

# Use of Chemical Ripeners to Enhance Sugar Yield

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# Glyphosate

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GROUP 9 HERBICIDE

**Herbicide**  
*Nonselective Foliar Systemic Herbicide for Weed Control*

*Active Ingredient:*  
 \*Glyphosate: N-(phosphonomethyl) glycine,  
 in the form of the monopotassium salt ..... 52.3%  
*Other Ingredients:* ..... 47.7%  
**Total:** ..... 100.0%

\*Contains 5 pounds per U.S. gallon of glyphosate acid equivalents.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**  
**CAUTION**  
 See additional precautionary statements and directions for use inside booklet.

EPA Reg. No. 100-1182  
 EPA Est. 100-LA-001  
 SCP 1182A-L1D 0409  
 296130

**2.5 gallons**  
 Net Contents

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For growth management of perennial ryegrass grown for seed in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

**Active Ingredient:**

Trinexapac-ethyl (CAS No. 95286-40-3)	12.0%
Other Ingredients:	88.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Palisade EC is an emulsifiable concentrate.

**WARNING/AVISO KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

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EPA Reg. No. 100-949 EPA Est. 62171-MS-001

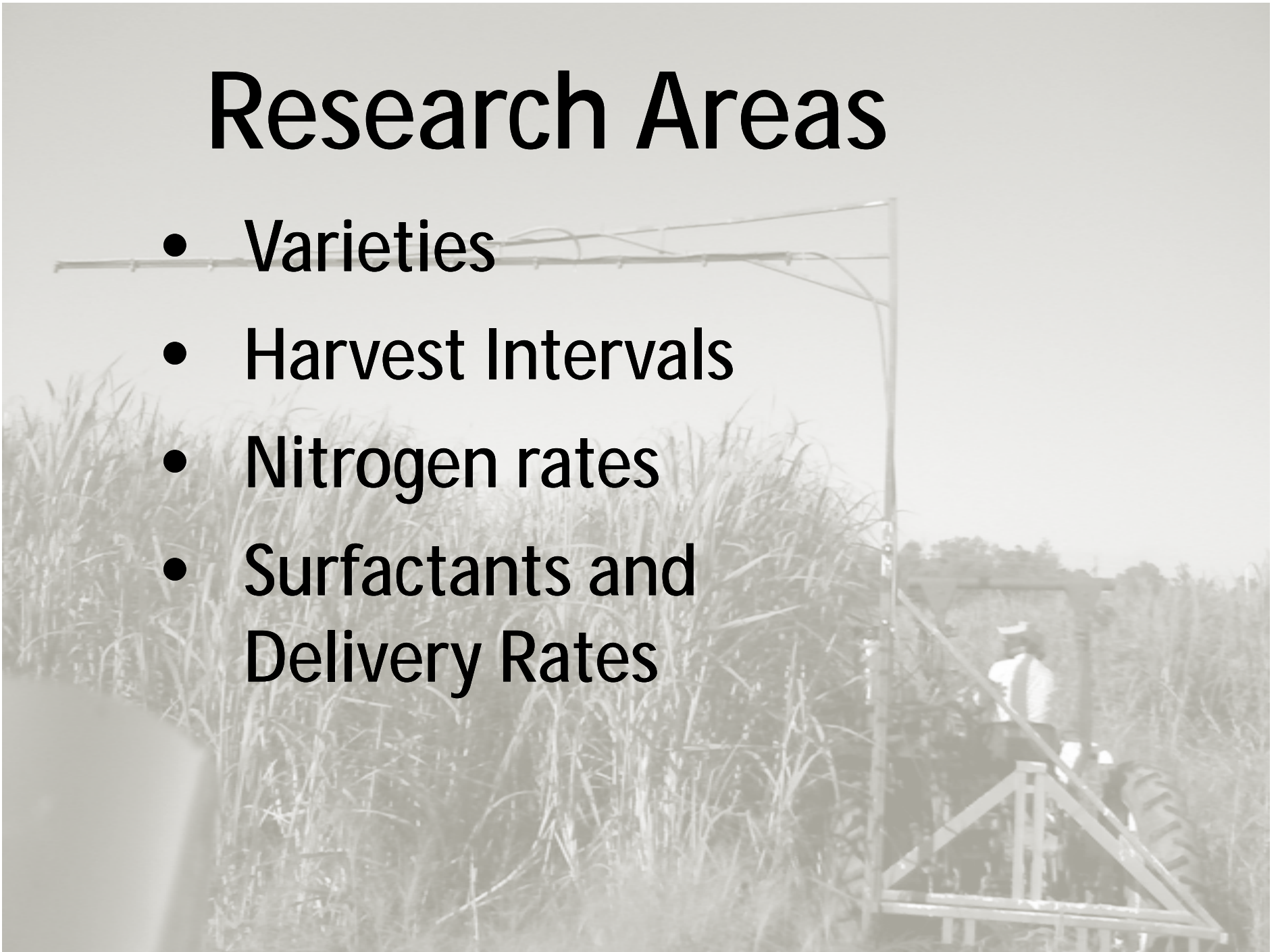
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# Research Areas

- Varieties
- Harvest Intervals
- Nitrogen rates
- Surfactants and Delivery Rates



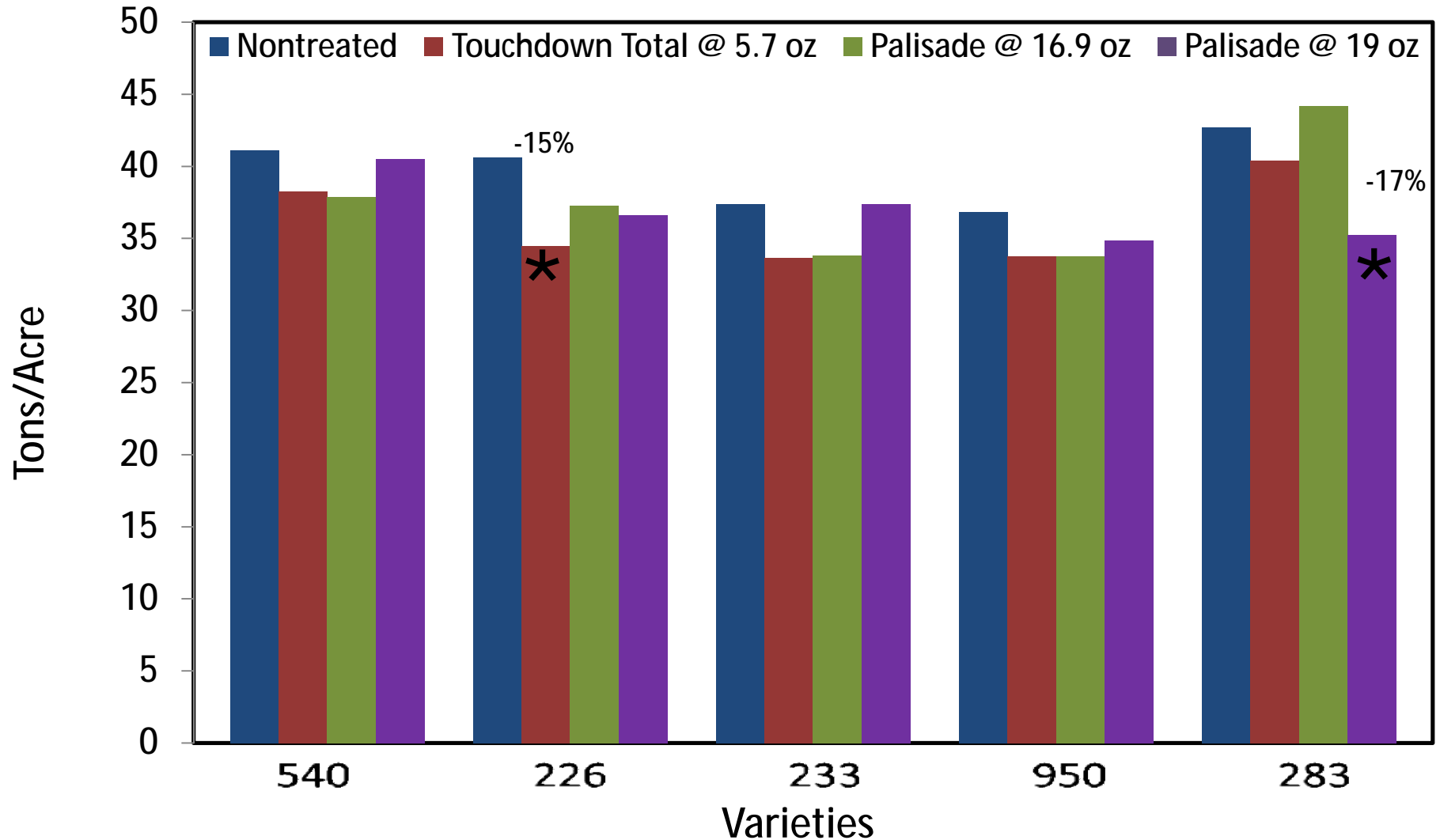
# Sugarcane Variety by Ripener Study

- Varieties: 540, 226, 233, 950, 283
- Ripener treatments:
  - Glyphosate (Touchdown Total®)  
@ 5.7 oz/A (equivalent to 6 oz/A  
Polado L®)
  - Palisade® @ 16.9 and 19 oz/A
  - Nontreated control
- Plot size: 6 ft wide by 50 ft long
- Experimental design: Randomized complete block (5 x 4 factorial), 4 reps
- Years: 2009 (plant cane); 2011 (second stubble)
- Harvested: 8 weeks after treatment



# Sugarcane Tonnage 8 Weeks After Treatment

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# Percent Change in Cane Yield (Tonnage)

Averaged Across Varieties

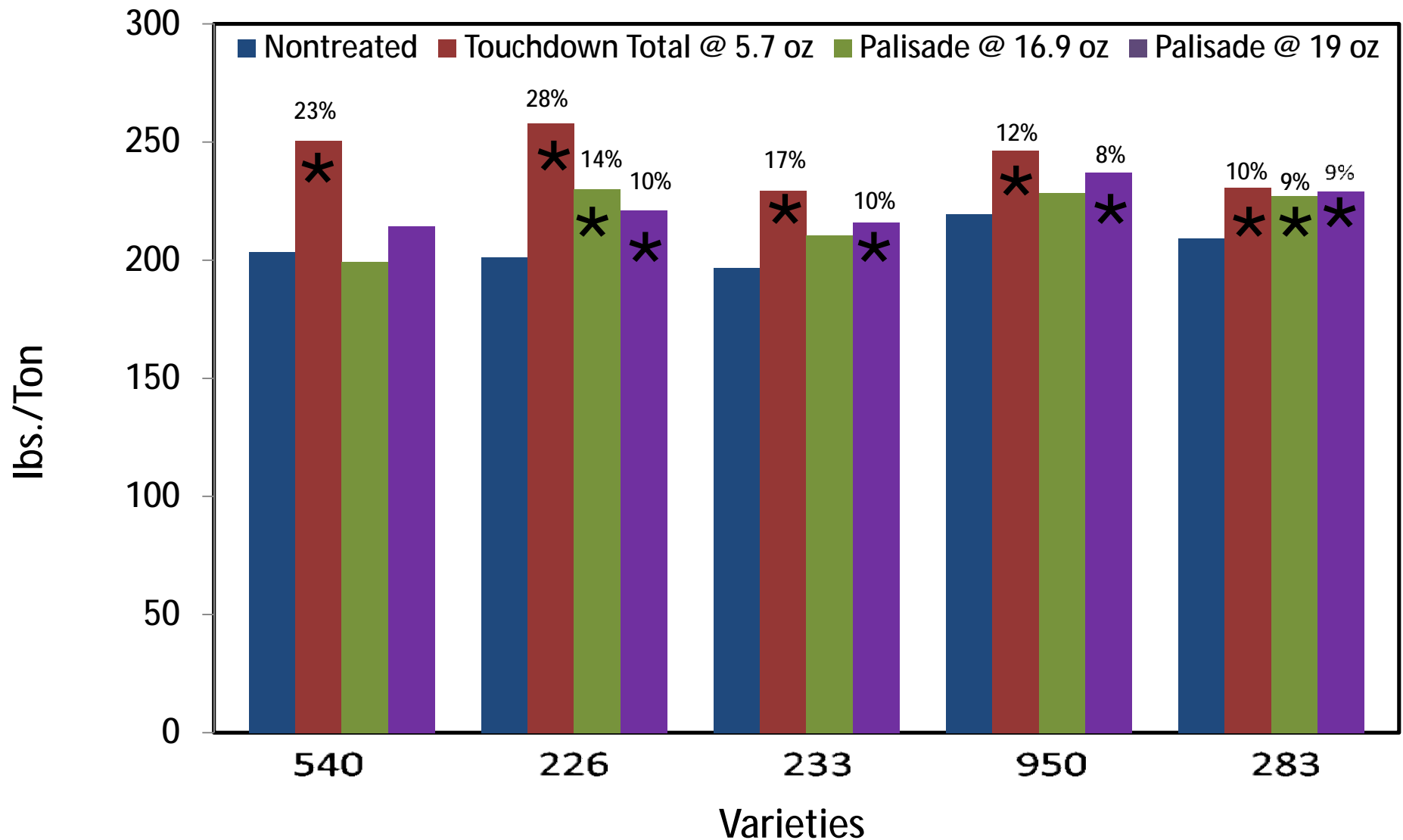
**Nontreated 39.7 tons/Acre**

Ripener treatment	Average
Touchdown Total <sup>®</sup> @ 5.7 oz/A	-9.2% *
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 16.9 oz/A	-6.1% *
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 19.0 oz/A	-6.9% *

# Theoretical Recoverable Sugar (TRS)

## 8 Weeks After Treatment

(P<.05)



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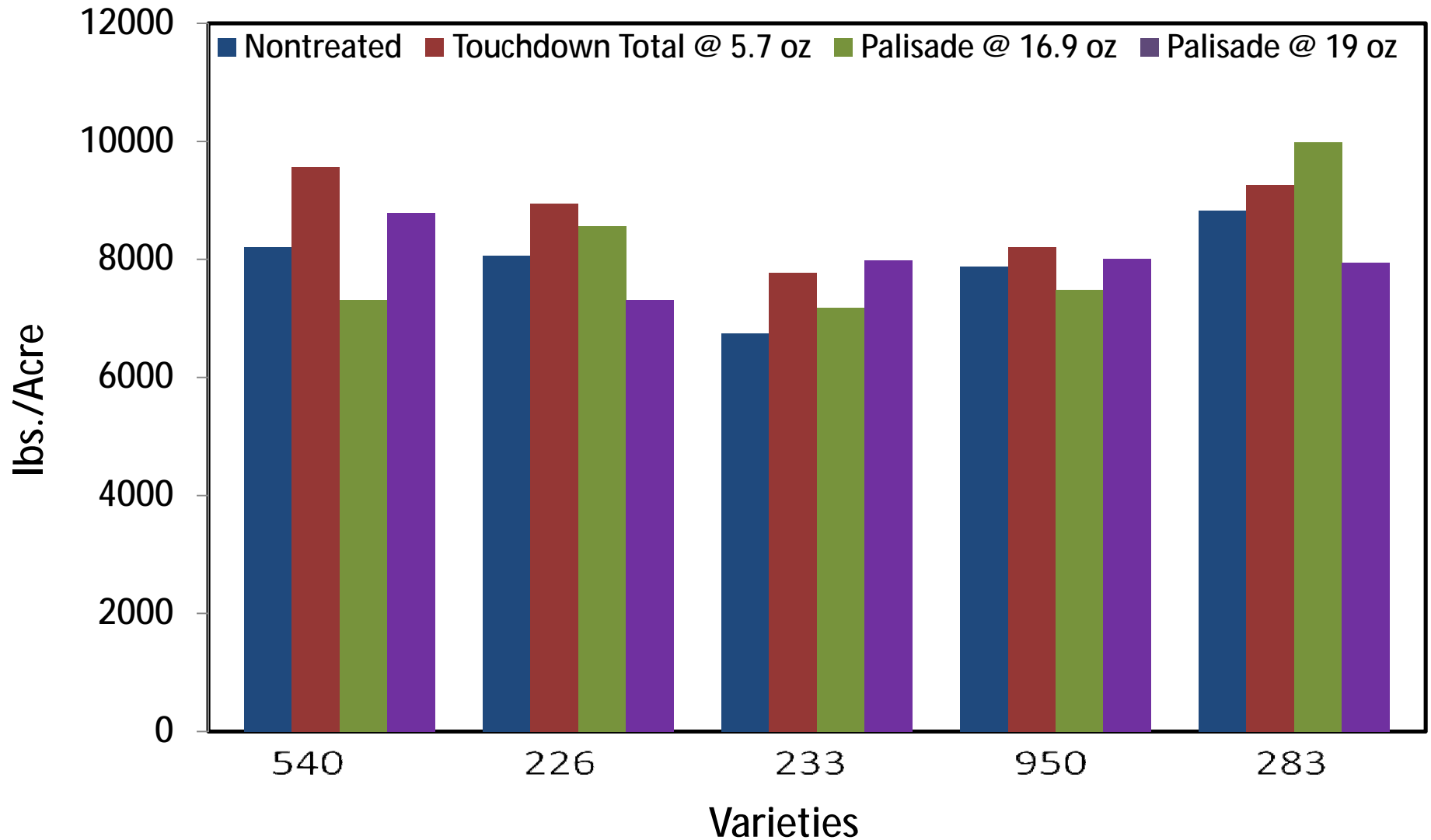
Nontreated 206 lbs./Ton

Ripener treatment	Average
Touchdown Total <sup>®</sup> @ 5.7 oz/A	18.1% **
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 16.9 oz/A	6.4% *
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 19.0 oz/A	8.5% *



# Sugar Yield (SPA)

## 8 Weeks After Treatment



# Percent Change in Sugar Yield (Sugar Per Acre)

Averaged Across Varieties

Nontreated 7941 lbs./Acre

Ripener treatment	Average
Touchdown Total <sup>®</sup> @ 5.7 oz/A	10.4% *
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 16.9 oz/A	2.0%
Palisade <sup>®</sup> @ 19.0 oz/A	1.5%

# Conclusions

- Sugarcane tonnage as an average of all varieties was negatively affected by both glyphosate (Touchdown Total®) and Palisade®.
- TRS and sugar per acre for all sugarcane varieties treated with glyphosate were greater compared with their respective nontreated controls. TRS was increased an average of 18% and sugar per acre an average of 10%.
- A significant increase in TRS was observed with Palisade® applied at both rates for 226 and 283 (9 to 14%) and for the high rates for 950 and 233 (8 and 10%). TRS was not affected when applied to 540.
- Sugar per acre averaged across varieties was increased by 10.4% with Touchdown Total® and no more than 2% for Palisade®.
- Sugar per acre response to Palisade® was inconsistent amongst varieties and sugar per acre was not significantly increased as an average of all varieties.

# Variety by Glyphosate by Harvest Interval Study



- Varieties: 540, 226, 233, 950, 283, 299, 371, & 838
- Ripener treatments:
  - Touchdown Total® @ 5.7 oz/A  
(equivalent to 6 oz/A Polado L®)
  - Nontreated control
- Harvest interval: 4 and 6 weeks after treatment
- Plot size: 6 ft wide by 20 ft long
- Experimental design: Split Plot, 3 reps
- Year: 2011 (plant cane)

# Glyphosate Effect Averaged Across Varieties and Harvest Intervals

Ripener treatment	Tonnage	TRS	SPA	MSTWWT	Fiber
Glyphosate	34.7 B	237 A	8270 A	2.09 A	11.3 A
Nontreated	37.0 A	215 B	7838 A	2.13 A	11.5 A



# Harvest Interval Effect Averaged Across Varieties and Ripener Treatments

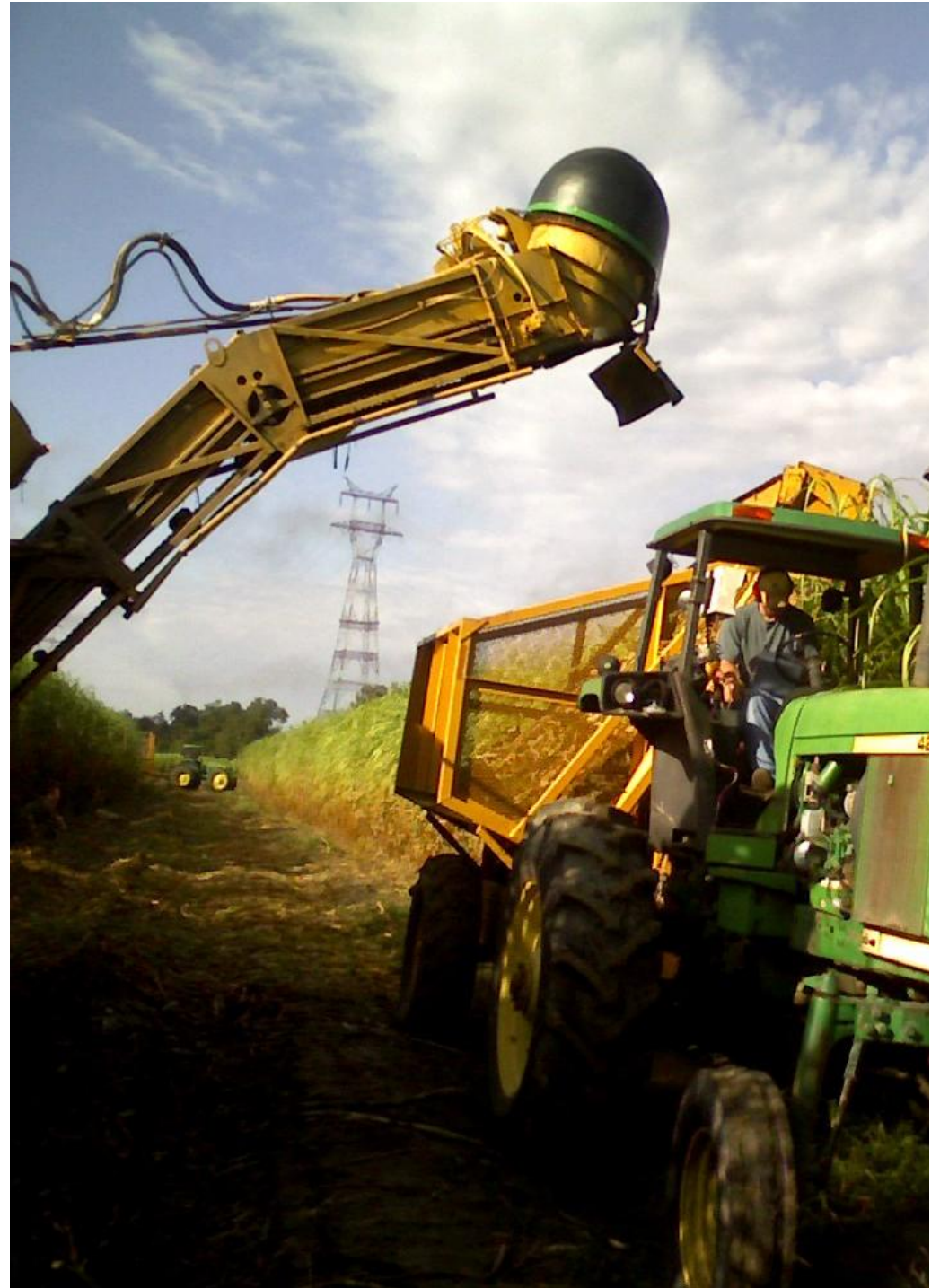
Harvest interval	Ripener treatment	Tonnage	TRS	SPA	MSTWT	Fiber
4 weeks	---	29.9 B	211 B	6186 B	2.07 A	10.9 B
6 weeks	---	<b>41.8 A</b>	<b>241 A</b>	<b>9923 A</b>	2.15 A	<b>11.9 A</b>
Harvest interval	Ripener treatment	Tonnage	TRS	SPA	MSTWT	Fiber
4 weeks	Glyphosate	29.0 A	221 A	6362 A	2.07 A	10.9 A
4 weeks	None	30.8 A	201 A	6009 A	2.07 A	11.0 A
6 weeks	Glyphosate	40.3 A	254 A	10179 A	2.10 A	11.8 A
6 weeks	None	43.3 A	228 A	9667 A	2.19 A	12.0 A

# Conclusions

- Averaged across varieties, sugarcane tonnage decreased and TRS increased when glyphosate (Touchdown Total) ripener was applied. Sugar per acre was numerically greater when glyphosate ripener was applied.
- Cane tonnage, TRS, and Sugar Yield was much greater at 6 weeks compared to 4 weeks, indicative of favorable growth conditions during the additional 2 weeks.

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# Questions?

