

Forage Research Update



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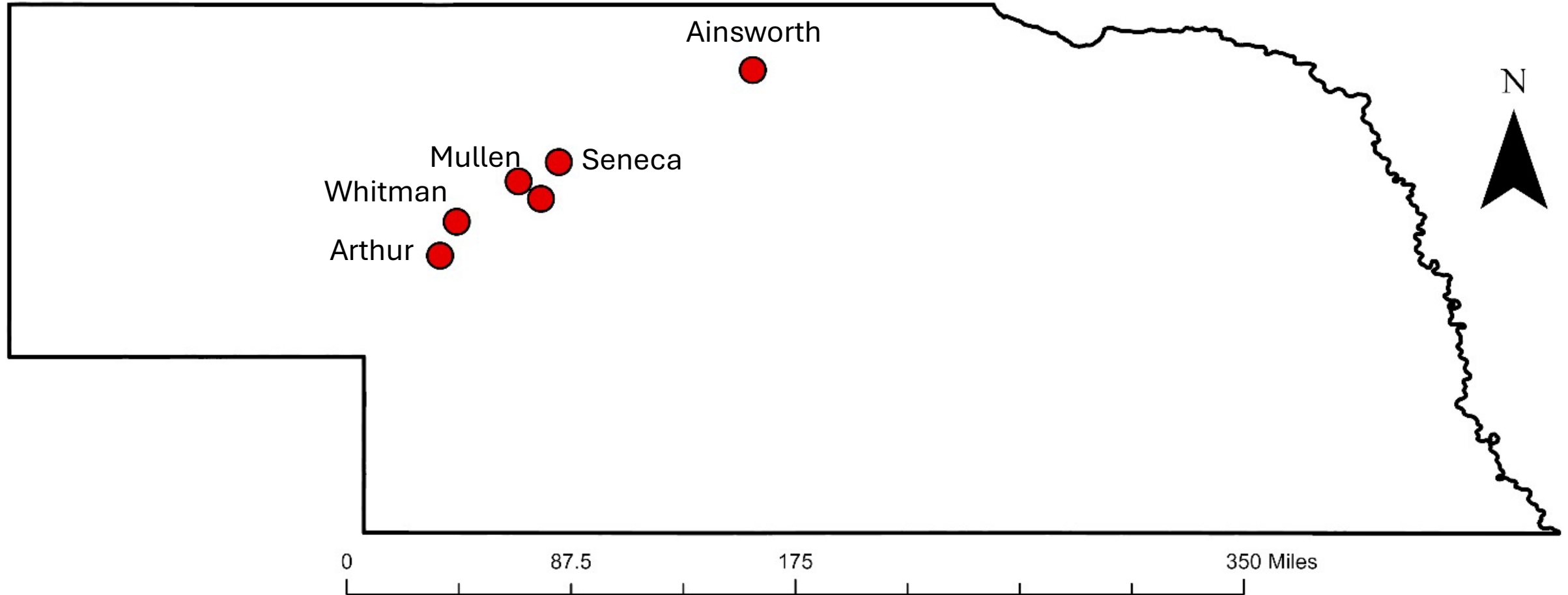
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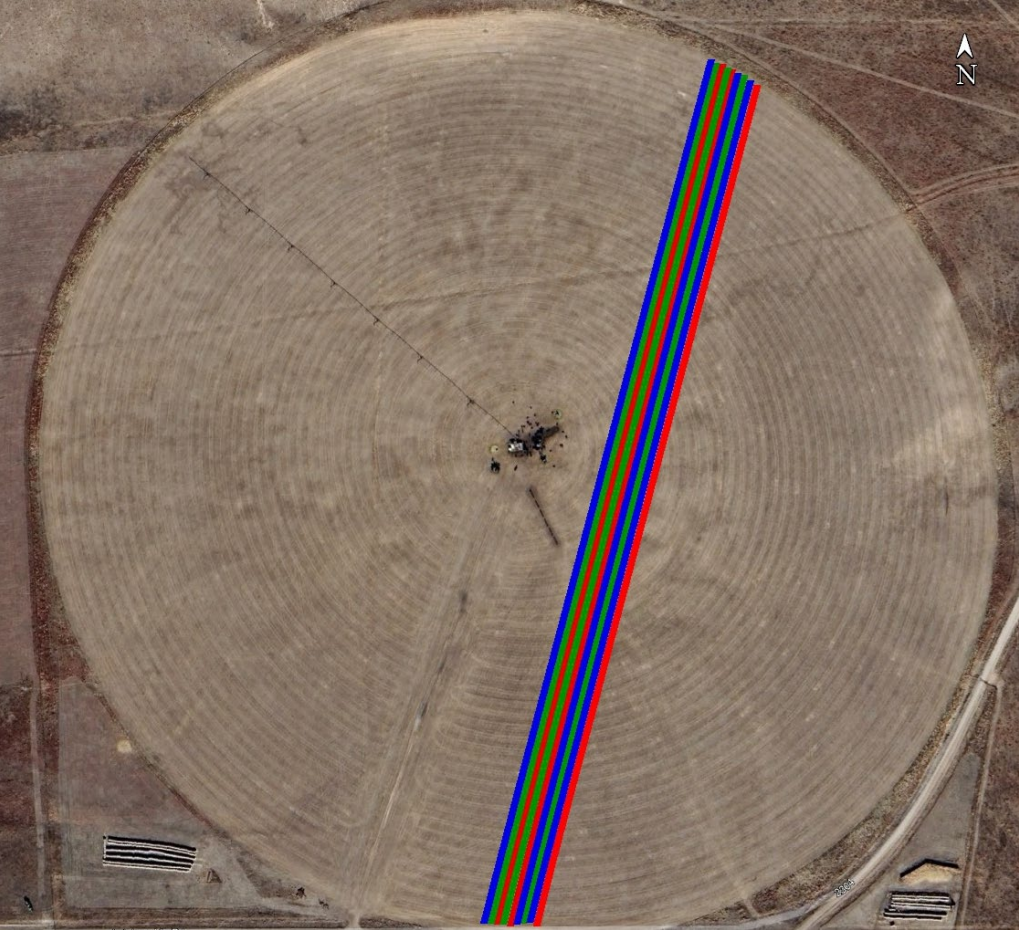
Location of summer forage variety plots



Summer forages tested and cost

Forage name	Rate (lb/ac)	Cost (\$/lb)	Cost per acre (\$/ac)
1st Choice BMR SS	40	1.66	66.4
Honey Graze BMR SS	40	1.66	66.4
Hybrid Sweet Feed	40	1.66	66.4
Pearl Millet	30	1.72	51.6
Multi-Cut Mix	40	1.42	56.8
Winter Grazing Mix	40	1.37	54.8
Non-GMO Soybean	70	0.75	52.5
Honey Graze V SS	40	1.26	50.4
Hay N Graze SS	40	1.24	49.6
Pacesetter SS	40	1.15	46.1
Forage Silage Mix	20	1.45	29.0

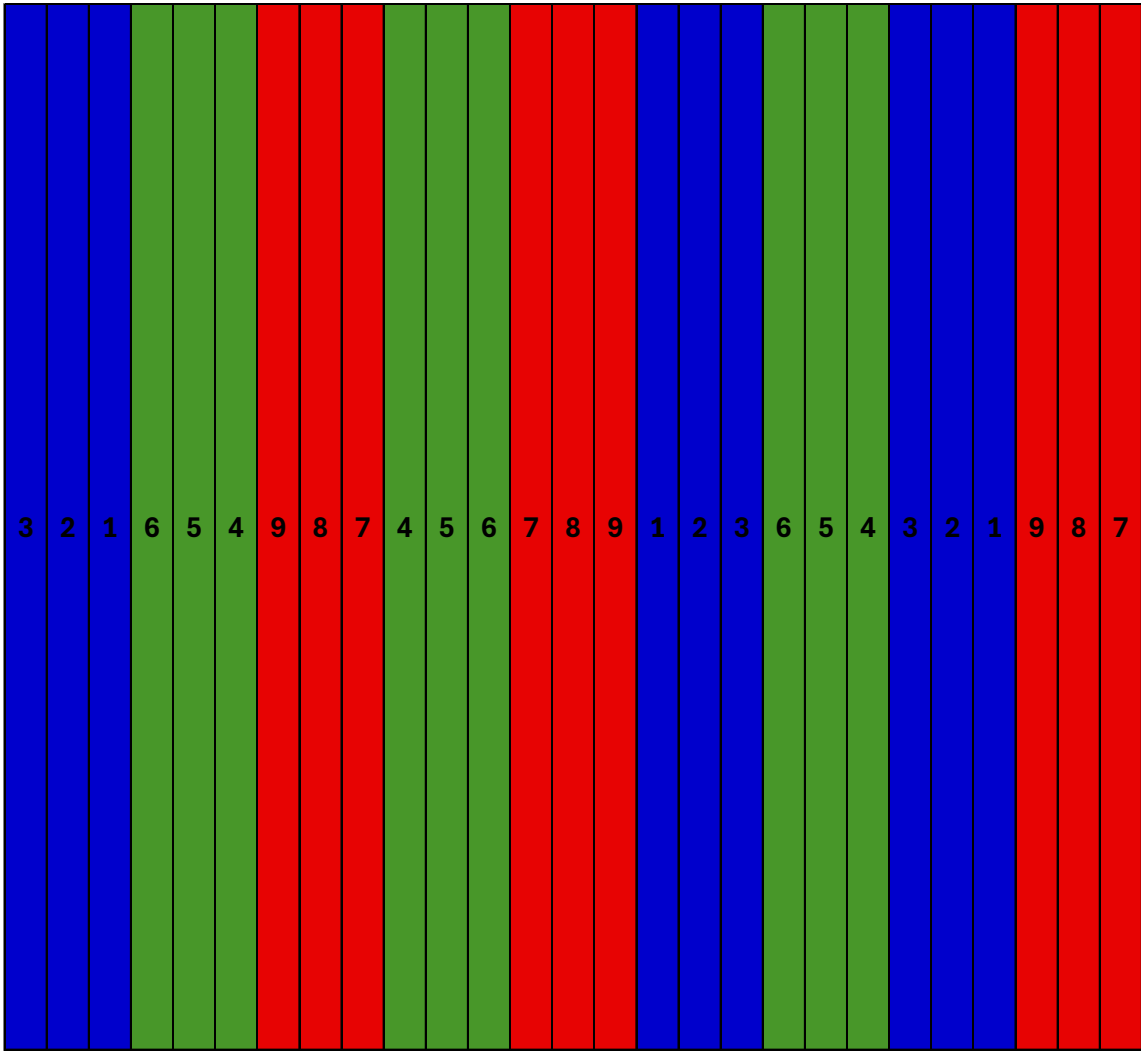
Example of field trial



One pass: **3 varieties** (one variety per drill box)

1 st PASS	2 nd PASS	3 rd PASS
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30 ft

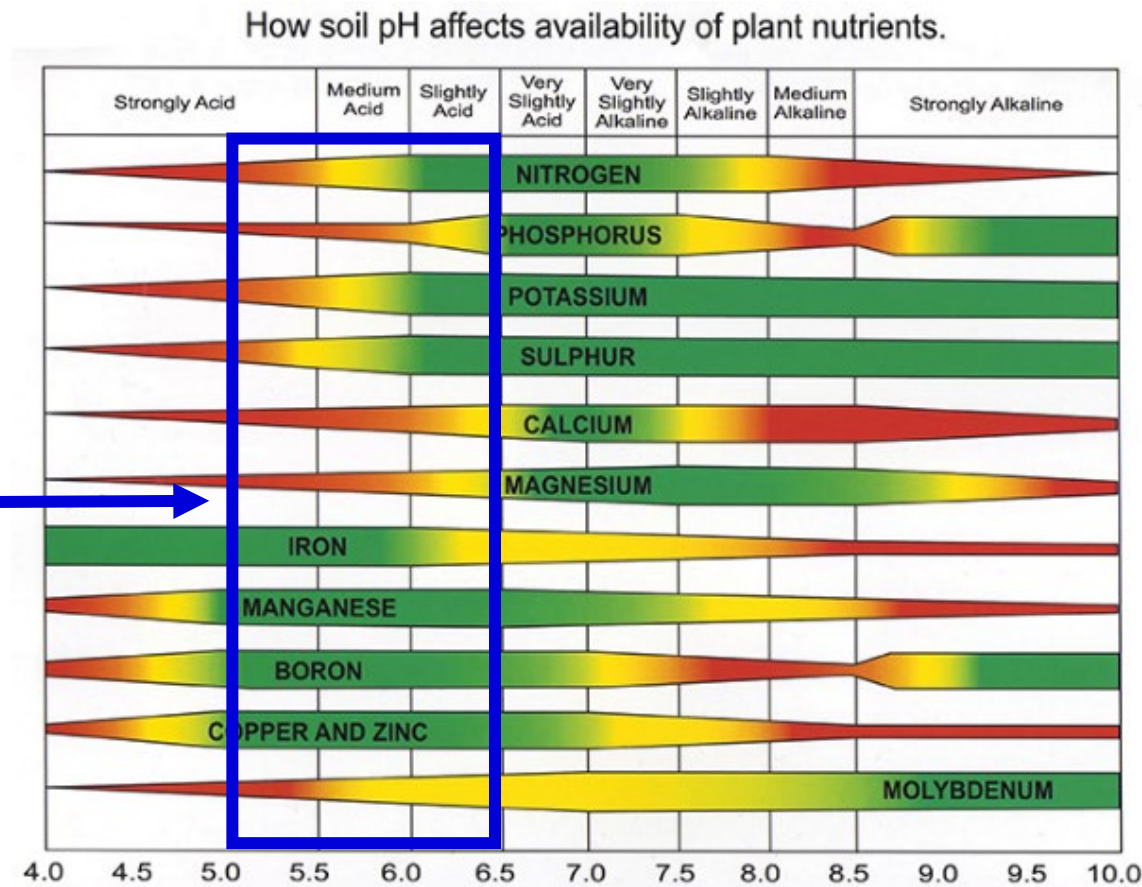
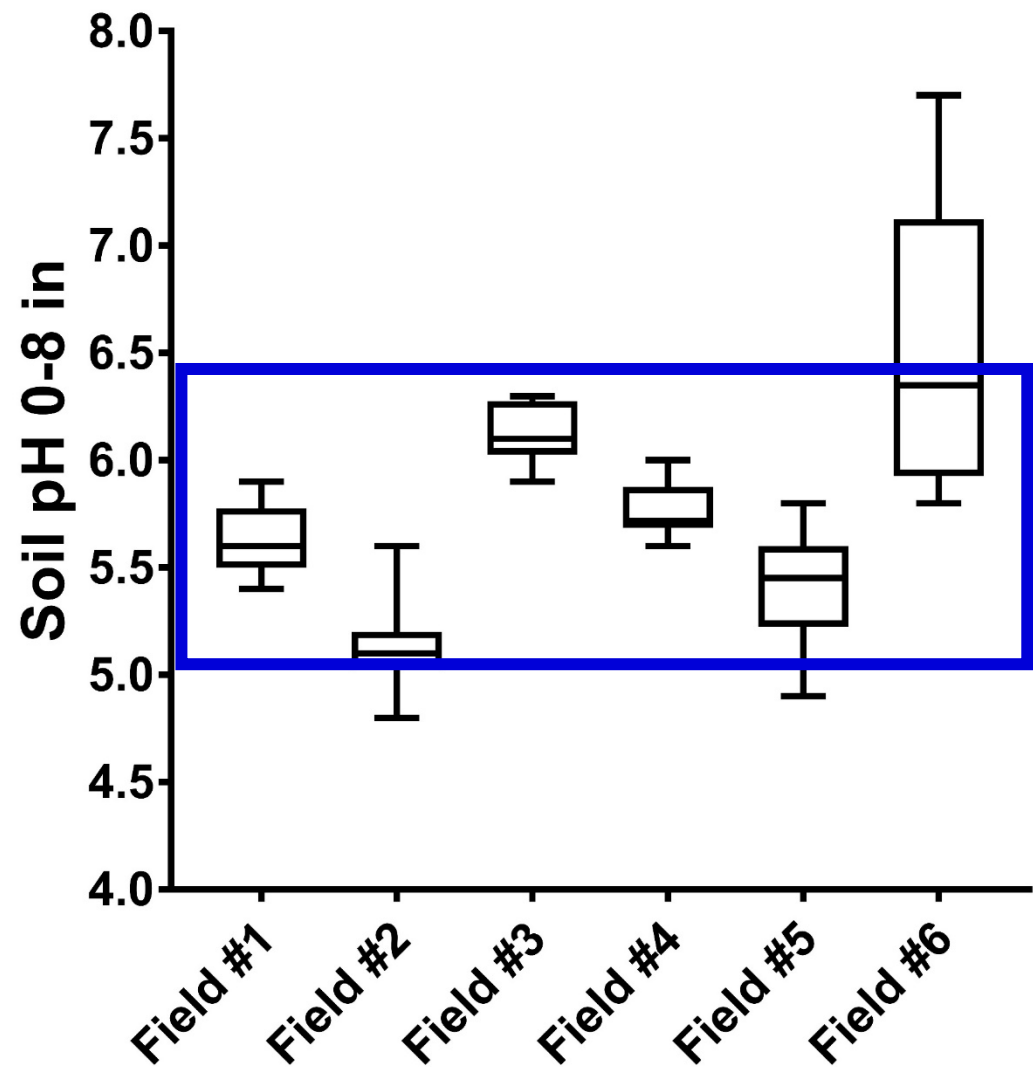


10 ft

90 ft

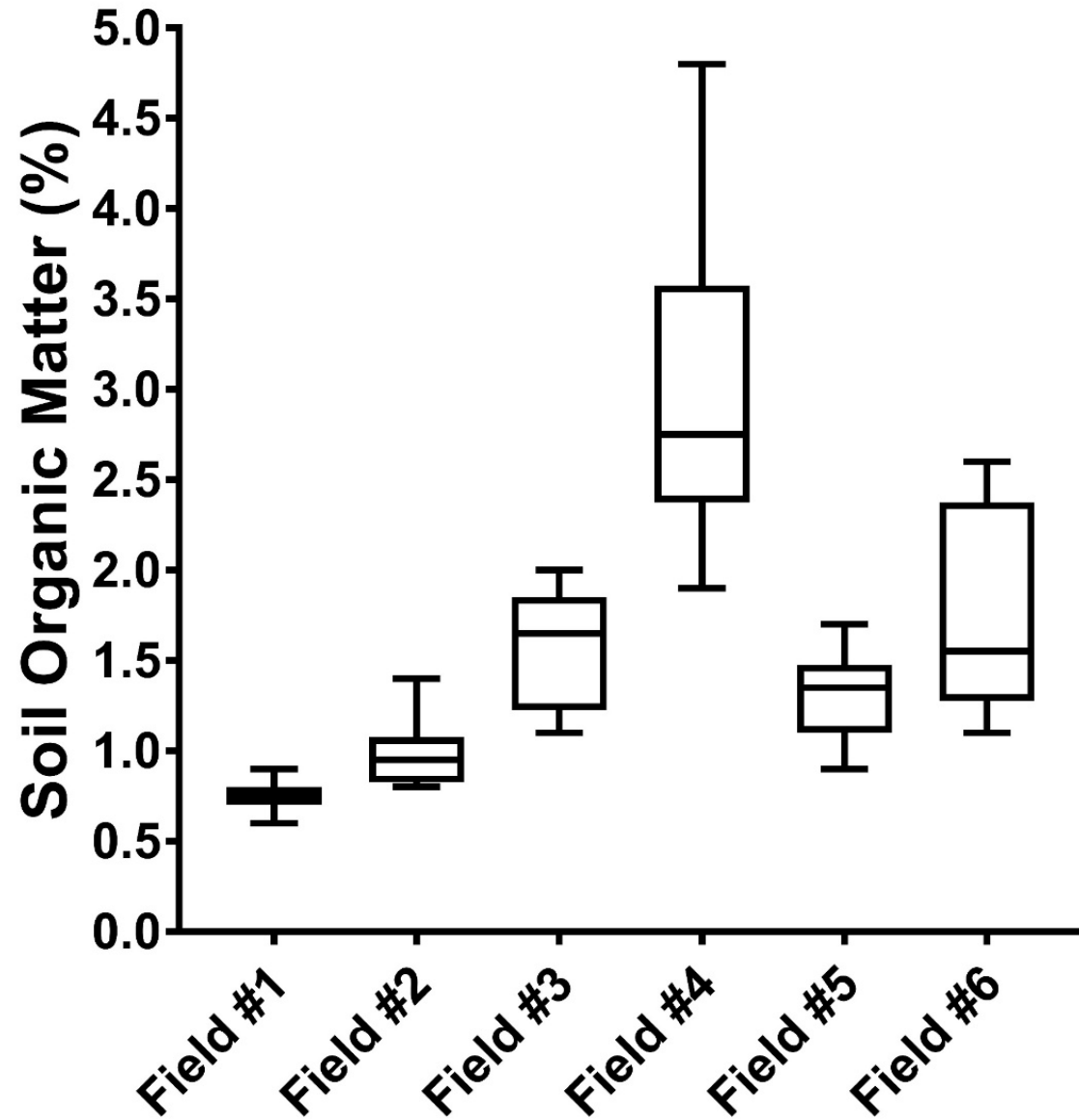
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Soil pH: variability and its relation to nutrient availability



Eight soil cores were taken per field across the experimental area

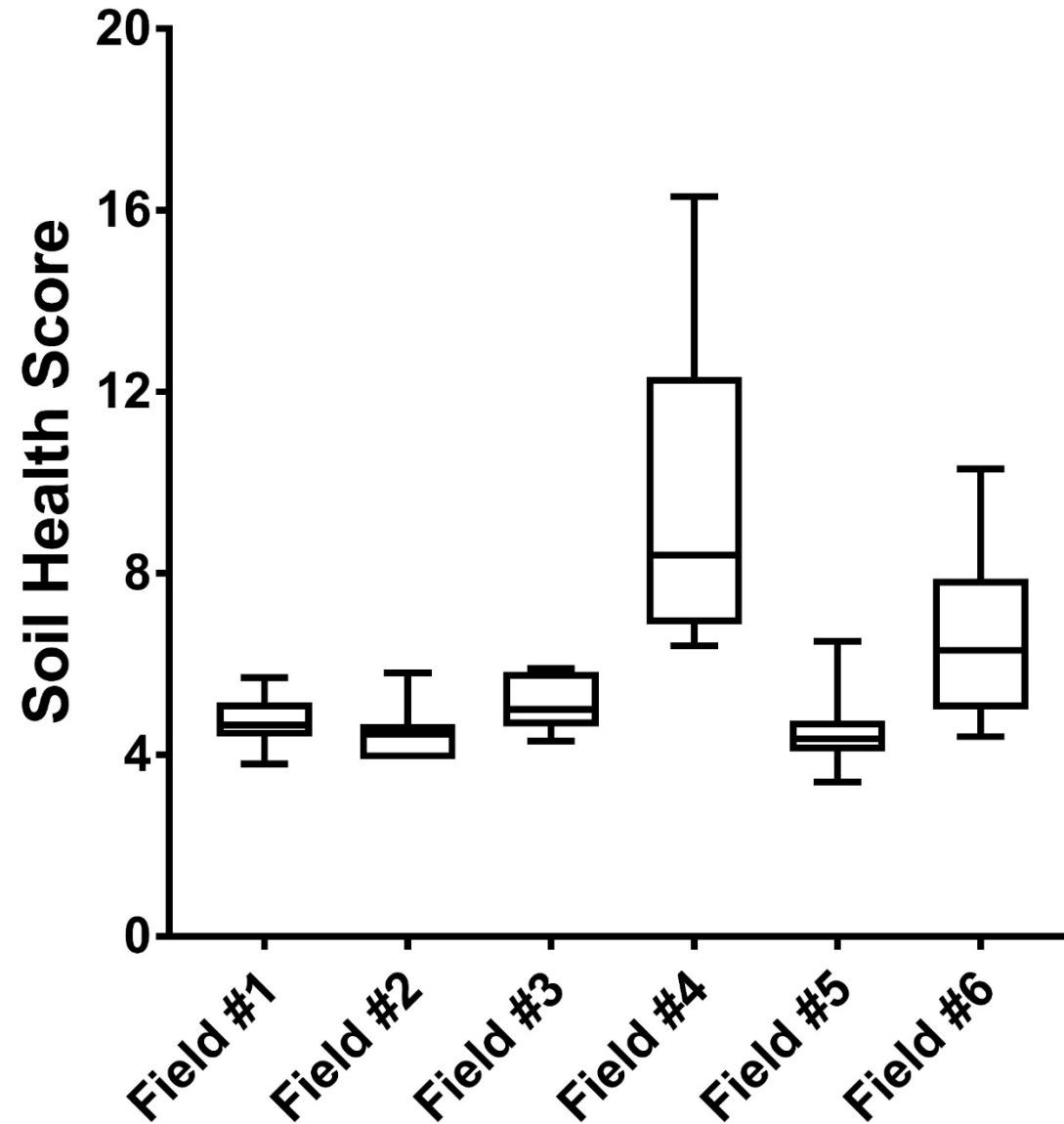
Soil Organic Matter



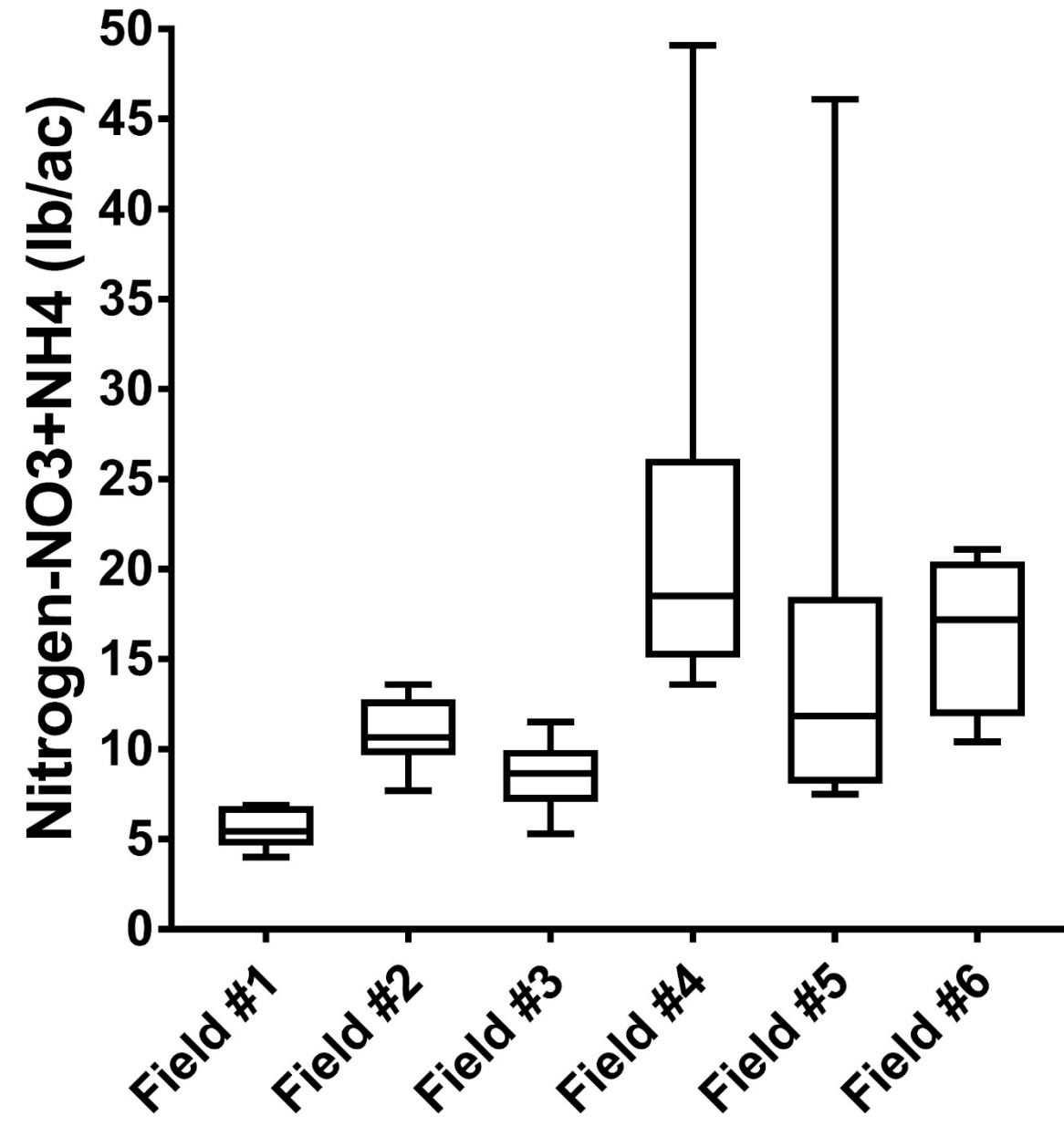
Options to improve Organic Matter:

- Increase production
- No-till
- Grazing vs haying or silage
- Manure application

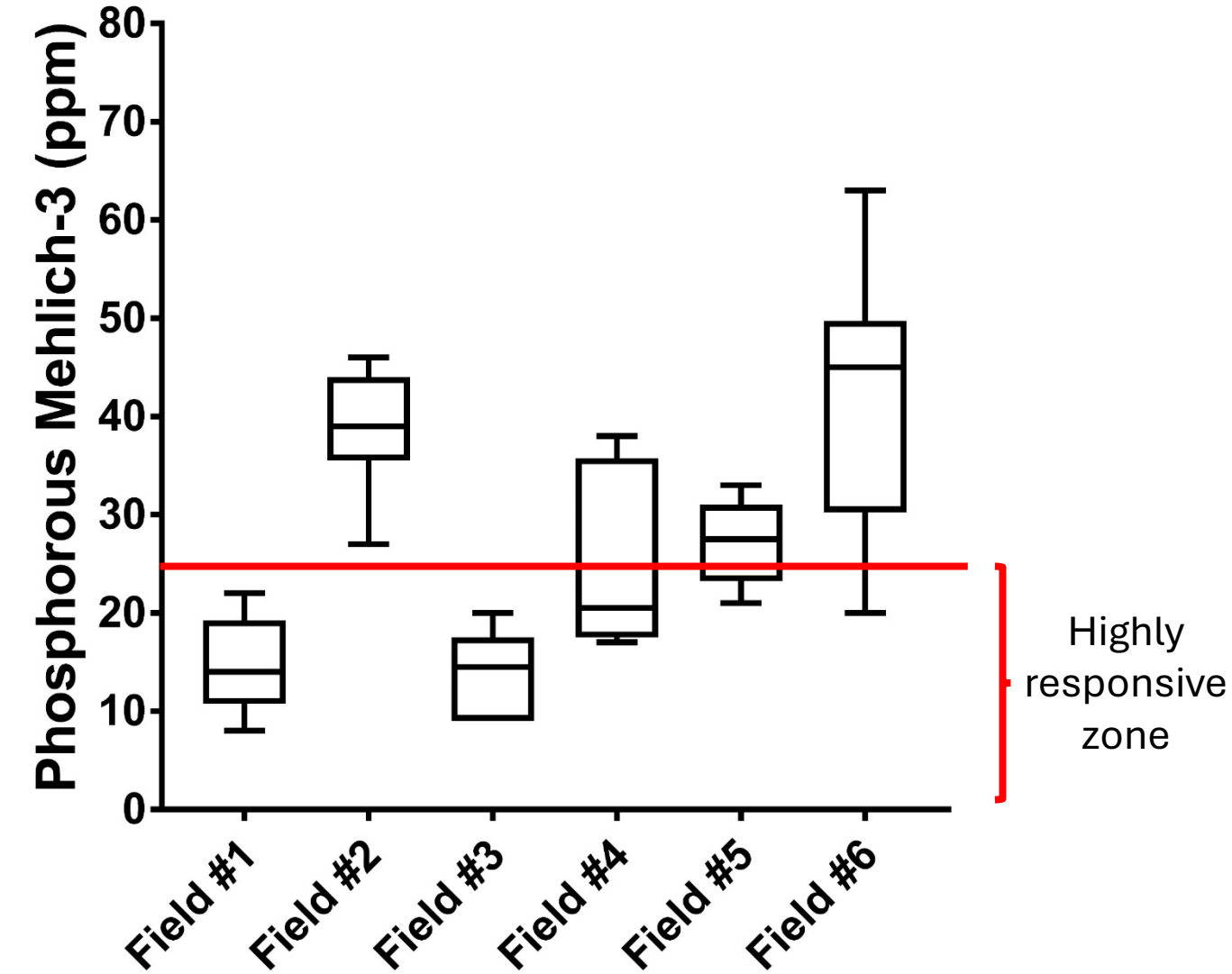
Soil Health Score



Soil Nitrogen at planting (N)



Soil Phosphorous (P)

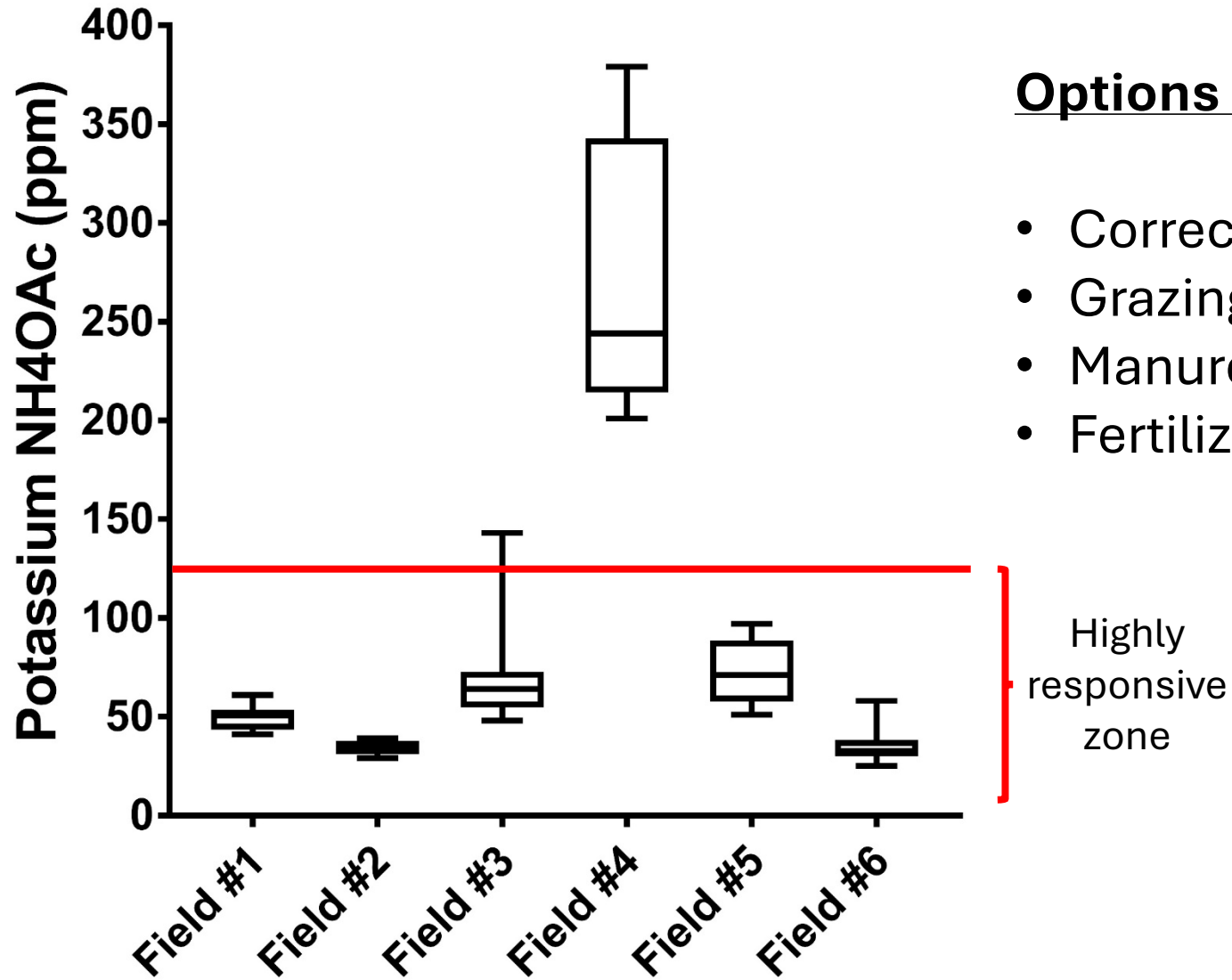


Options to improve soil P levels:

- Correcting soil pH
- Grazing vs haying or silage
- Manure application
- Fertilization with P below the seeds



Soil Potassium (K)

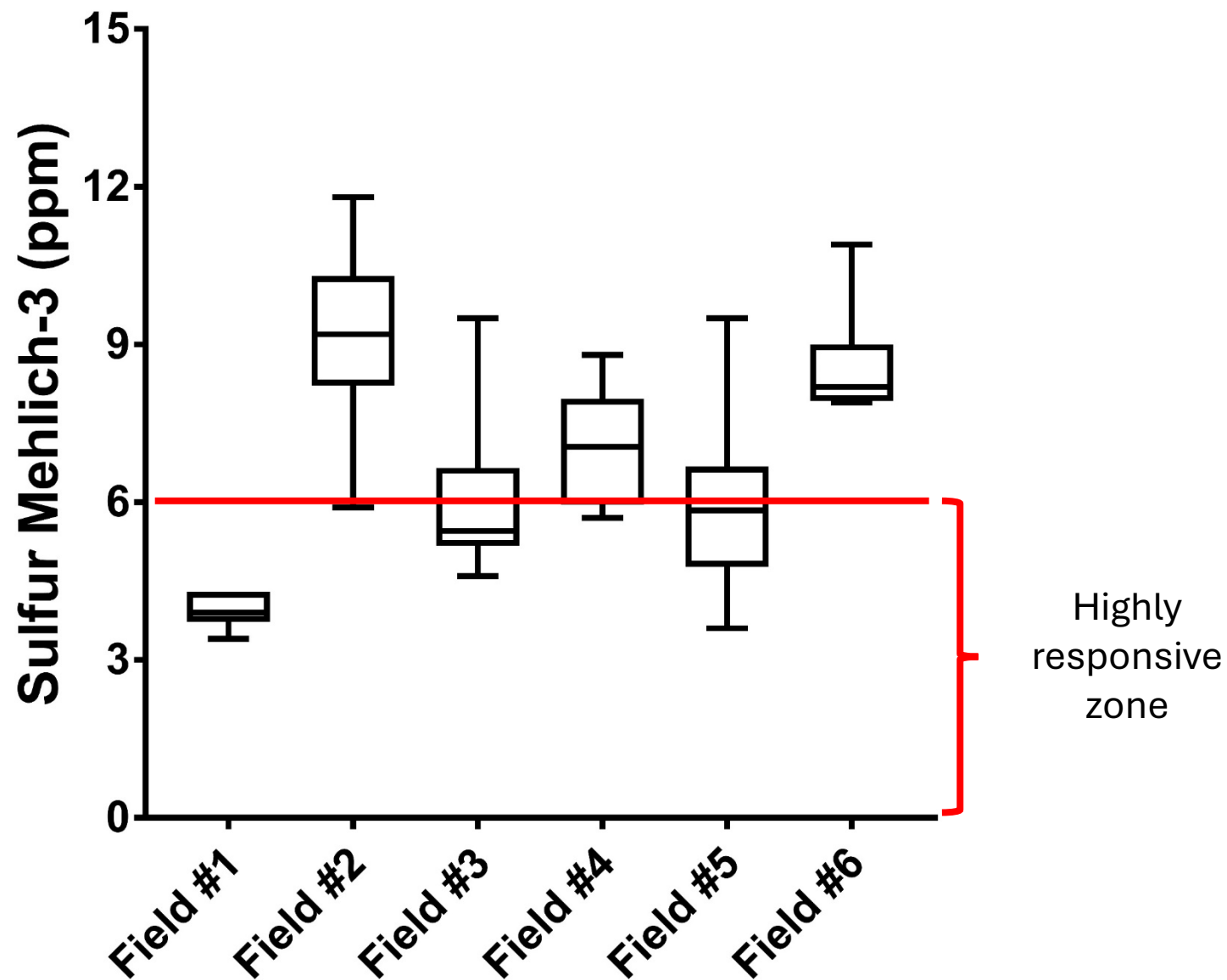


Options to improve soil K levels:

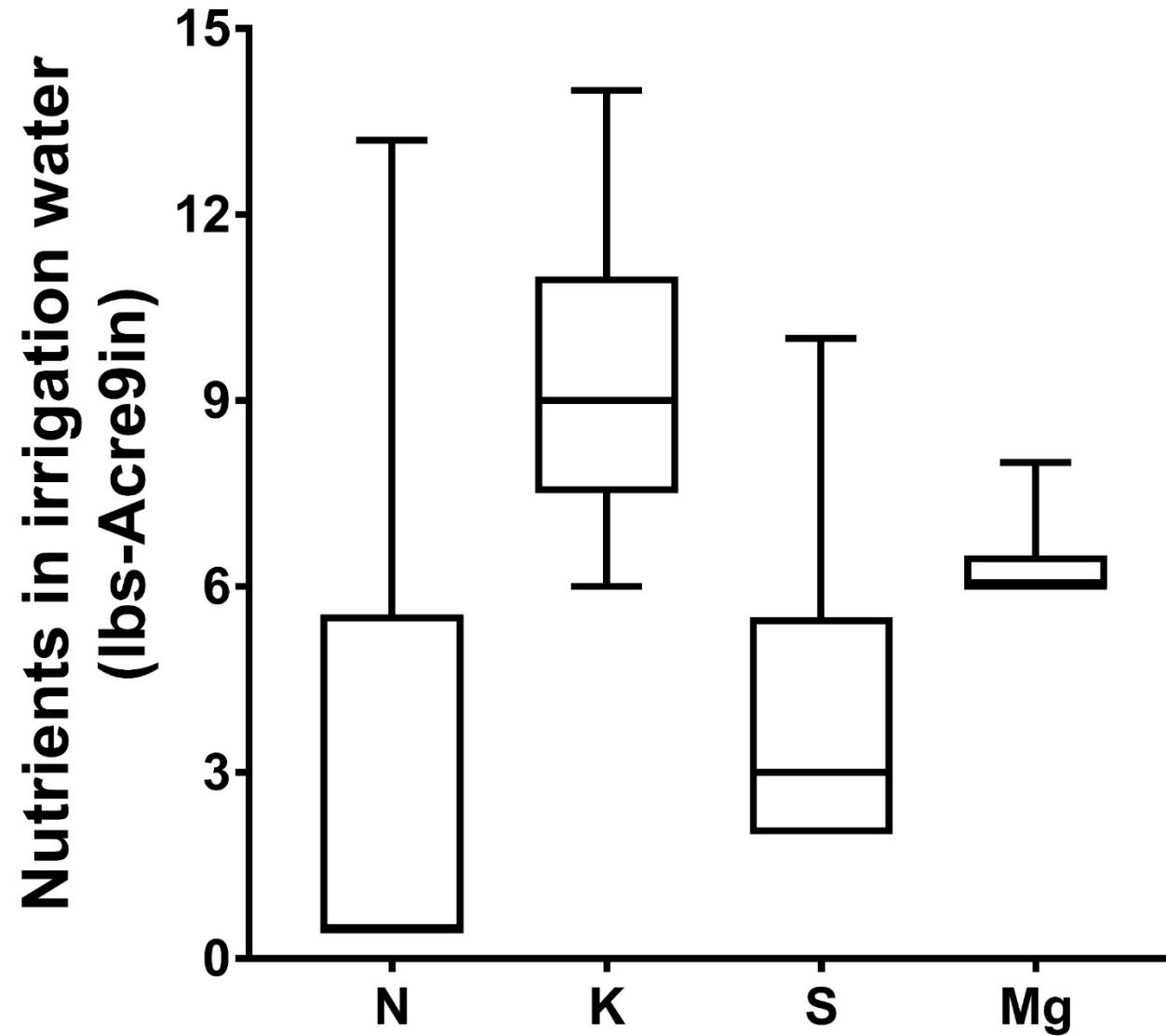
- Correcting soil pH
- Grazing vs haying or silage
- Manure application
- Fertilization with K pre-planting + fertigation



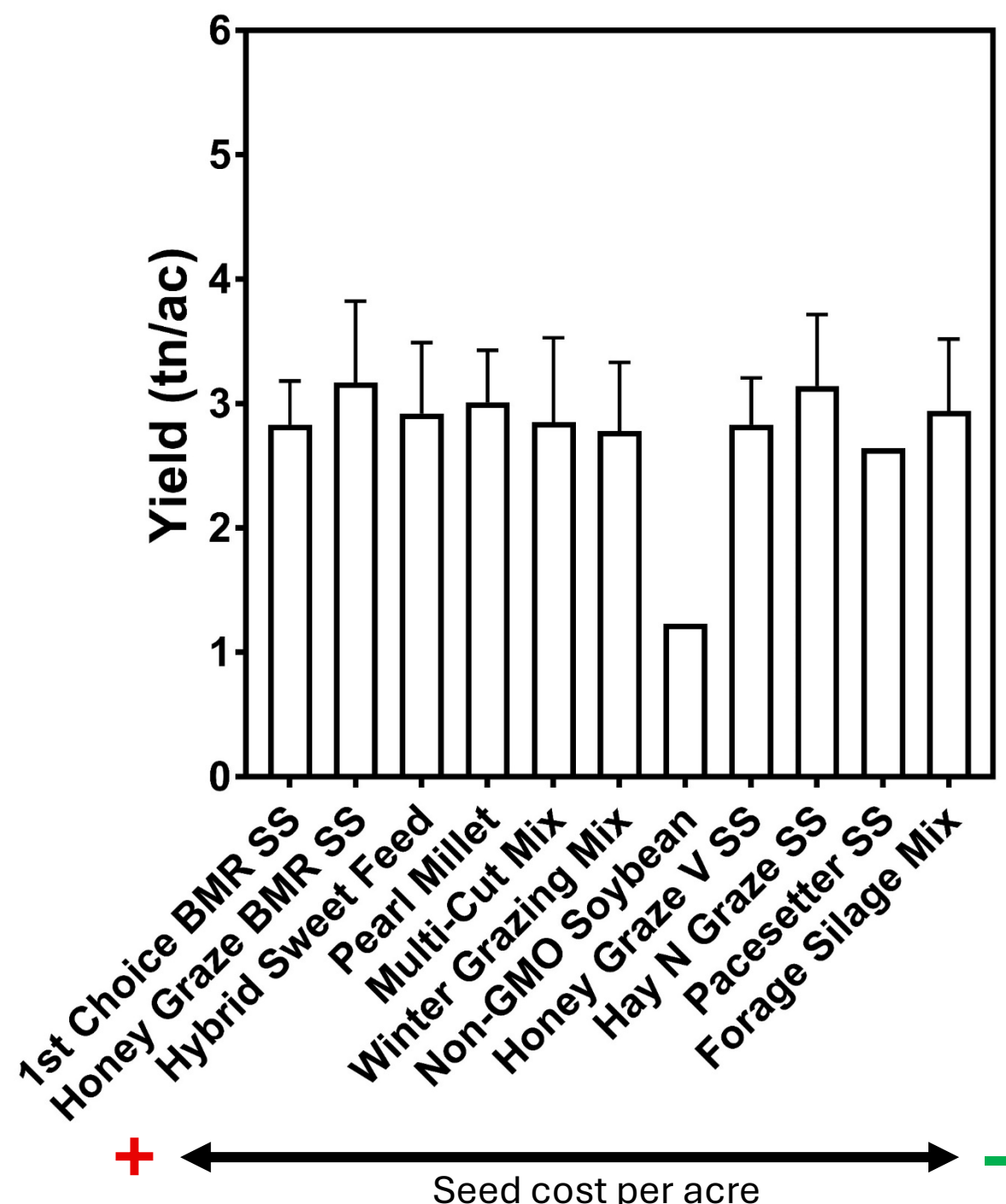
Soil Sulfur (S)



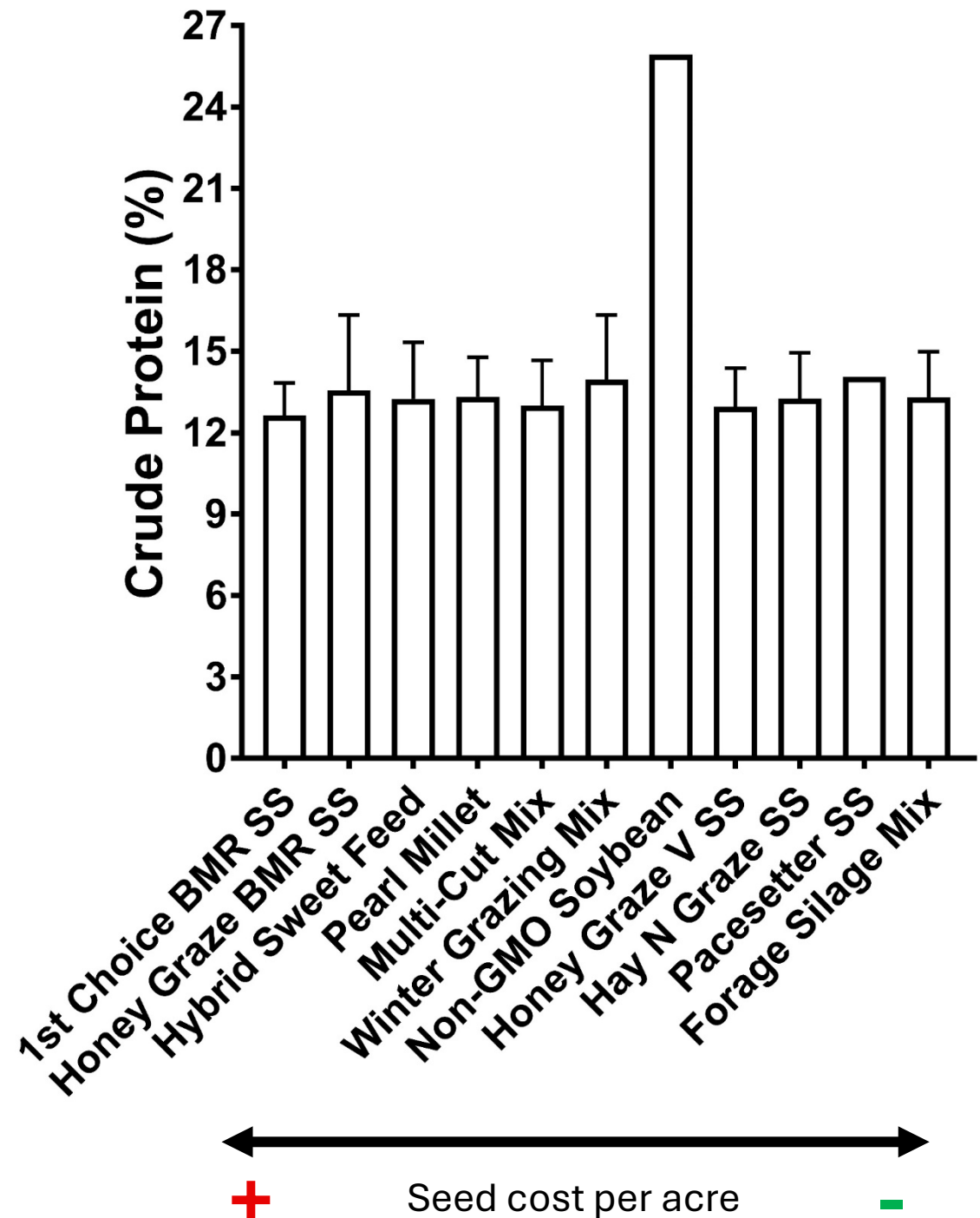
Nutrients in irrigation water



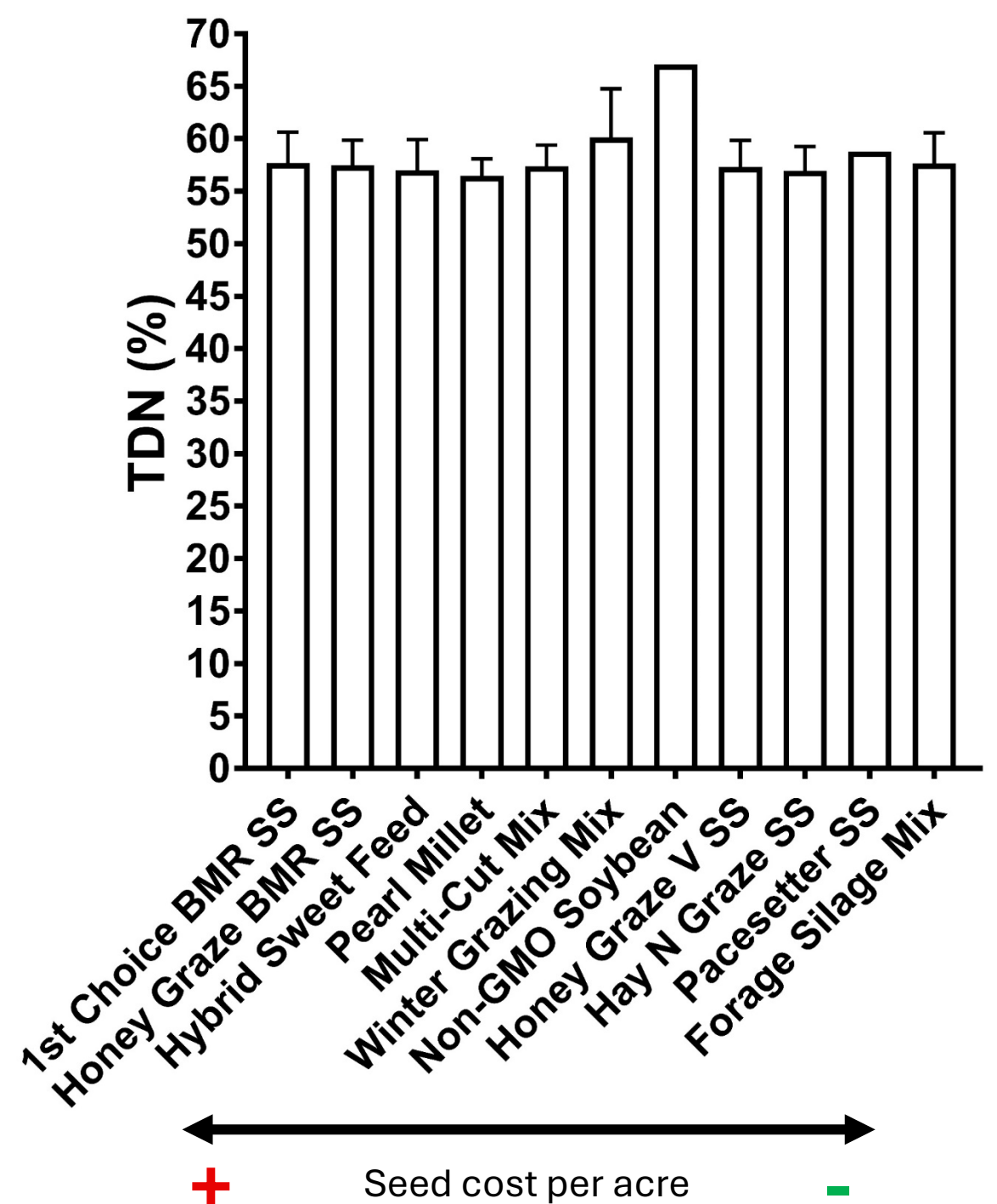
Forage production
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across varieties



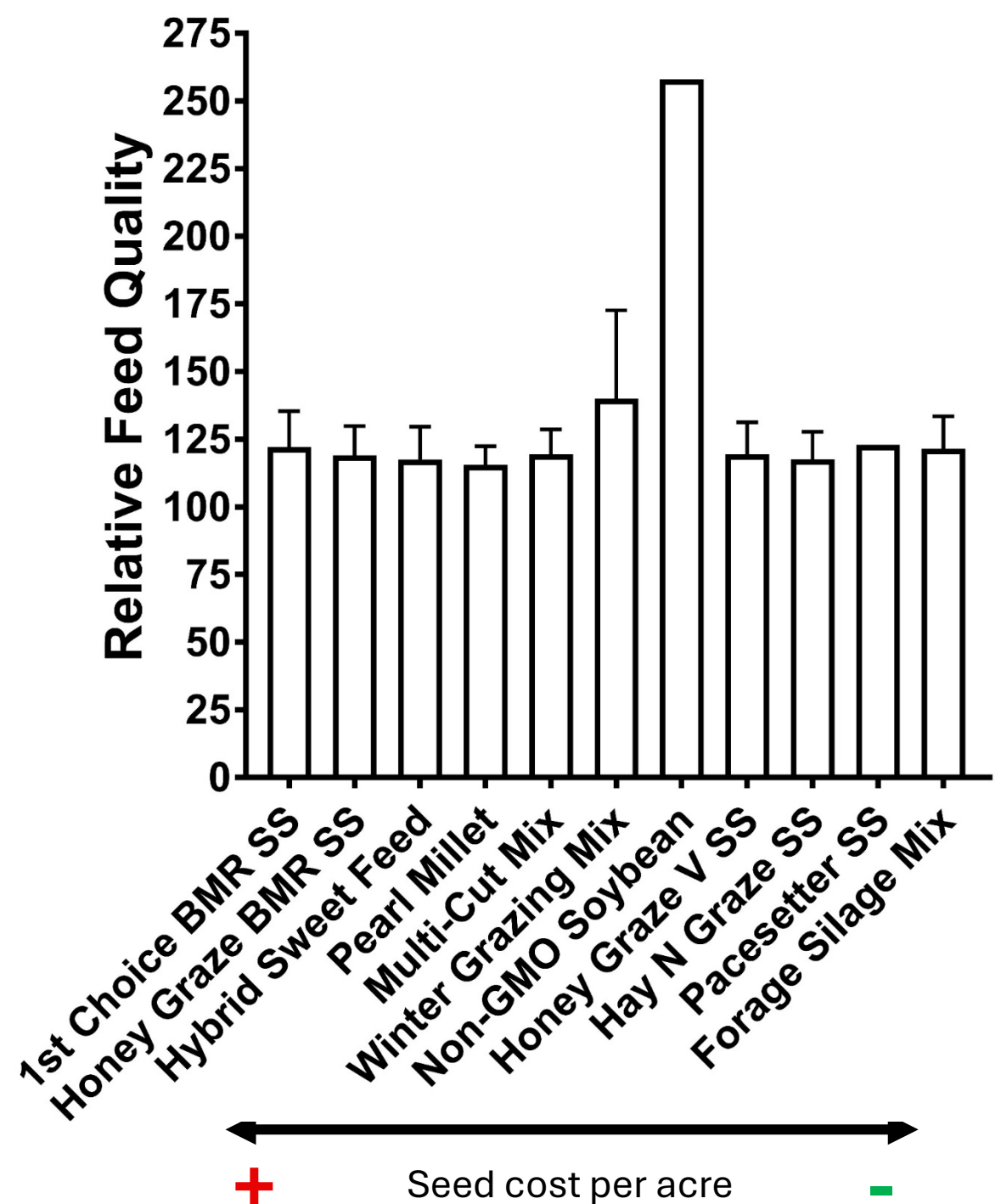
**Forage quality
comparison
across varieties:
Crude Protein**



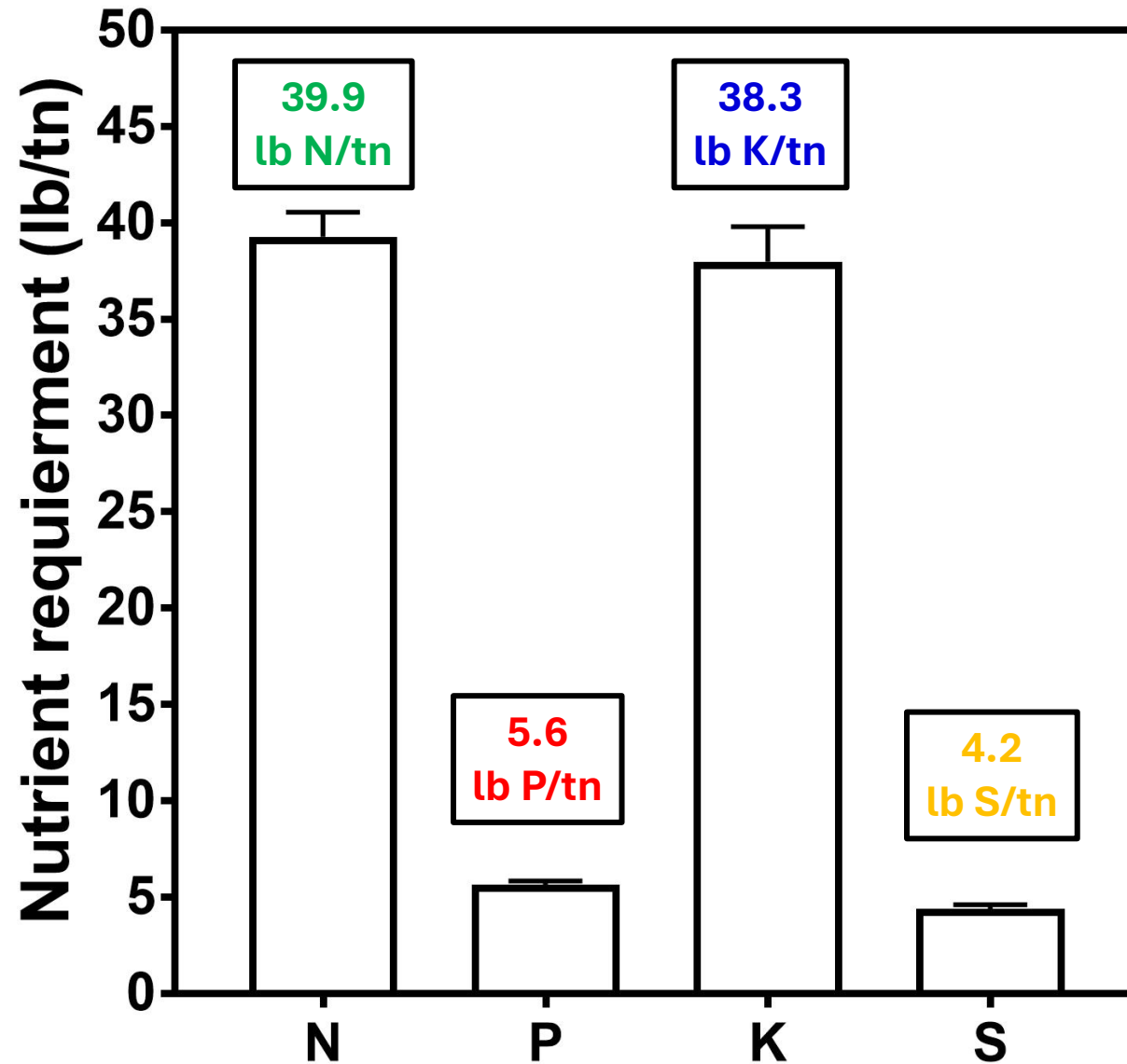
Forage quality comparison across varieties: TDN



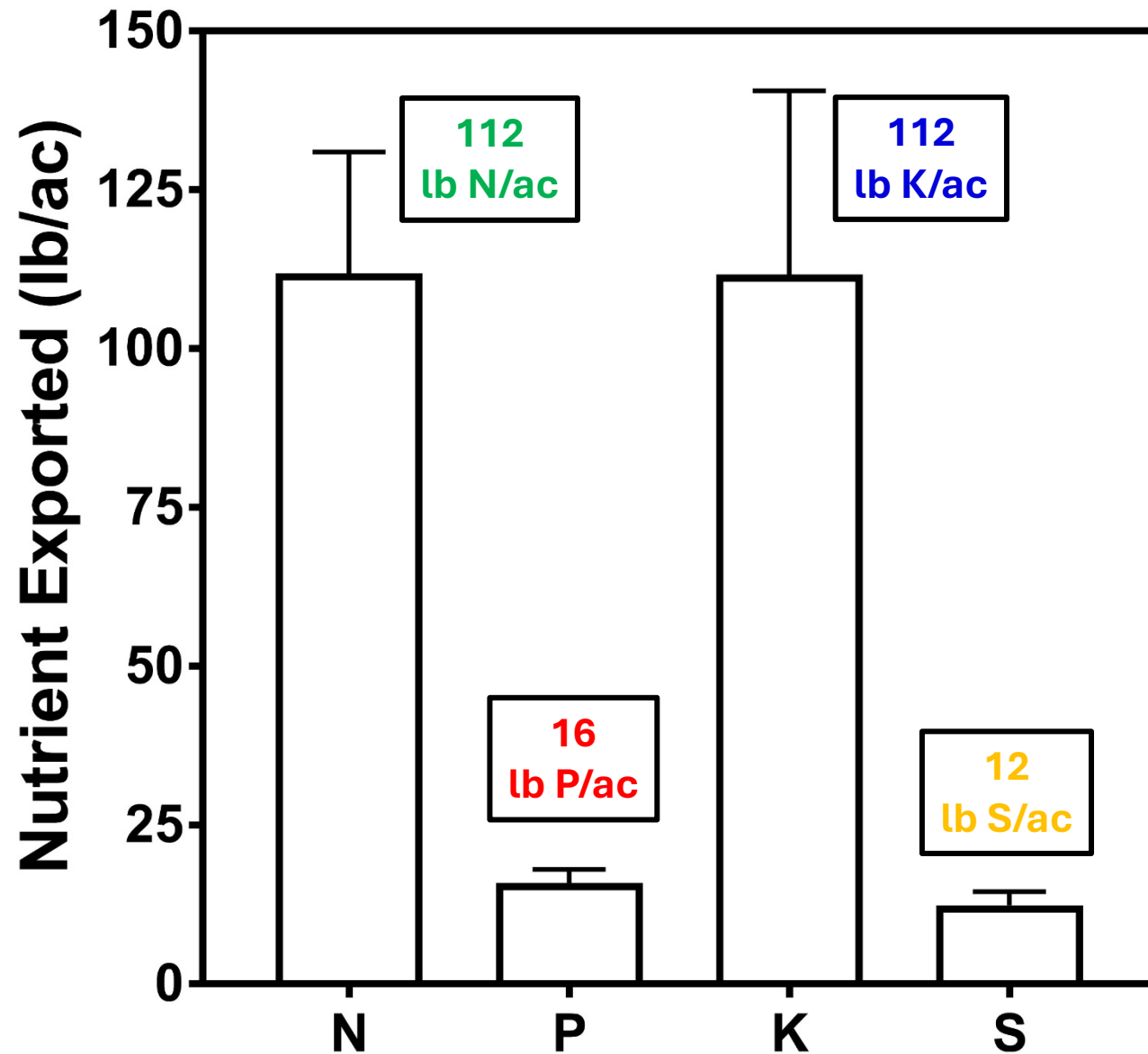
Forage quality comparison across varieties: RFQ



Nutrient Requirements for Forage Production

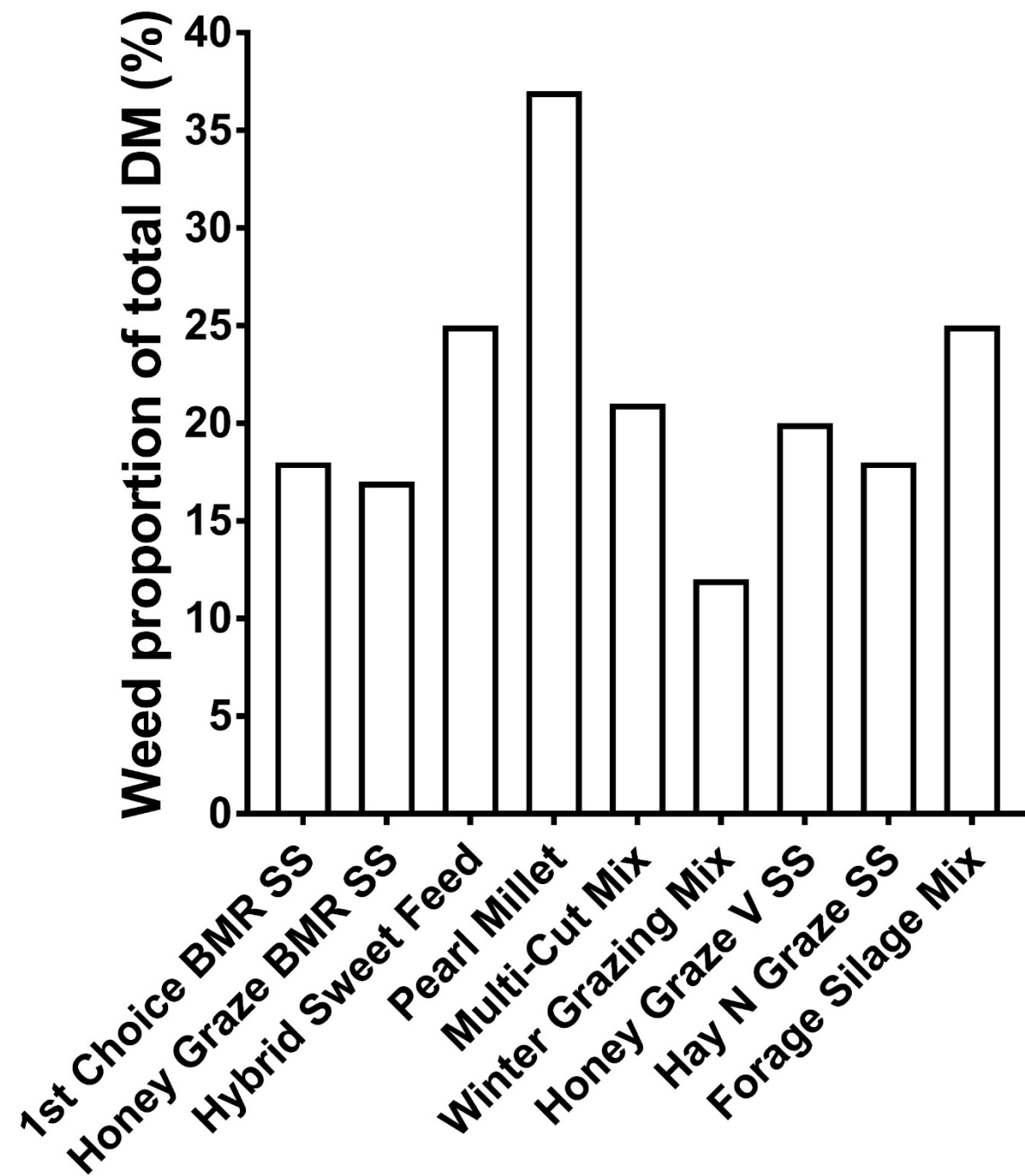


Nutrients Exported in 2024 Experiments





How much of the forage production was weed?

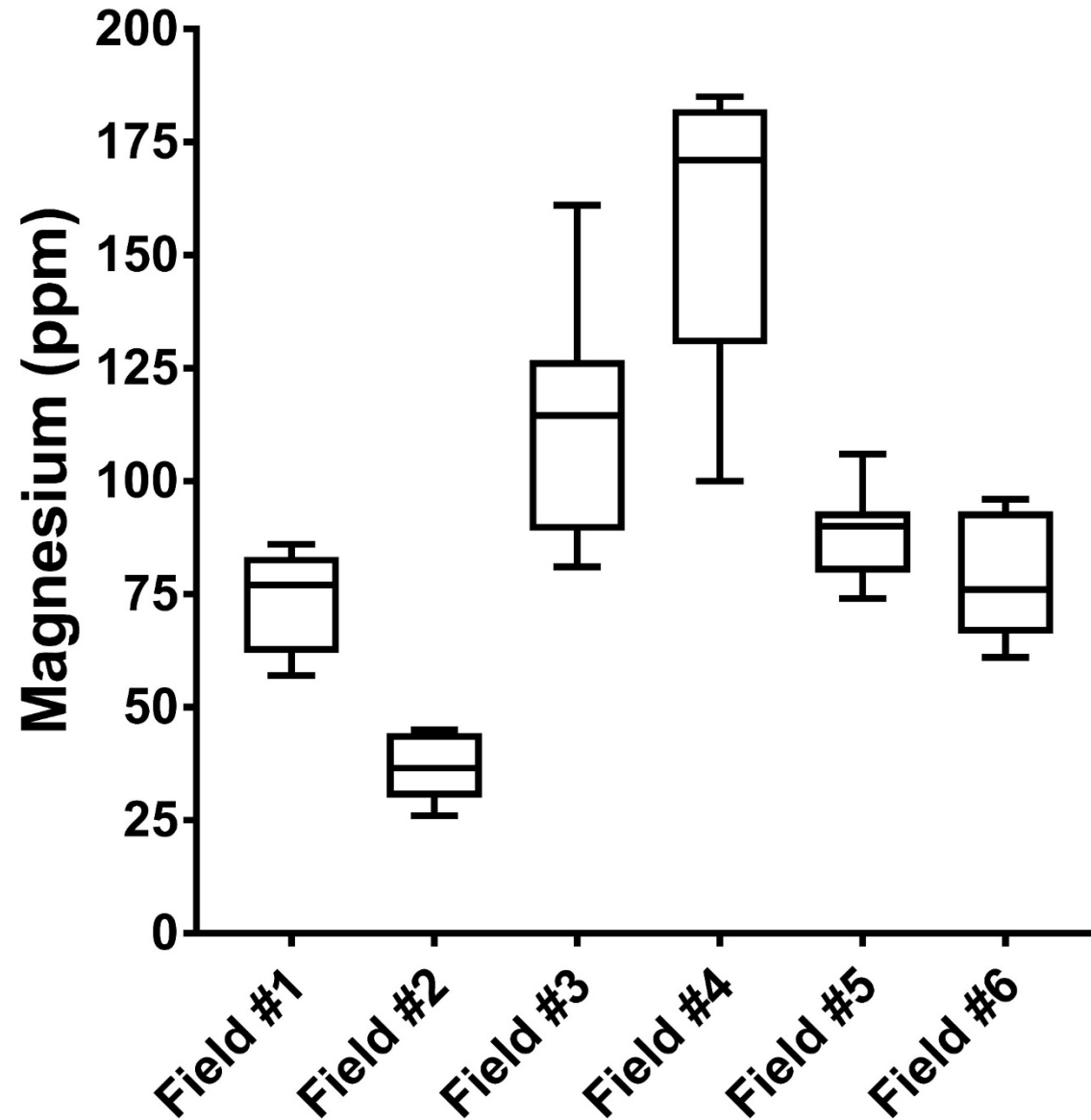


Thanks!

Questions?



Magnesium (Mg)



Manganese (Mn)

