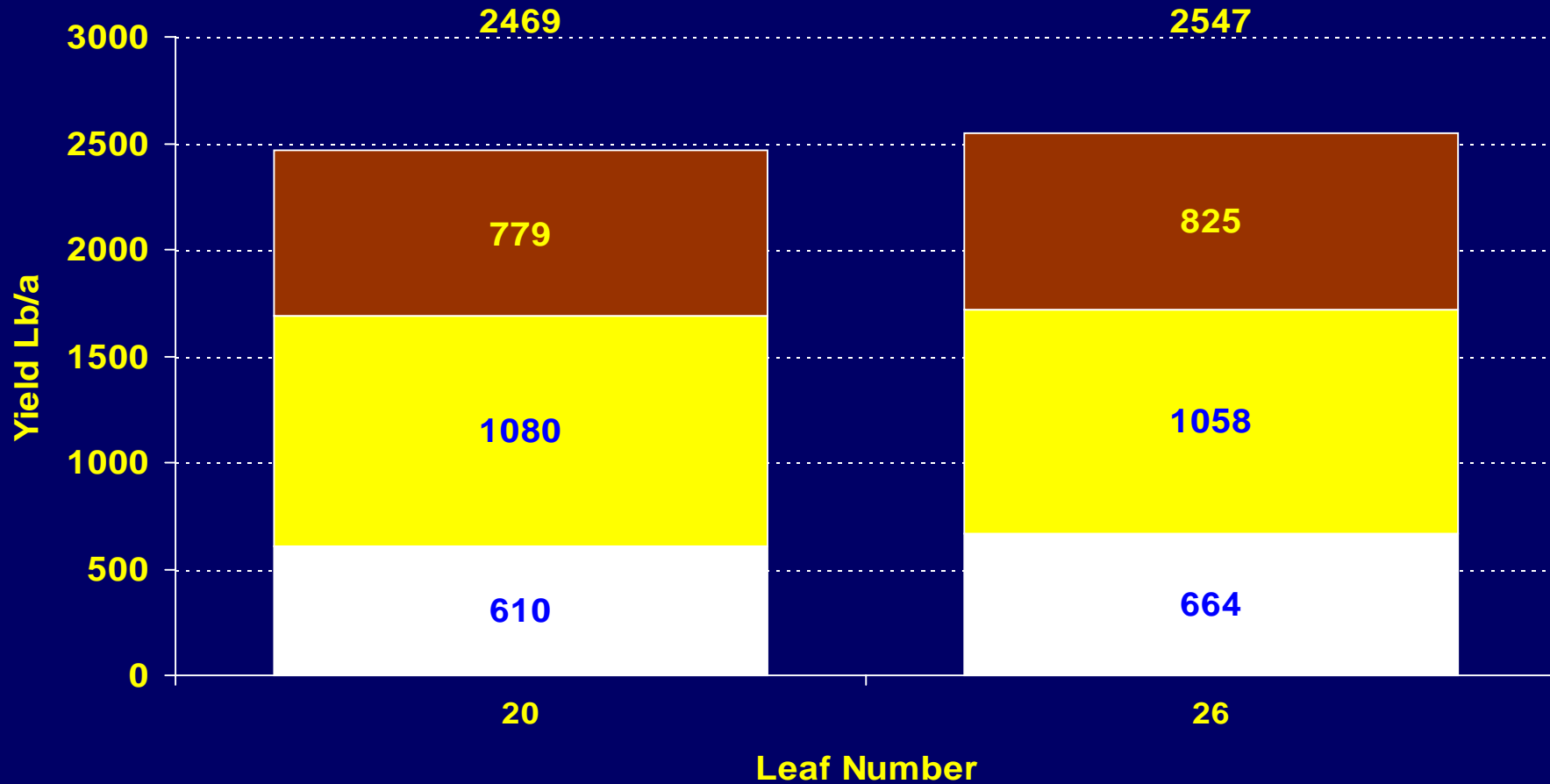


Topping Studies

Topping higher increased yield slightly in three locations, but did not in Whitley Co. In Lawrence Co. the grower noted a substantial increase in handling problems, labor and curing problems due to the length of the tobacco.

Topping Height Study

Lawrence Co. - Malcom Smith Farm

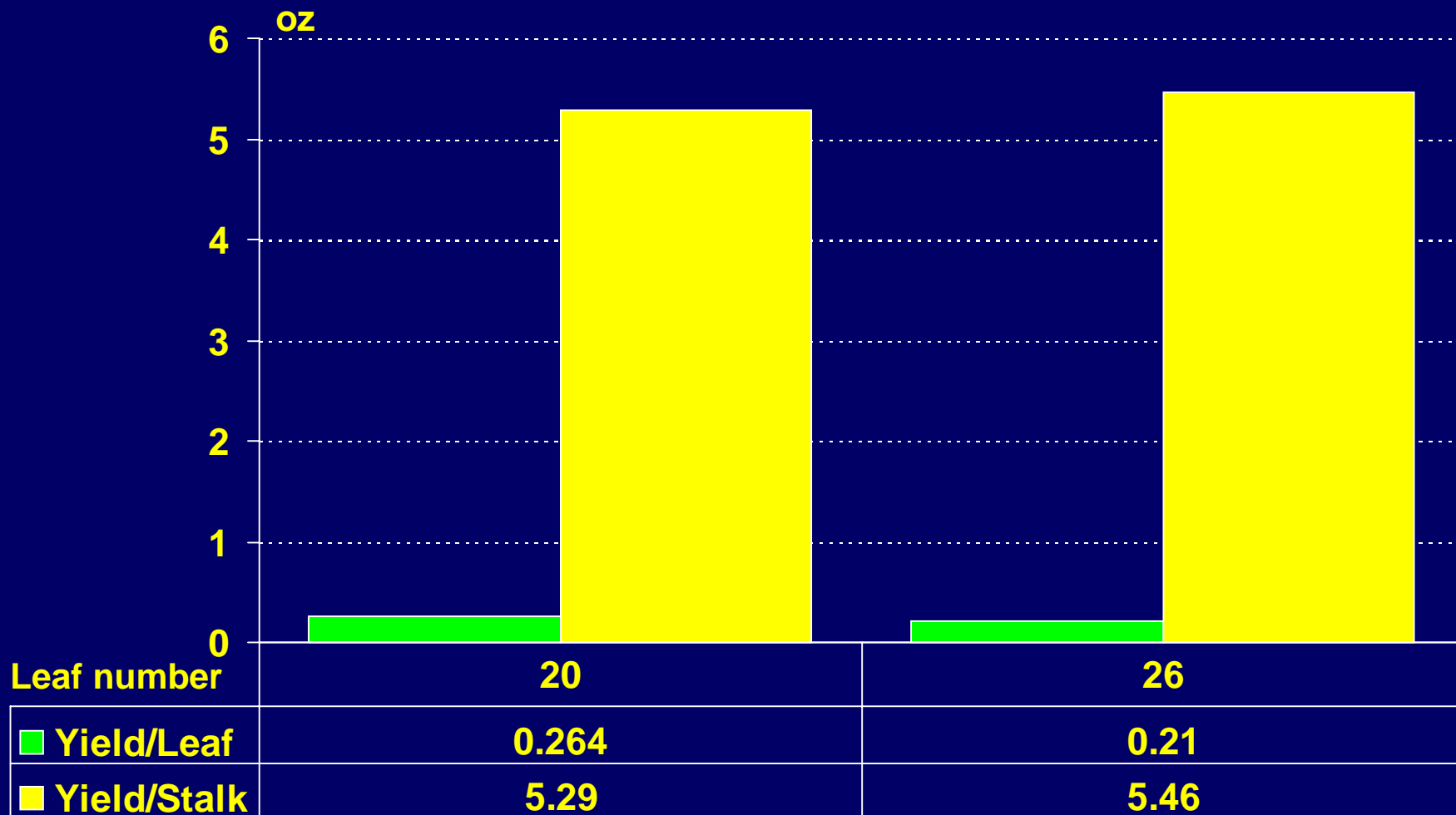


HSD 0.05 = 505 565 439 551

Plants with 26 leaves were reported to be harder to cut and handle.
Strippers averaged 4 stalks per minute for 20 leaf plants and 2.8 for 26 leaf plants.

Effects of Topping Height on Cured Leaf Yield

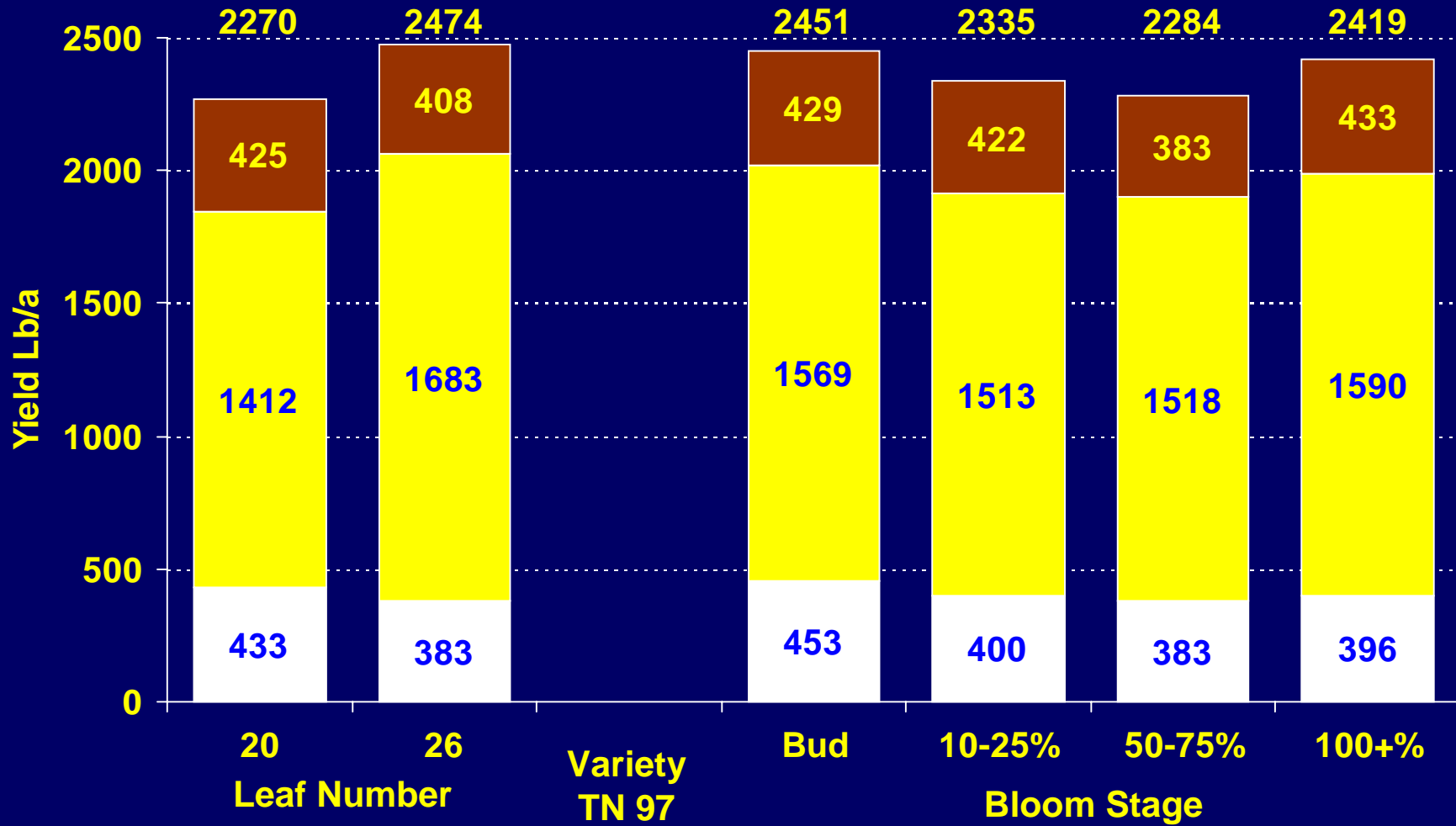
Lawrence Co. - Malcom Smith Farm



HSD 0.05 = 0.053 1.18

Effects of Leaf Number and Bloom Stage on Yield

Spencer Co. - Lowry Brown Farm



HSD 0.05 = 216 459 101 225

HSD 0.05 = 121 414 146 339

Effects of Leaf Number on Yield Per Leaf

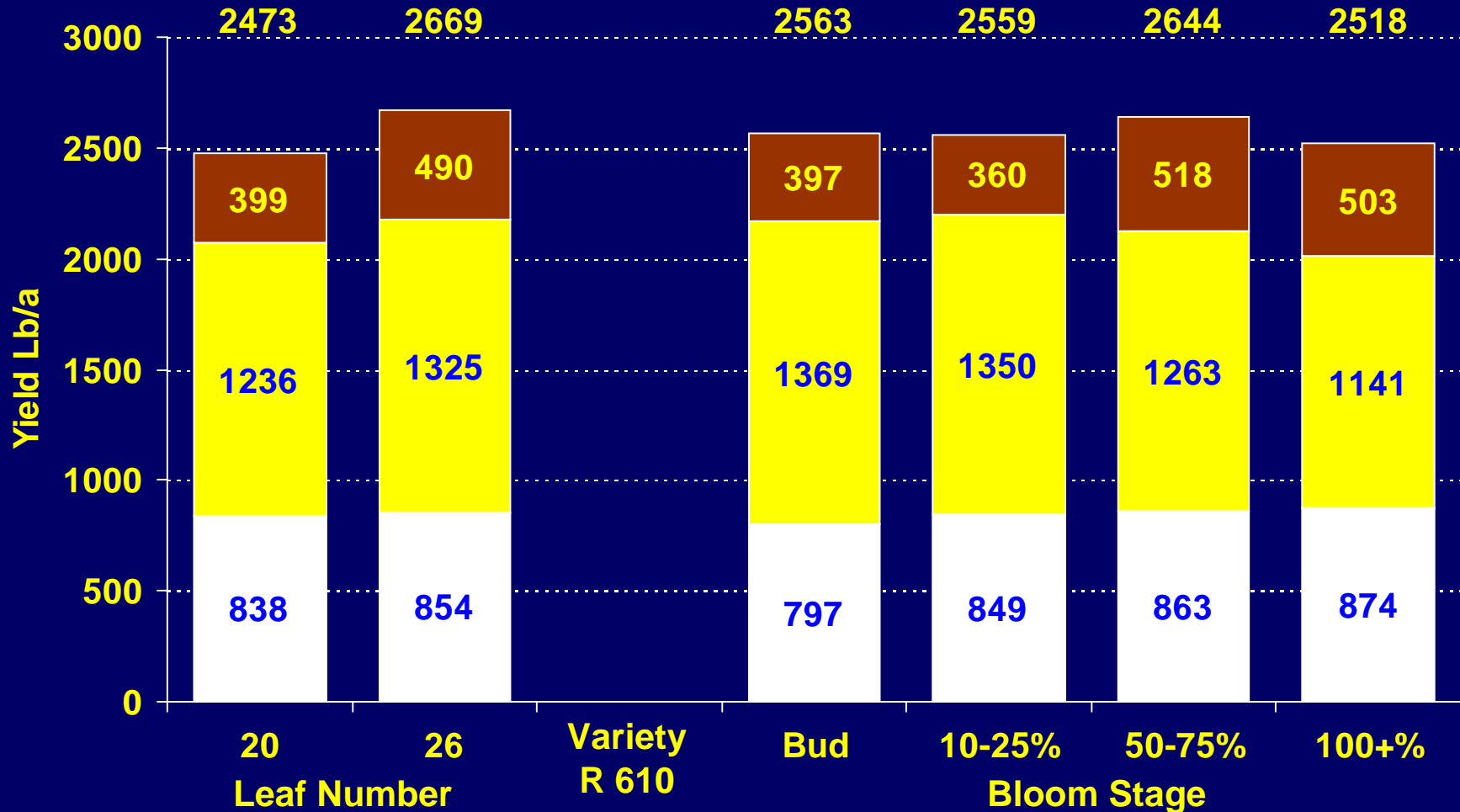
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HSD 0.05 = 0.54

Effects of Leaf Number and Bloom Stage on Yield

Trimble Co. - Forrest Burkehardt Farm

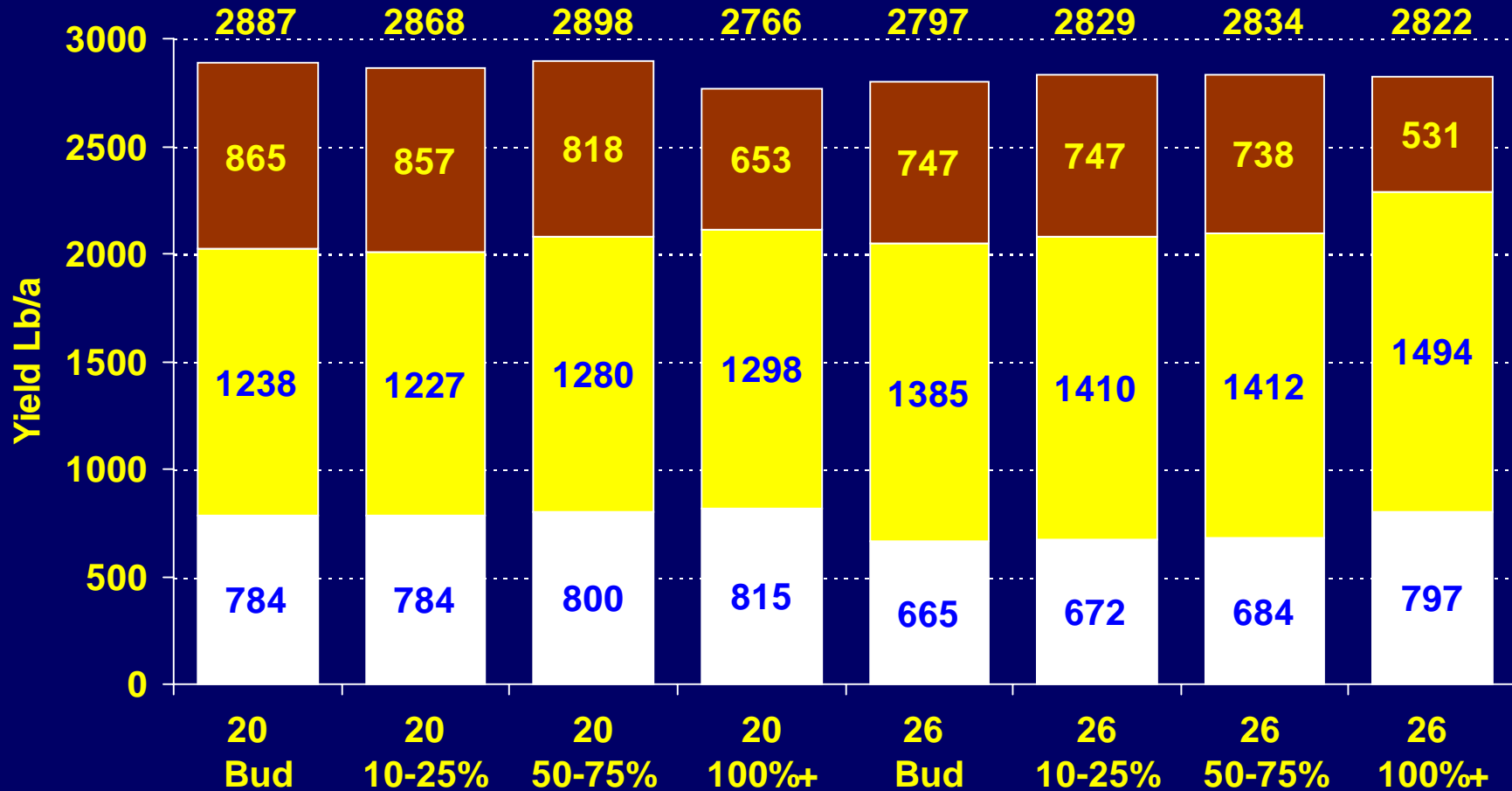


HSD 0.05 = 123 227 81 368

HSD 0.05 = 154 323 101 470

Effects of Leaf Number and Bloom Stage on Yield

Whitley Co. - G. W. Cornett Farm



HSD 0.05 = 73 142 97 191 Variety = NC BH129
 Bloom stages performed differently at the different topping heights