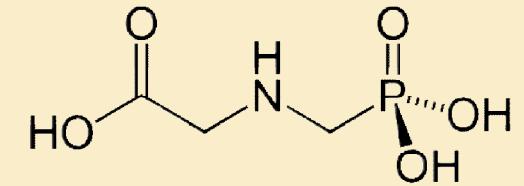


# **Alternative Ripeners: How does Trinexapac Compare with Glyphosate?**



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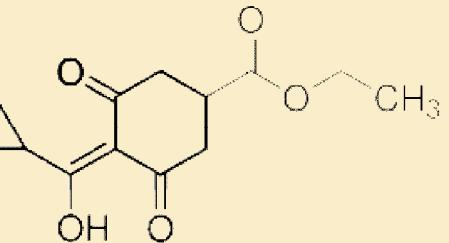
# Glyphosate



- .. Mode of action:
  - ı Inhibits EPSPS (5-enolpyruvalshikimate-3-phosphate synthase)
  - ı Needed for production of aromatic amino acids
  - ı Translocated to meristems of plants (shoot apex)
  - ı Death of plants is most frequent outcome



# Trinexapac-ethyl



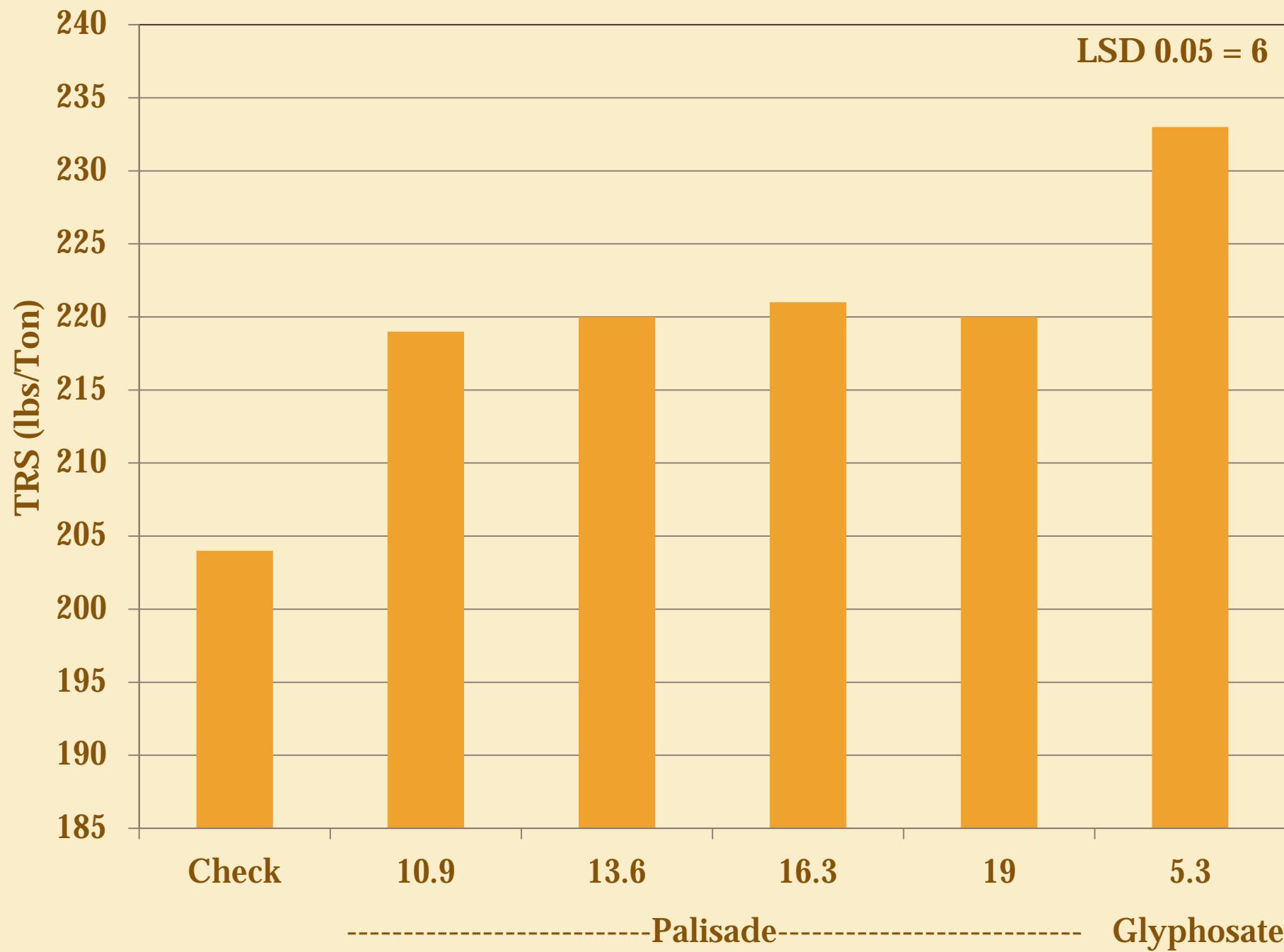
- .. Mode of action:

- ı Late Gibberellic Acid Synthesis Inhibitor
  - ı Needed for cell elongation
  - ı Regulation of cell elongation last 4 to 8 weeks
  - ı No negative long-term effects



# **Moddus (trinexapac-ethyl)**

- .. Trials with Palisade 2.1 EC at USDA-ARS
  - : Nine trials conducted from 2004-2010
  - : Rates evaluated: from 10.9 to 19 oz/A
  - : Compared to glyphosate
    - ú 5.3 oz Roundup PowerMAX or WeatherMAX
    - ú 6 oz Polado L
    - ú 5.7 oz Touchdown Total
  - : Trials were conducted in HoCP 96-540, LCP 85-384 and L 97-128



# 2013 Varietal Ripener Trial



# Varietal Response to Ripener Application

## .. Study Information:

### i Ripeners:

- ú Glyphosate (5.3 oz/A Roundup PowerMax)
- ú Trinexapac-ethyl (11 oz/A Palisade)

### i Reps: 4

### i Application Date: Aug 21, 2012

- ú Applied using two-row hand-held spray boom (10 GPA)

### i Harvest: 10 hand-cut stalks

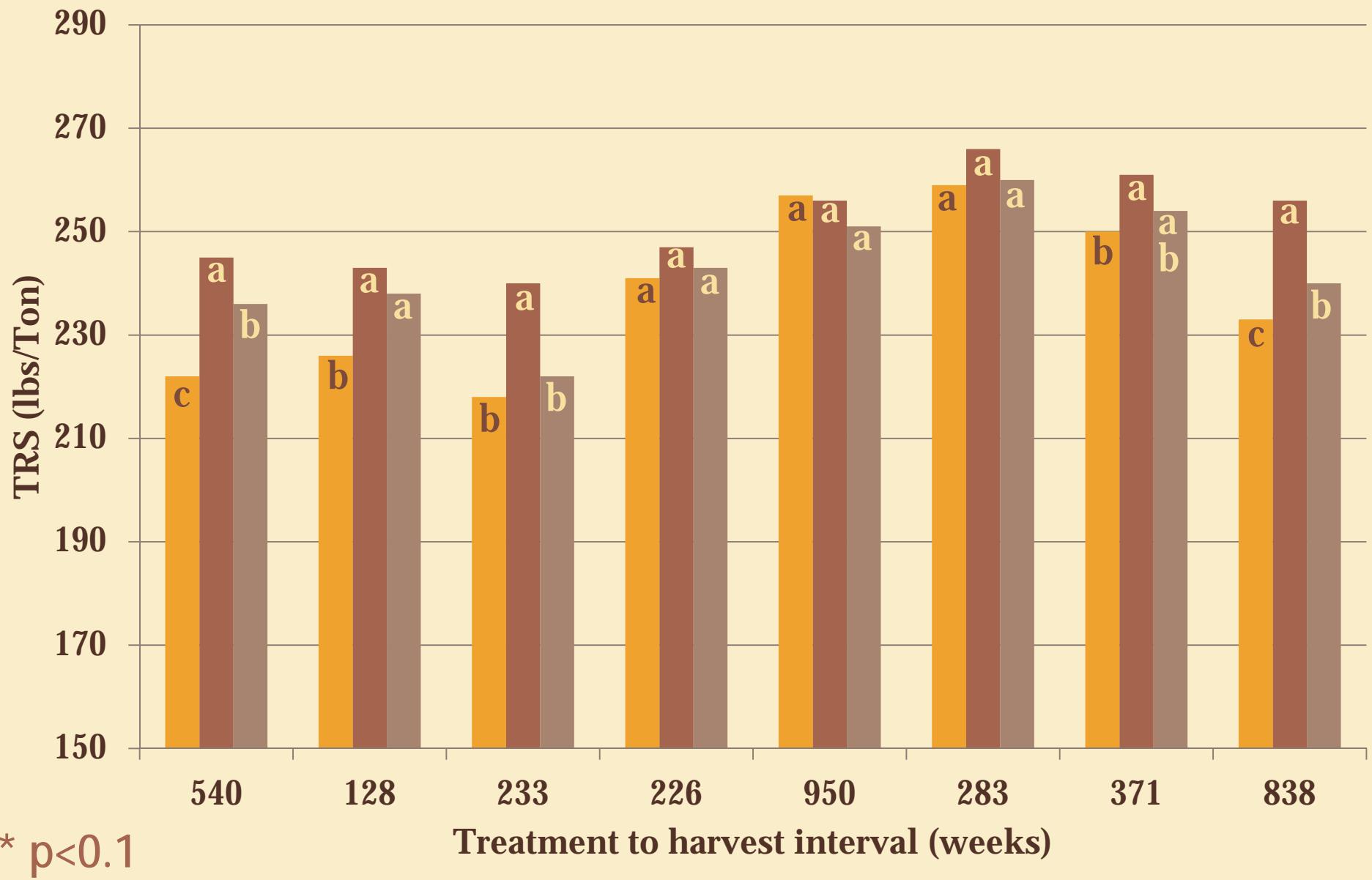
- ú 4, 5, 6, and 7 weeks after application

## .. Varieties Tested:

- i HoCP 96-540
- i L 97-128
- i L99-226
- i L 99-233
- i Ho 00-950
- i L 01-283
- i L03-371
- i L04-838

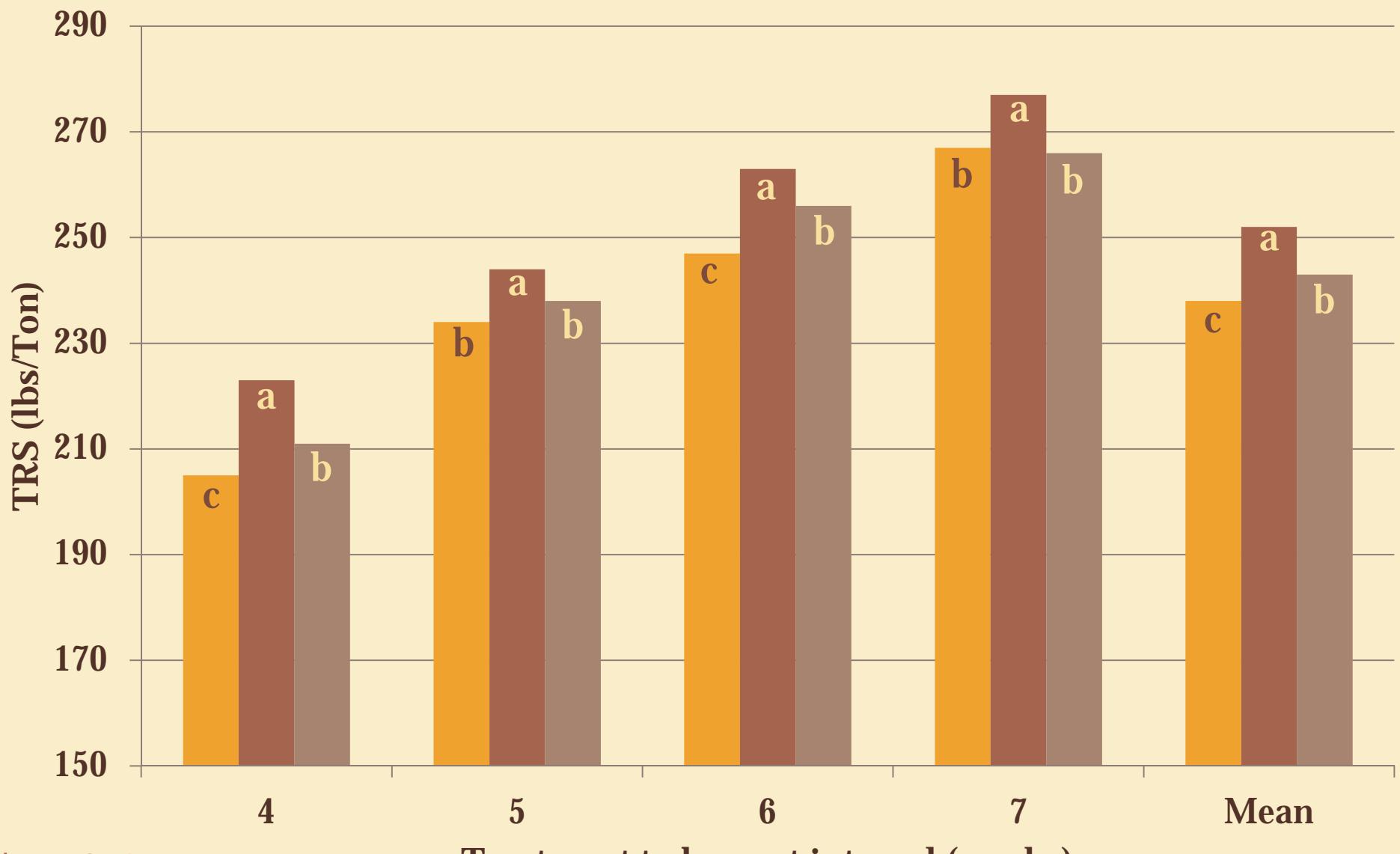
# Average of four harvest dates

Control    glyphosate    trinexapac



# Average of eight varieties

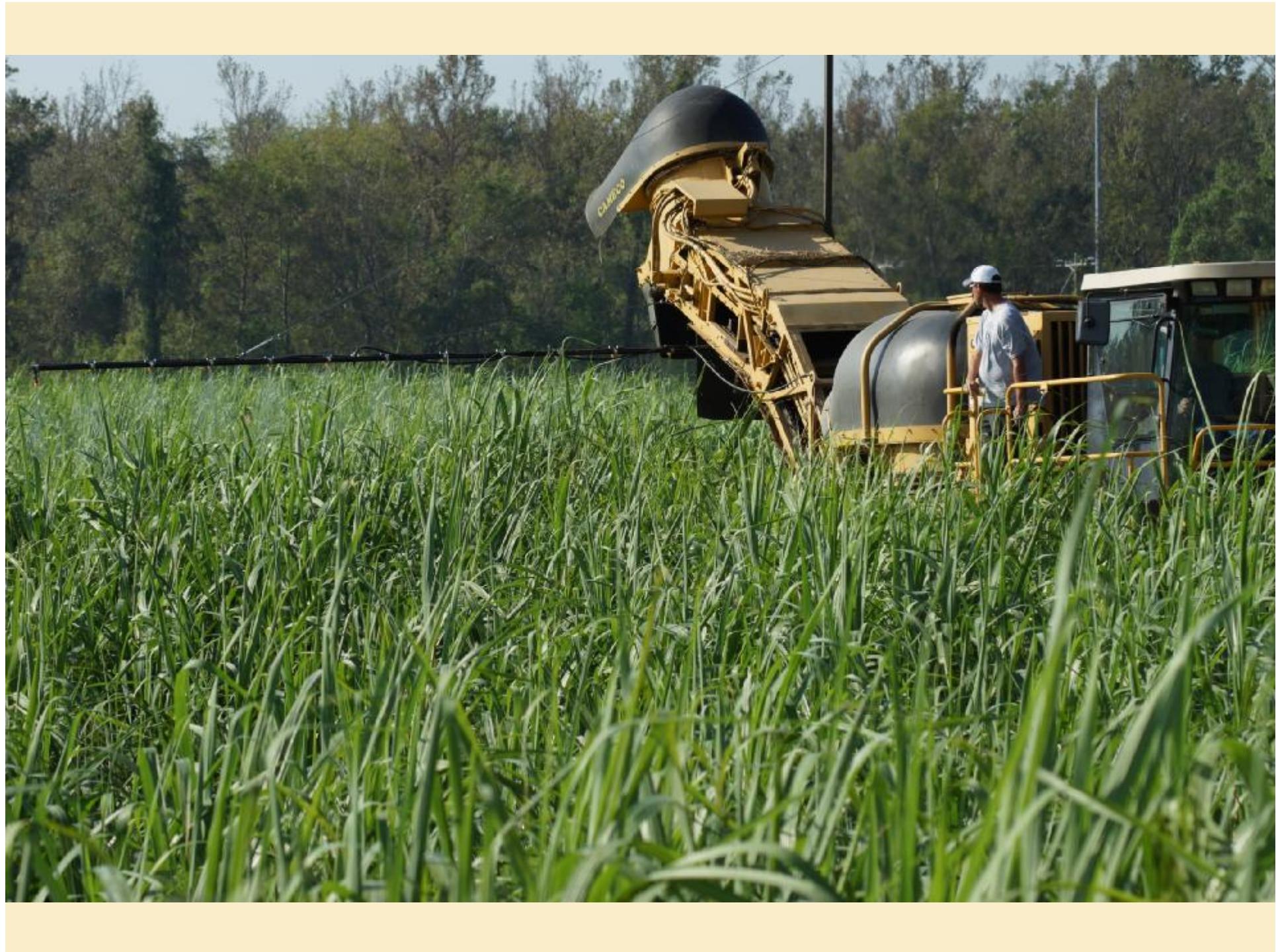
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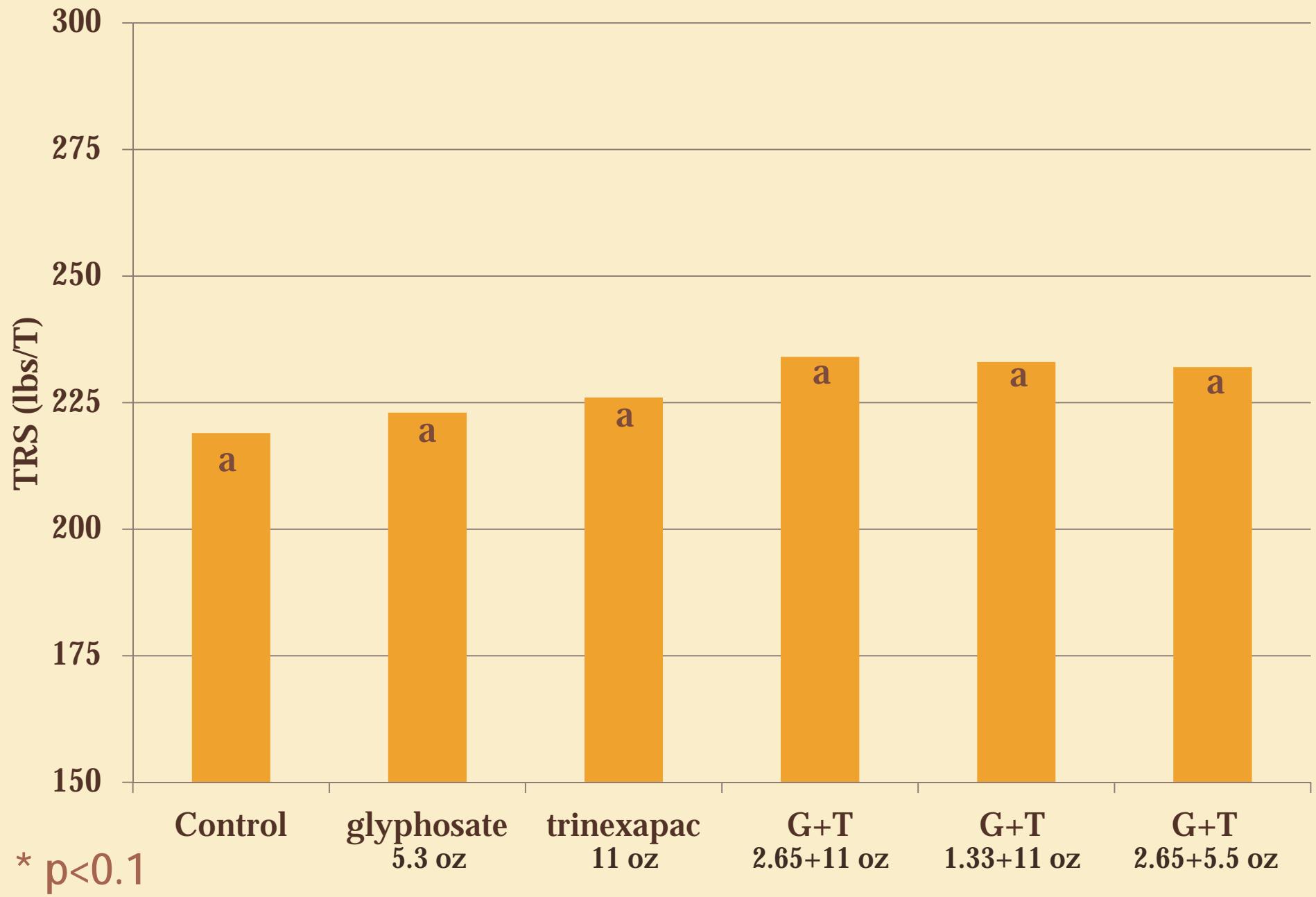
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# Trinexapac Tank-mix with Glyphosate

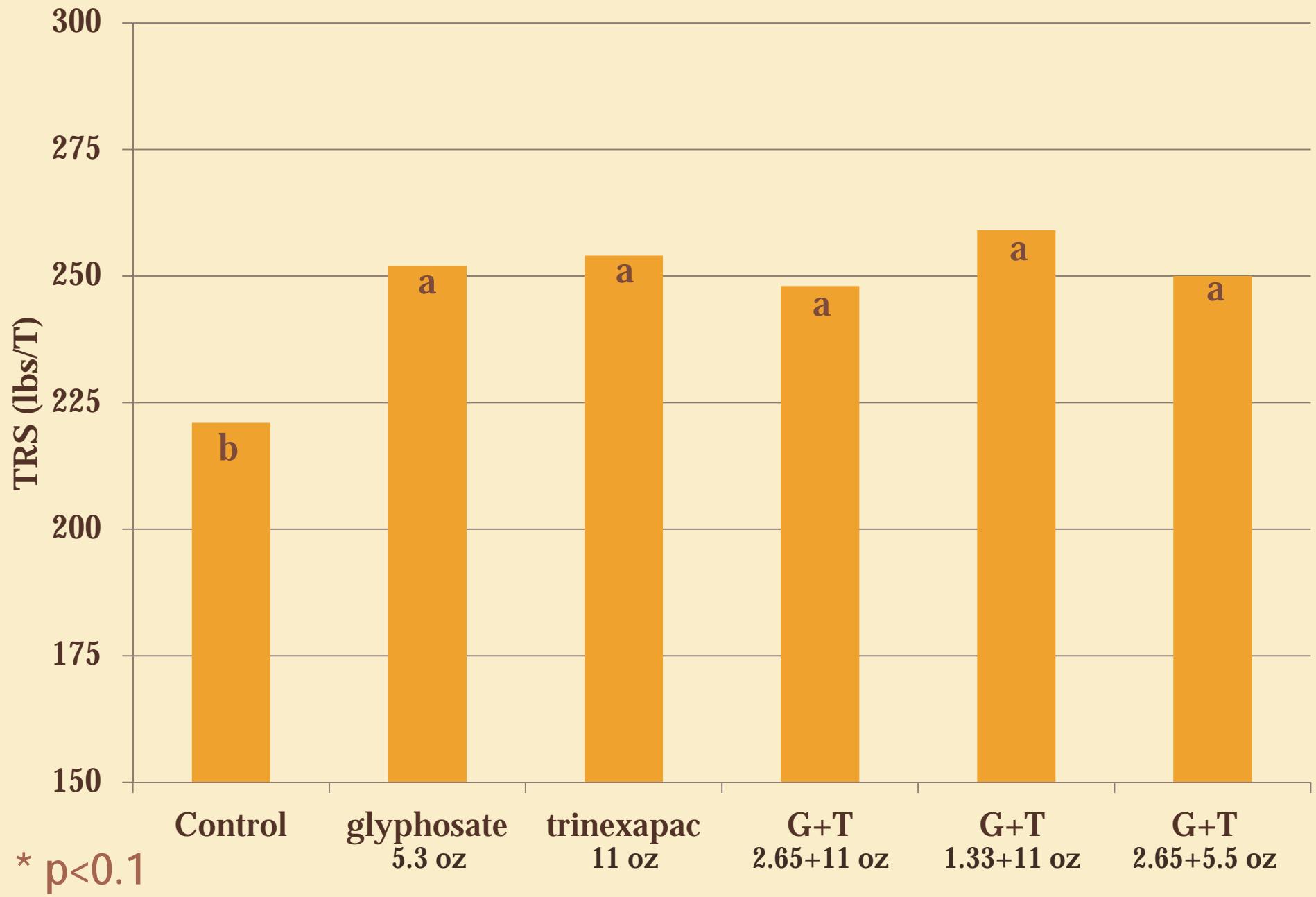
- .. Trial conducted in second-stubble HoCP 96-540
  - : Treatments
    - ú Roundup PowerMAX (5.3 oz/A)
    - ú Palisade (11 oz/A)
    - ú 0.5X PowerMAX + Palisade (2.65 + 11 oz/A)
    - ú 0.25X PowerMAX + Palisade (1.33 + 11 oz/A)
    - ú 0.5X PowerMAX + 0.5X Palisade (2.65 + 5.5 oz/A)
    - ú Non-treated control
  - : Harvest
    - ú 10 stalk sample (continuous)
    - ú 4, 6, 8, and 10 weeks after application
  - : Experimental design
    - ú Plot size: 3 rows wide by 40 feet in length
    - ú 4 reps
    - ú 10 gallons/A @ 4 MPH
    - ú Applied on August 21, 2012
      - Tractor-mounted (Cameco 3500) spray boom



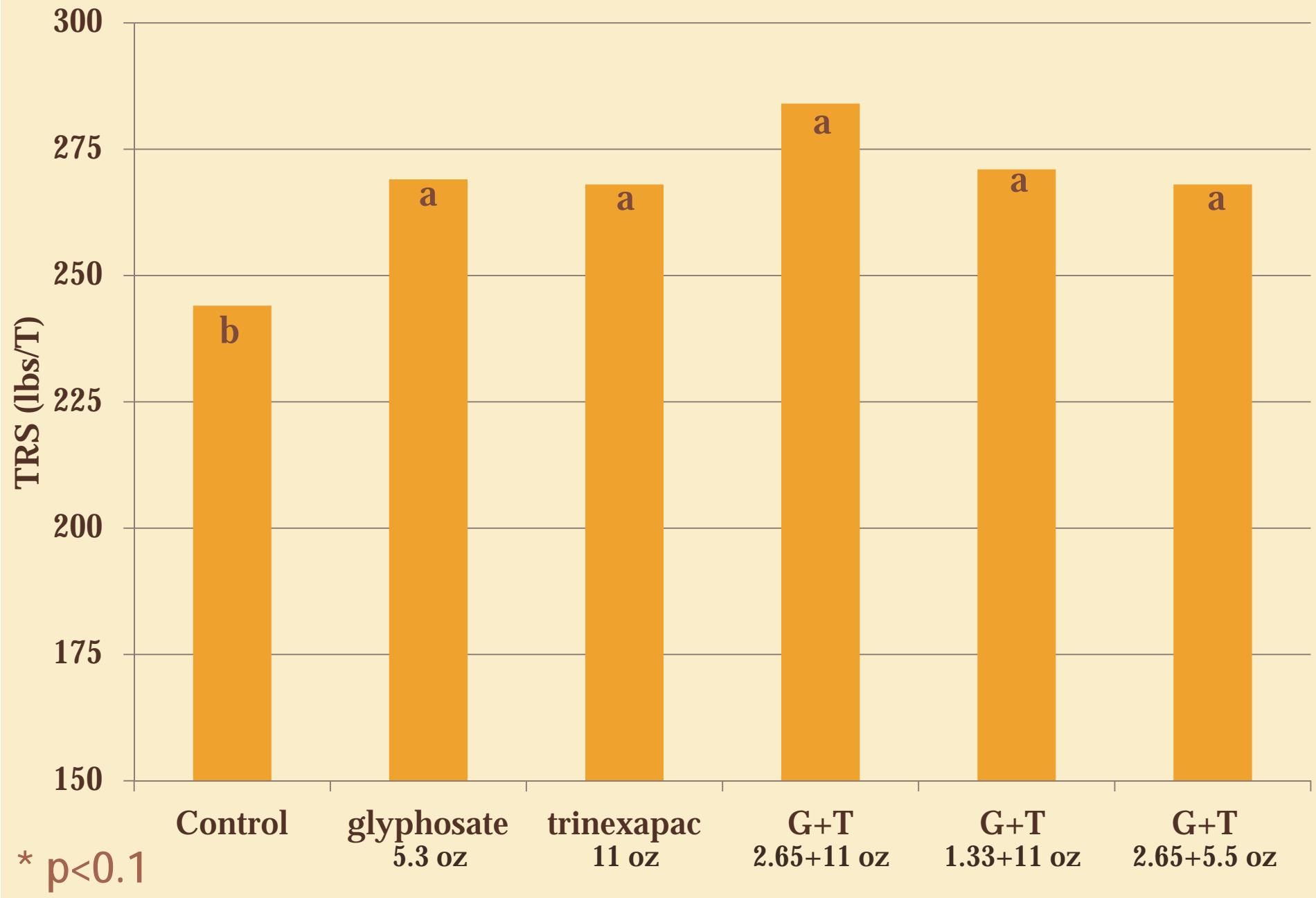
# TRS: 4 WAT



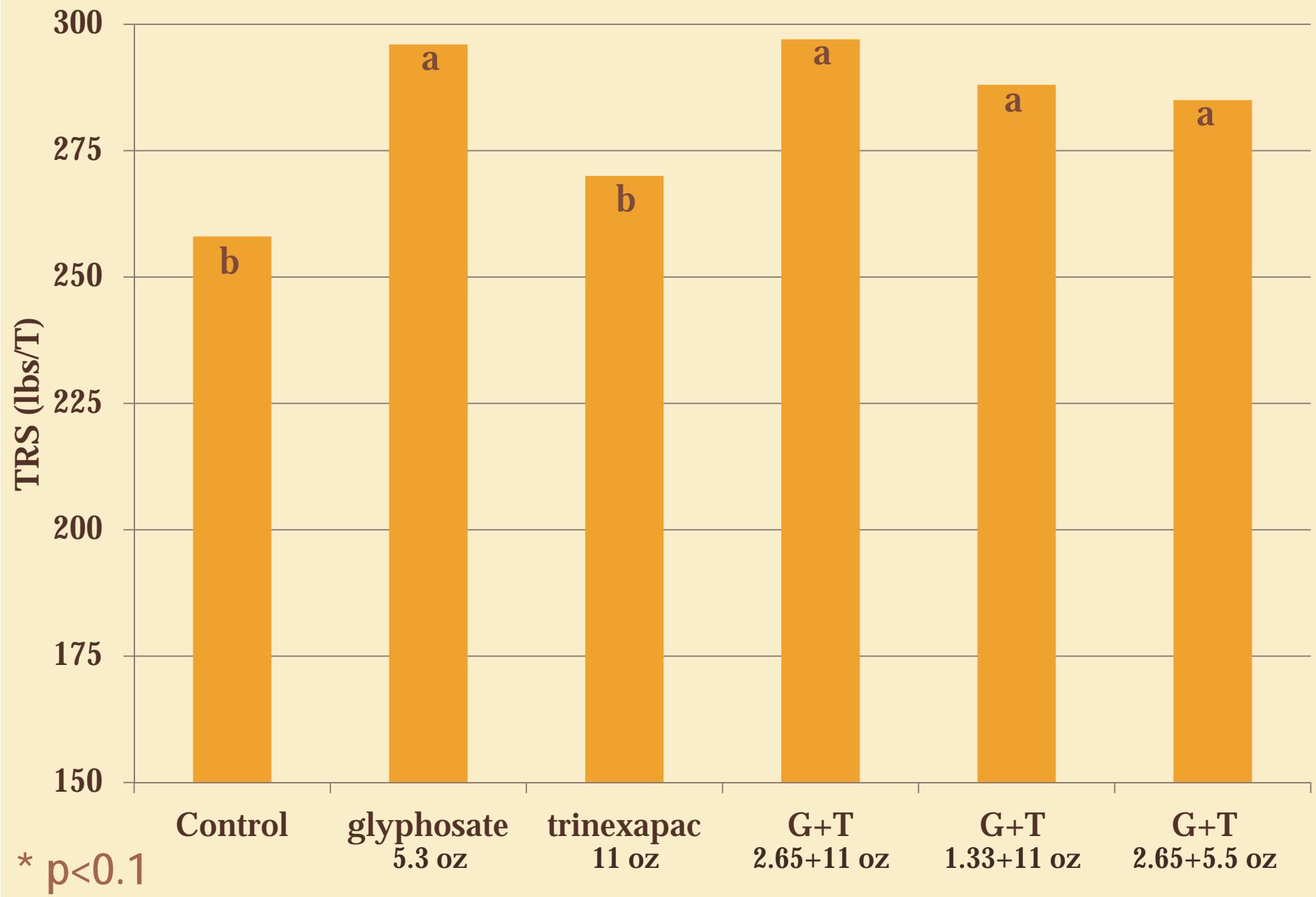
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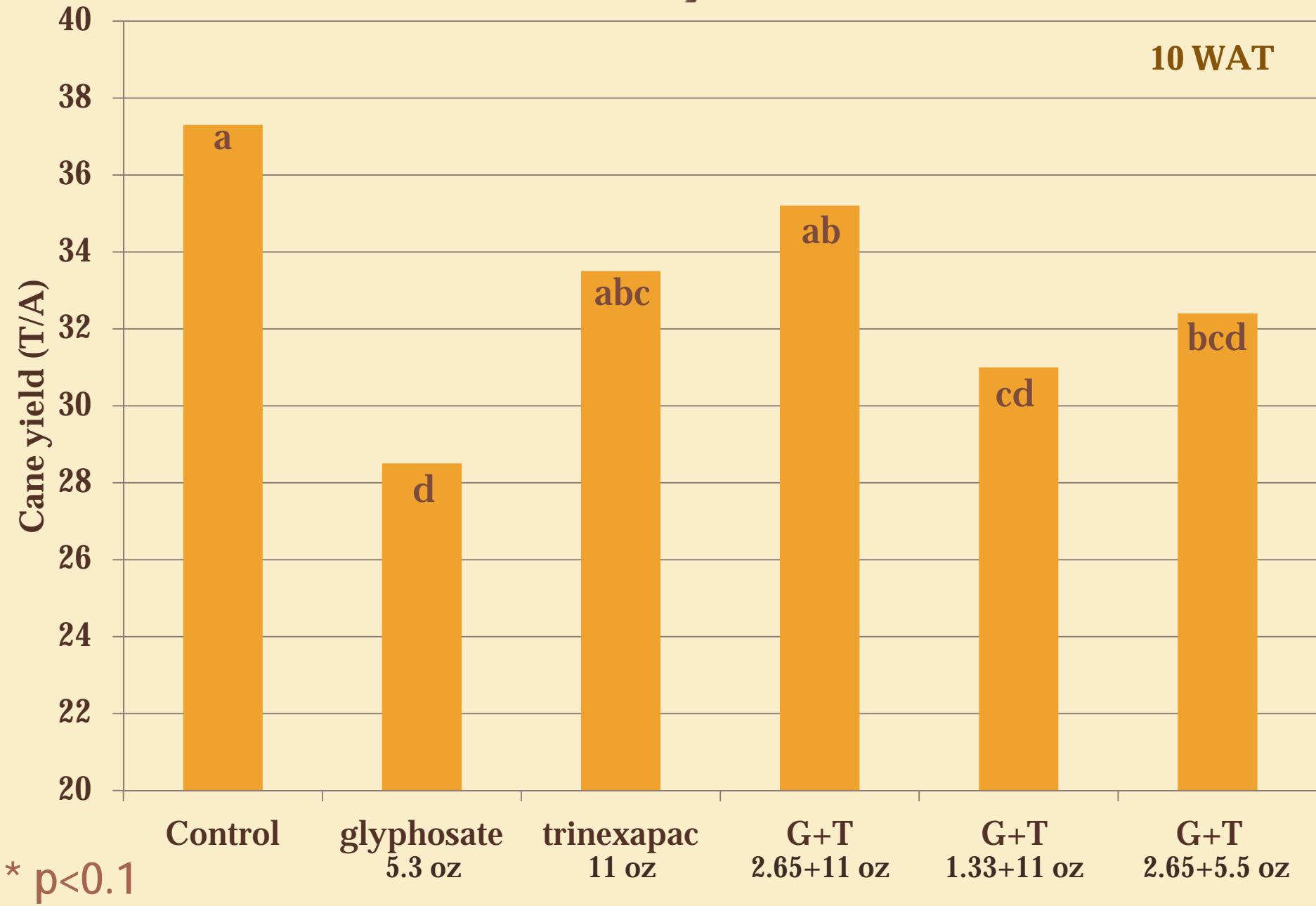
# TRS: 8 WAT



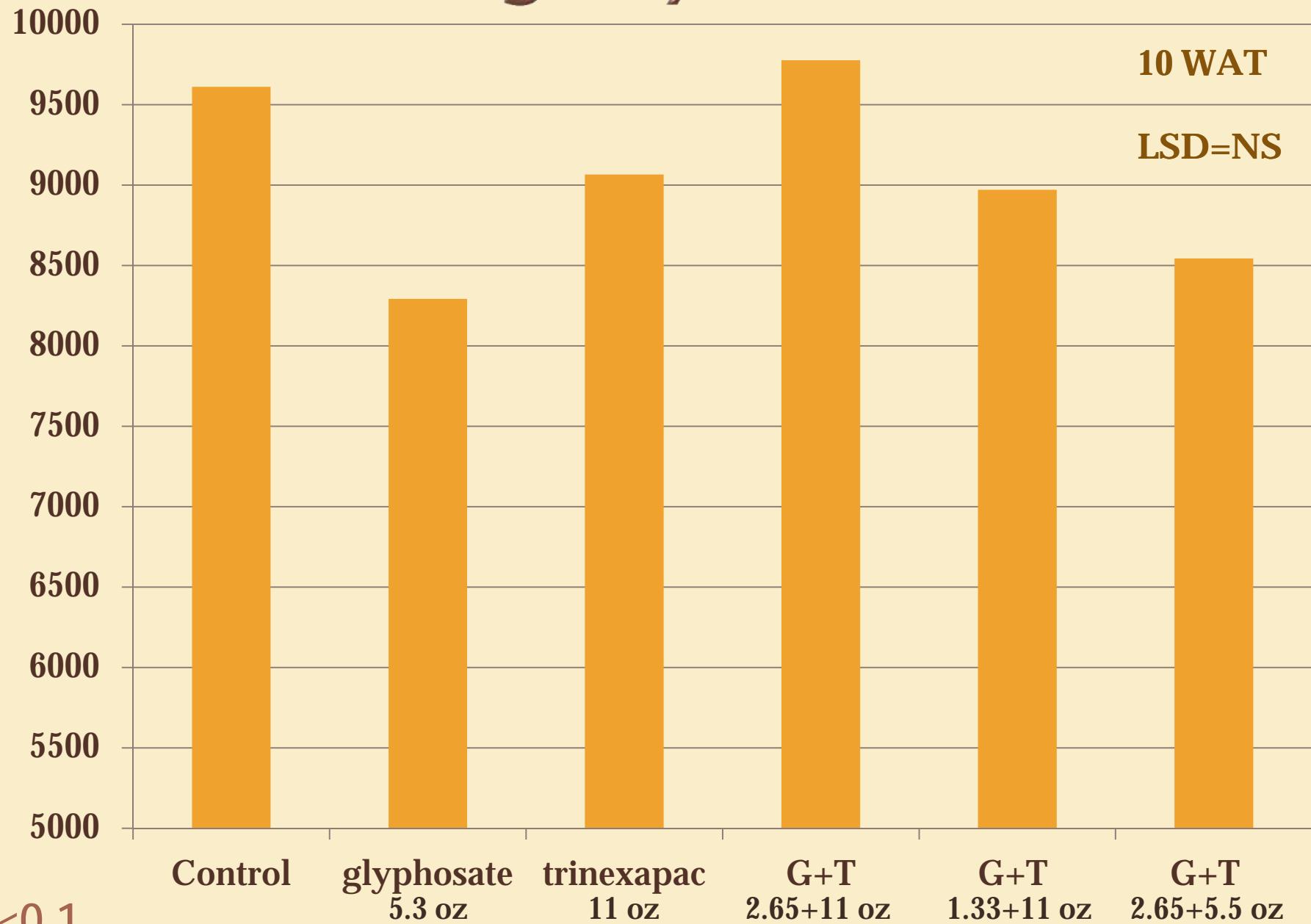
# TRS: 10 WAT



# Cane yield



# Sugar yield



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## Nontreated harvested 10 WAT; Picture taken 2/11/2013

17.8 shoots per meter row



**Glyphosate (5.3 oz/A) harvested 10 WAT; Picture taken 2/11/2013**

**10.1 shoots per meter row**



**Trinexapac (11 oz/A) harvested 10 WAT; Picture taken 2/11/2013**

**19.8 shoots per meter row**



**Glyphosate 0.5X (2.65 oz/A) + Trinexapac (11 oz/A)**  
**harvested 10 WAT; Picture taken 2/11/2013**

**18.6 shoots per meter row**



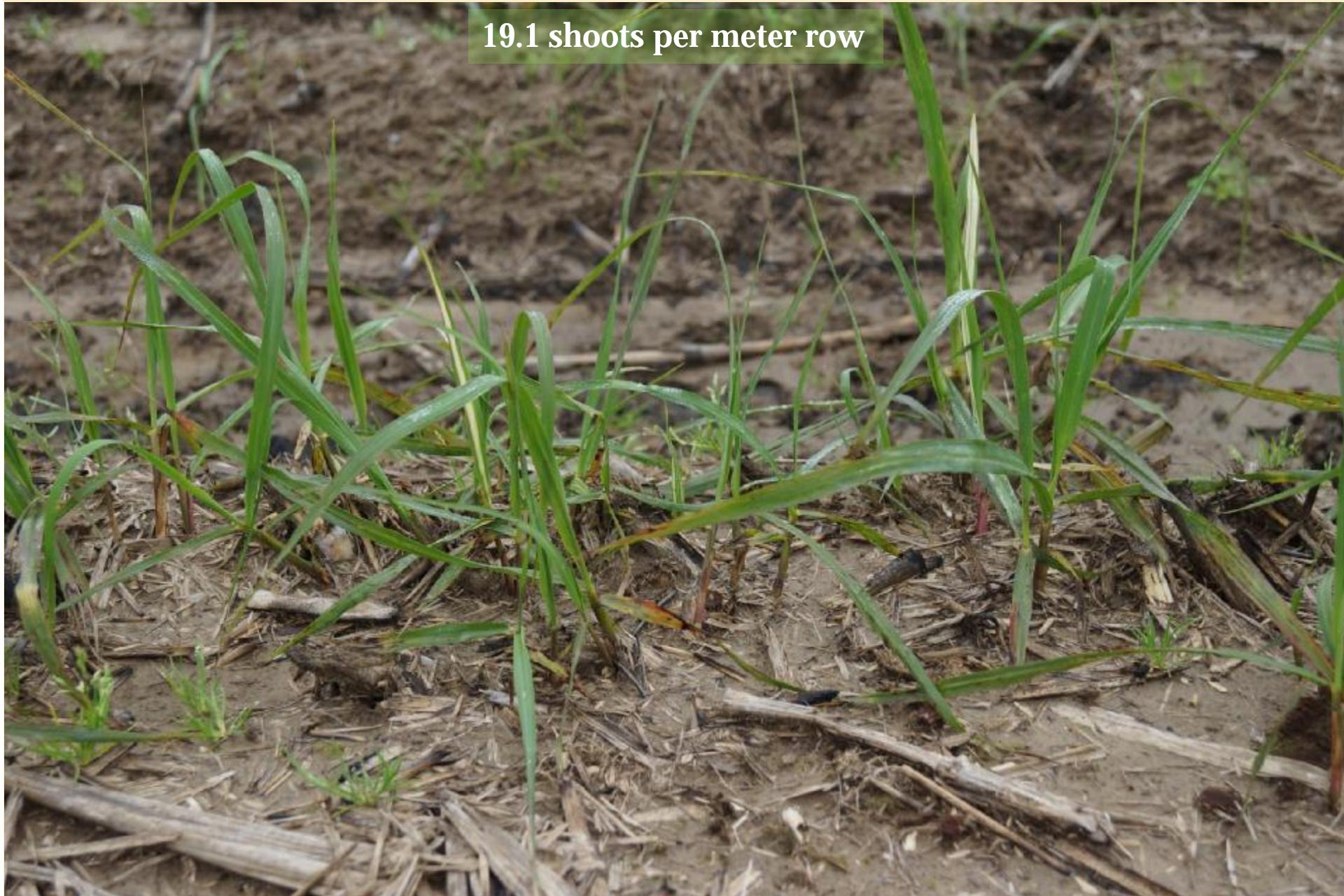
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harvested 10 WAT; Picture taken 2/11/2013**

**21.1 shoots per meter row**



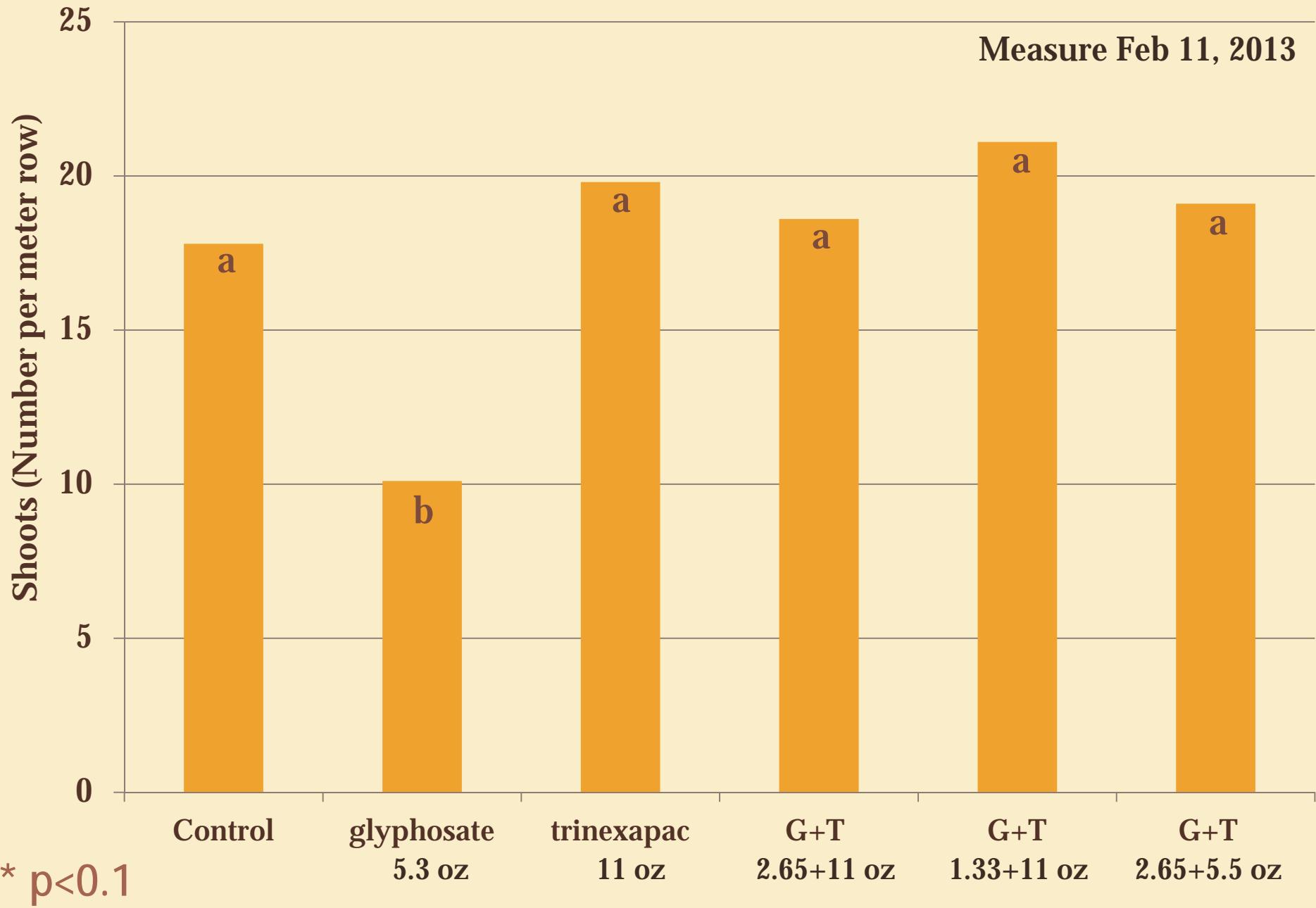
**Glyphosate 0.5X (2.65 oz/A) + Trinexapac 0.5X (5.5 oz/A)  
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**19.1 shoots per meter row**



# HoCP 96-540

Measure Feb 11, 2013



# **Moddus (trinexapac-ethyl)**

- .. **Advantages:**
  - : Excellent crop safety: no long-term effect or carryover
    - ú Some reports (Brazil) of stimulation to root growth
  - : No restrictions on crop age
    - ú can be used in plant cane through last stubble
  - : Safety
    - ú no injury to adjacent crops or urban/suburban areas
    - ú Low toxicity (caution)
  - : Wide window for harvest
    - ú 28 to 60 days after application

# **Moddus (trinexapac-ethyl)**

- .. **Disadvantages**
  - : Not as great a response as glyphosate
  - : Varietal response not well known but there are going to be differences in sensitivity and response
- .. **Research needed**
  - : Varietal response to trinexapac
  - : Tank mixes of glyphosate and trinexapac
  - : Effects of repeated annual applications through complete crop cycle
  - : Sugarcane response to timing of application during harvest season (early, mid, late)

# Thank You!

