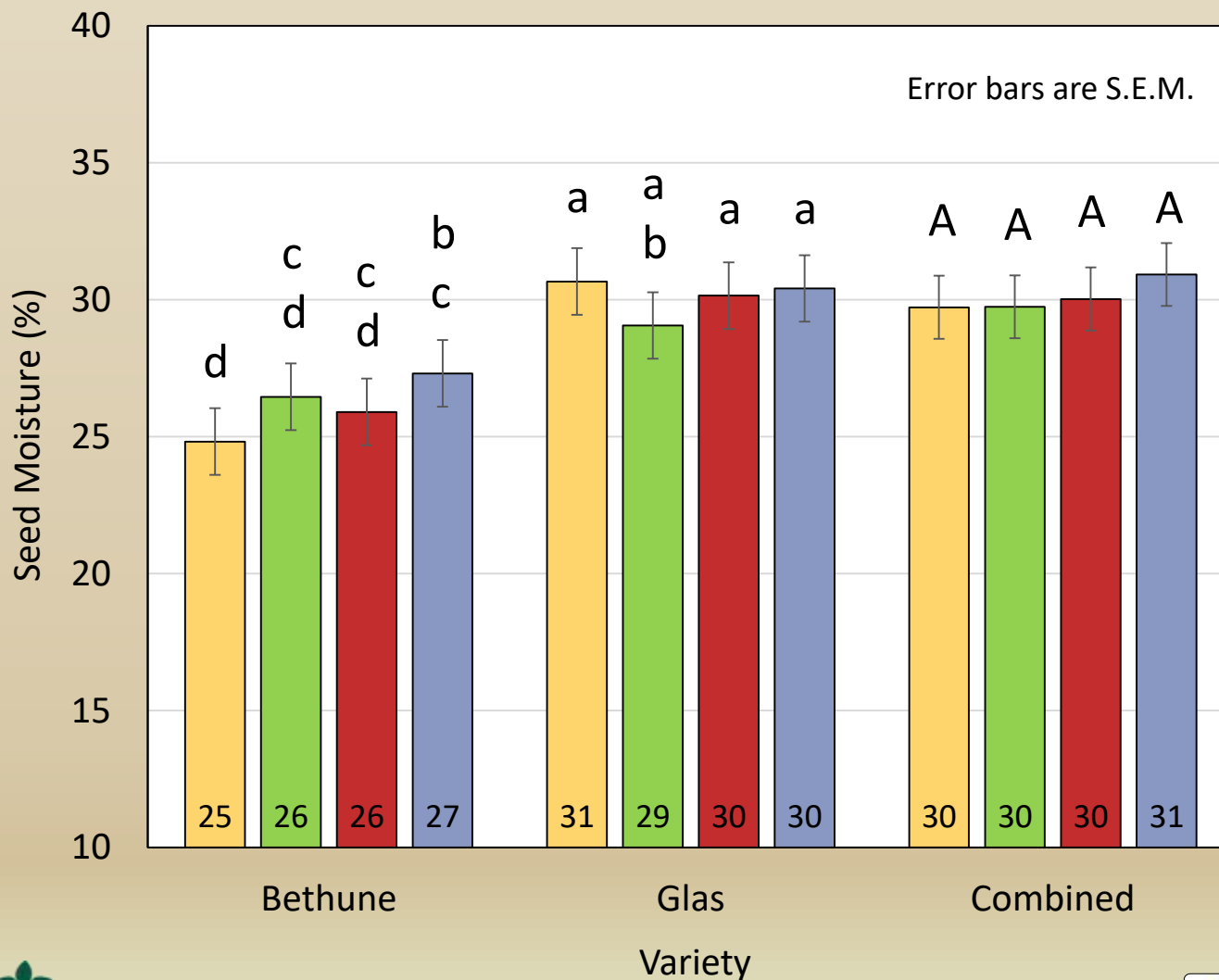
Pre-Harvest Treatment Effects on Flax Stem Moisture at Indian Head 2020



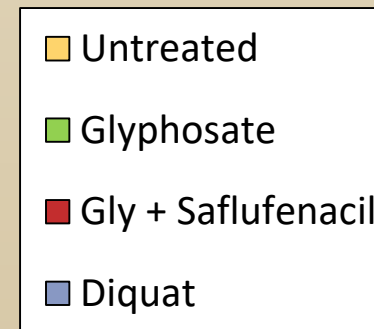
Source	Pr > F
VAR	0.001
TRT	<0.001
VAR x TRT	0.514
Check vs Rest	<0.001



Pre-Harvest Treatment Effects on Flax Seed Yield at Indian Head 2020



Source	Pr > F
VAR	<0.001
TRT	0.483
VAR x TRT	0.223
Check vs Rest	0.482

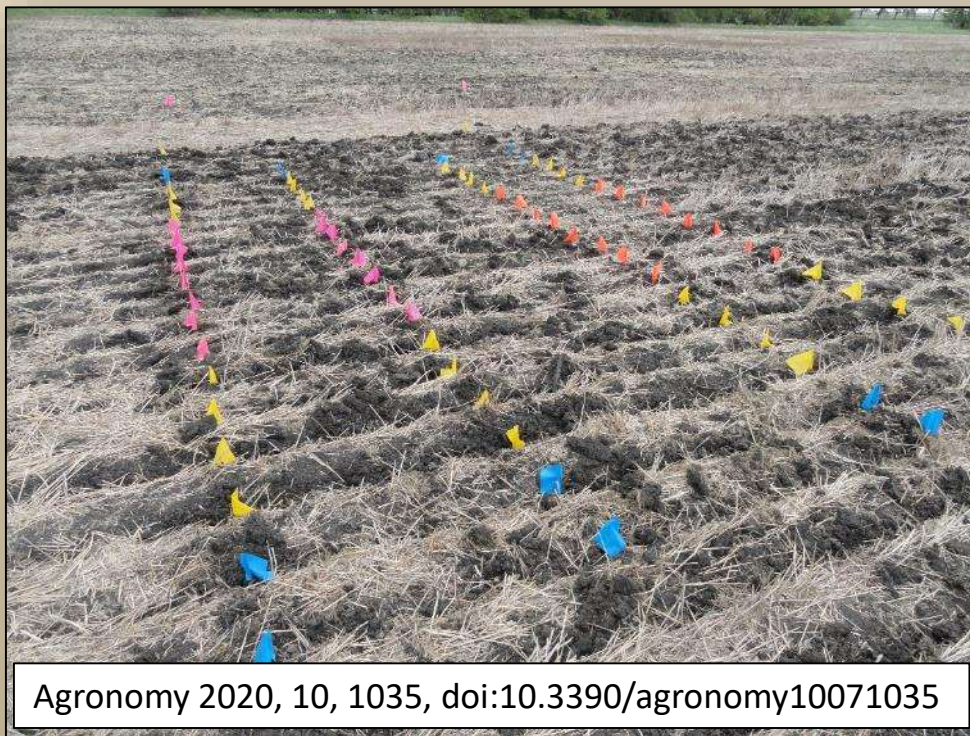


Pre-Harvest Options for Improved Stem & Seed Drydown in Flax: Conclusions

- Somewhat greener stems observed with CDC Bethune (probably due in part to poorer establishment) but the pre-harvest treatments performed similarly for both CDC Bethune & CDC Glas
- Diquat provided the most rapid visual results & resulted in the greatest reduction in seed & stem dry-down by a substantial margin
- Both glyphosate & saflufenacil + glyphosate also improved visual stem dry-down while reducing actual stem & seed moisture content relative to the control, but not to nearly the extent of diquat
- Tank-mixing glyphosate with saflufenacil resulted in more rapid visual dry-down & lower stem moisture content compared to glyphosate applied alone but seed moisture at harvest was similar for these two treatments
- MRL values for saflufenacil have not yet been established for all flax export markets

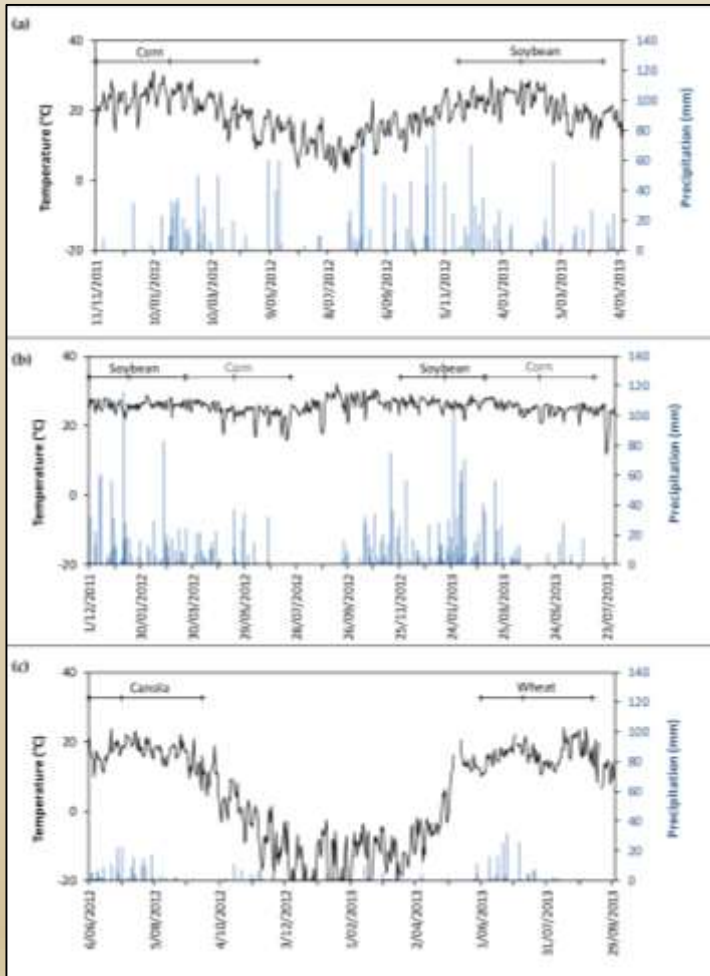
Crop Uptake of Sulfur from MAP Fortified with Sulfate & Elemental S (Degryse et al. 2020)

Argentina, Brazil, & Canada (2012-2013)



Objective: To assess how much S in crops was derived from S fortified MAP fertilizers under contrasting climate conditions over a two-year period

Crop Uptake of Sulfur from MAP Fortified with Sulfate & Elemental S (Degryse et al. 2020)



Argentina (Humid subtropical)

- Intermediate temperatures & precipitation
- Corn / Soybean
- MES10 (5% SO₄-S, 5% ES)

Brazil (Tropical)

- Warmest & wettest climate
- Soybean / Corn / Soybean / Corn
- MES9 (2% SO₄-S, 7% ES)

Canada (Humid continental)

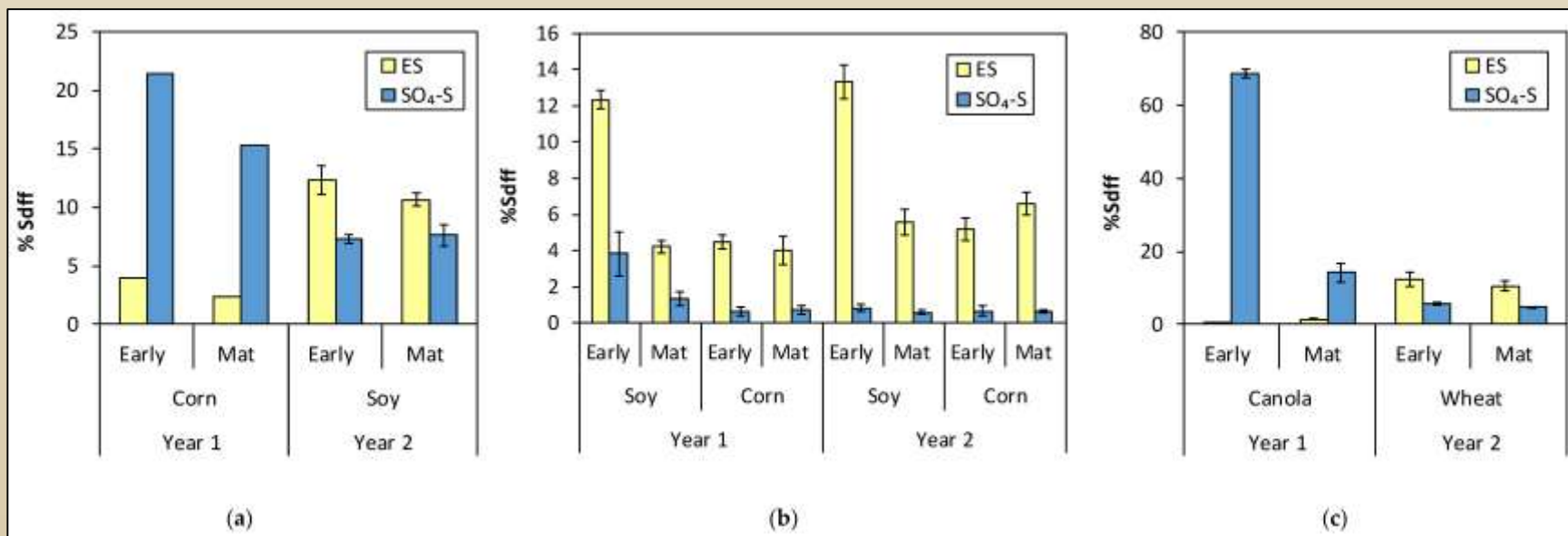
- Coolest & driest climate, short season
- Canola / Spring Wheat
- MES15 (7.5% SO₄-S, 7.5% ES)

Crop Uptake of Sulfur from Fertilizer Fortified with Sulfate & Elemental S (Degryse et al. 2020)

Argentina

Brazil

Canada



Percentage of plant S plant derived from fertilizer SO₄-S vs ES at late vegetative stage & maturity

- By the end of the second season, cumulative recoveries of added S were > 65% for SO₄-S & 20-25% for ES in the Argentina & Canada sites but at Brazil recovery was less for SO₄-S (9%) than ES (16%)

Crop Uptake of Sulfate vs Elemental S from S fortified MAP: Concluding Remarks

- At Argentina and Canada, crop recovery ES was smaller than that of $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ in the first year, while the opposite was true in the second year.
- At the Brazilian site, recovery of ES was similar that of $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ in the first year, but higher in the second year
- Higher recovery of ES vs. $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ in the Brazilian site was attributed to leaching of $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ & relatively fast oxidation of ES in the warm, wet climate
- These results suggest that ES may be more suitable than $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ as an S source in warm humid climates, but inclusion of $\text{SO}_4\text{-S}$ in the fertilizer is recommended in colder climates where slow oxidation limits the initial availability of ES
- In colder, drier climates, ES likely has the most merit as a longer-term supply of S, well-suited for building up residual levels with low risk of loss or leaching below the rooting zone compared to high rates of SO_4

THANK YOU

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