

Is Your Nitrogen Disappearing Into Thin Air?



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Seeding too early runs the risk of cold shock and damage from late spring frosts. Seeding too late reduces yield and increases the chance of fall damage and green seed.

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buying planters, for example, he said.

A study in 2016 looked at the influence of fall cultivation and seeding date on soybean production.

Treatment list included soybeans seeded May 5, May 16 and May 24 cultivated in the fall com-
dates

“East Central”
not
“Essential”

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Main Avenues of Nitrogen Loss

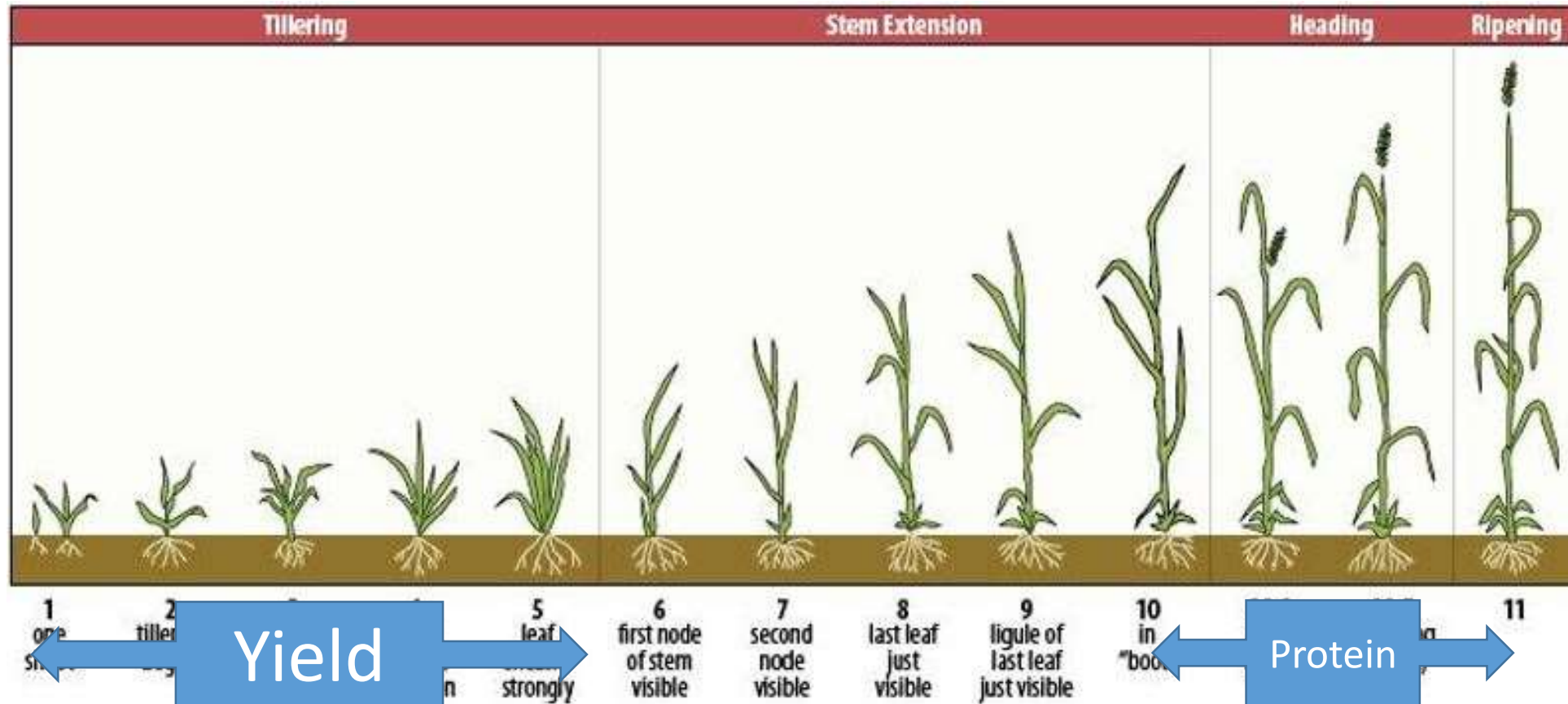
- Volatilization: $\text{NH}_4^+ \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}^+$ ↑
- Denitrification: $\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ↑
- Leaching: NO_3^- ↓

4Rs of Nitrogen Management

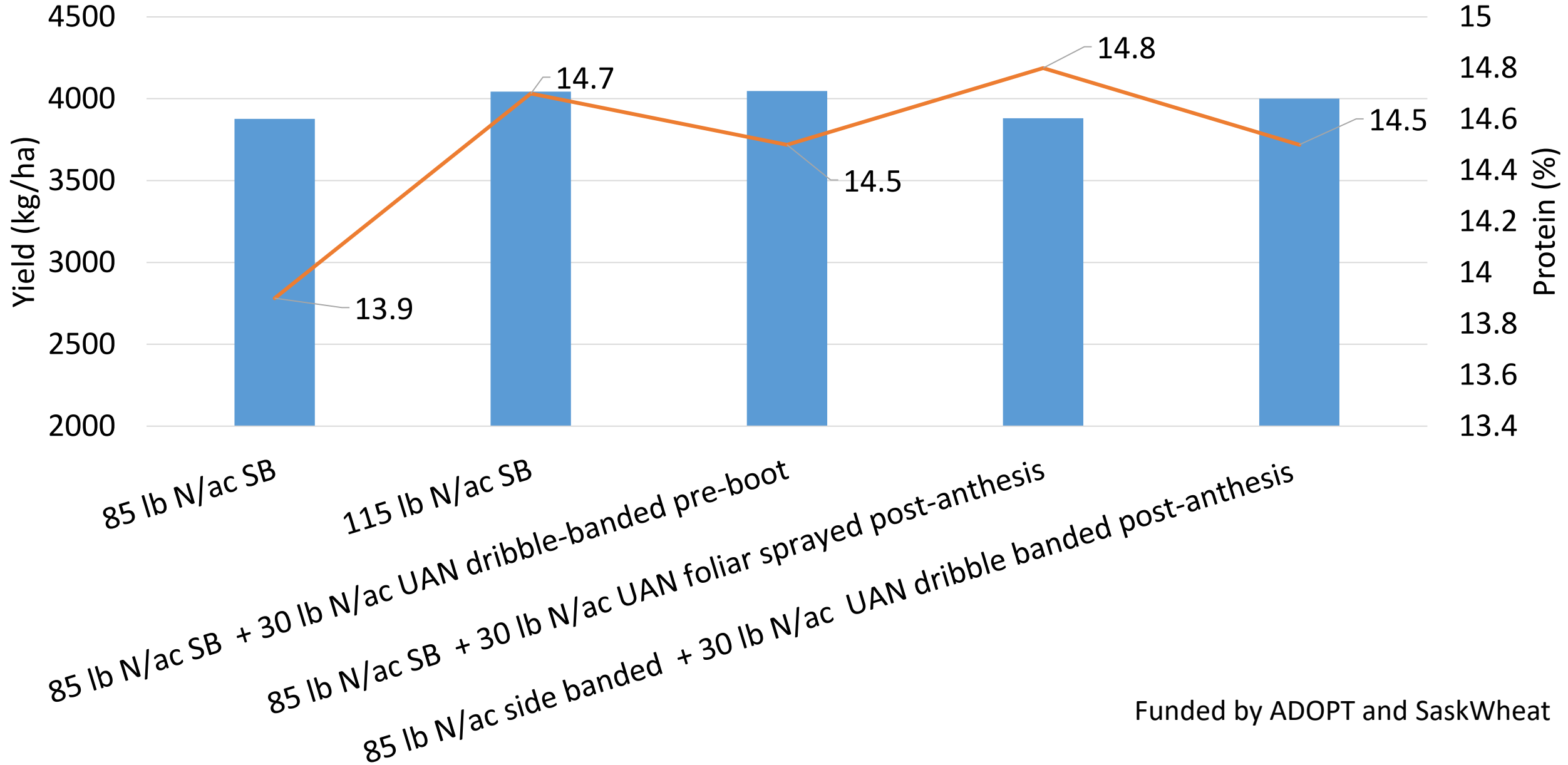
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- Post seeding applications?

- Applications of N prior to 5 leaf stage mostly go towards yield (needs rain)
- Application of N at boot or after flowering go most towards protein (needs rain)



Impact of Late Season Nitrogen on Wheat Yield and Protein (2018-averaged over 7 locations by 2 nitrogen rates)



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Demonstrating 4R Nitrogen Principle in Wheat and Canola

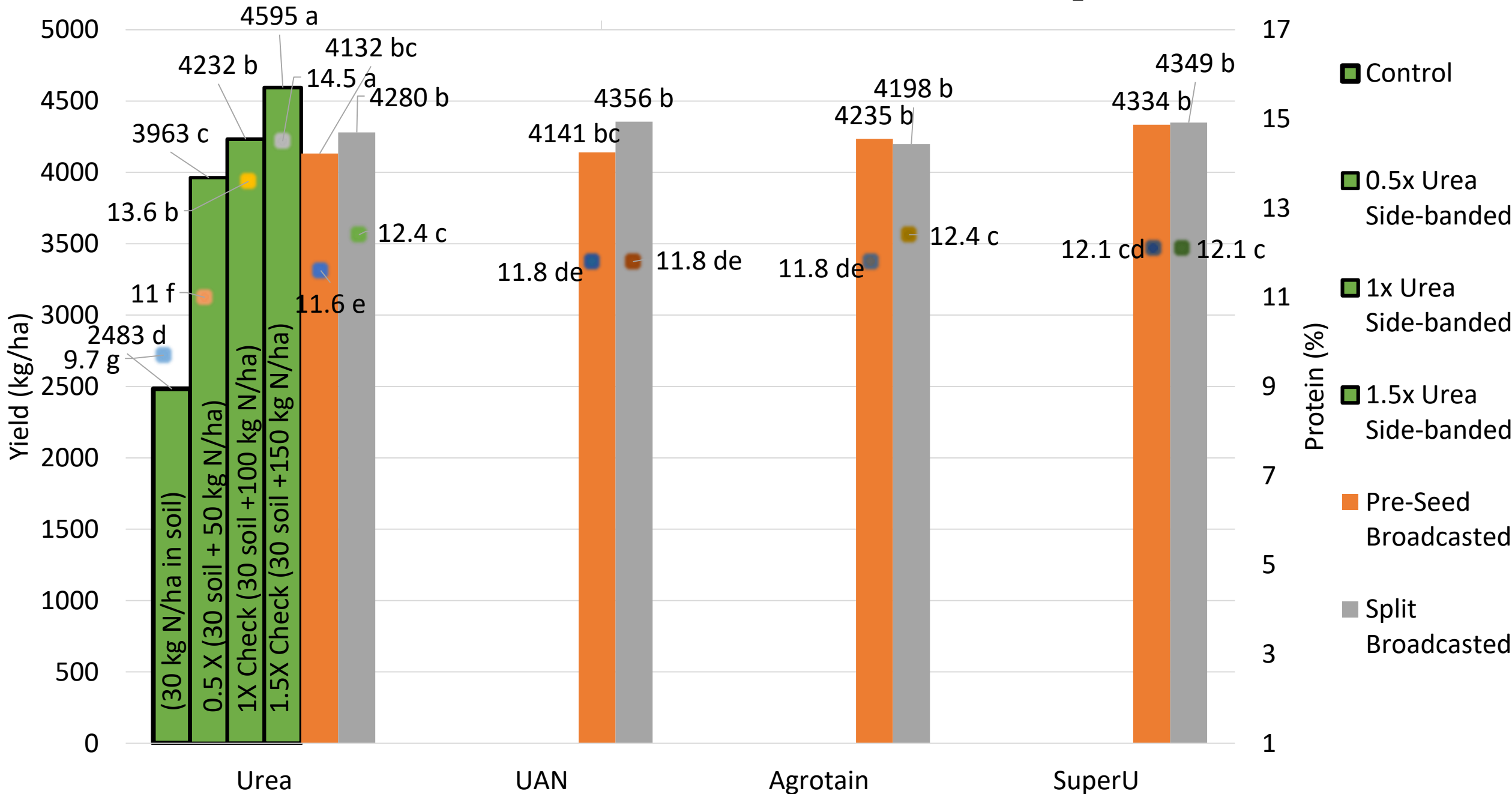
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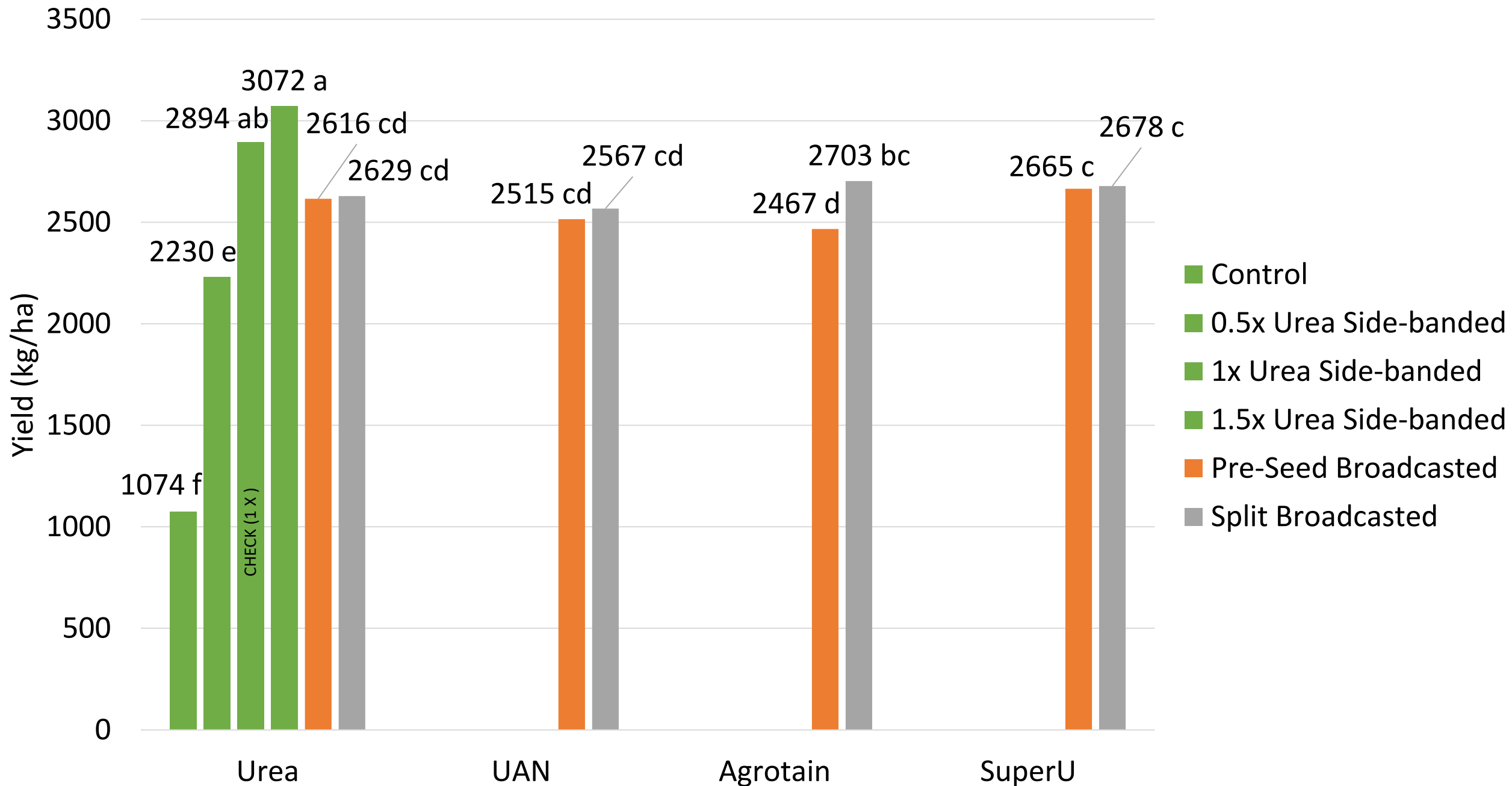
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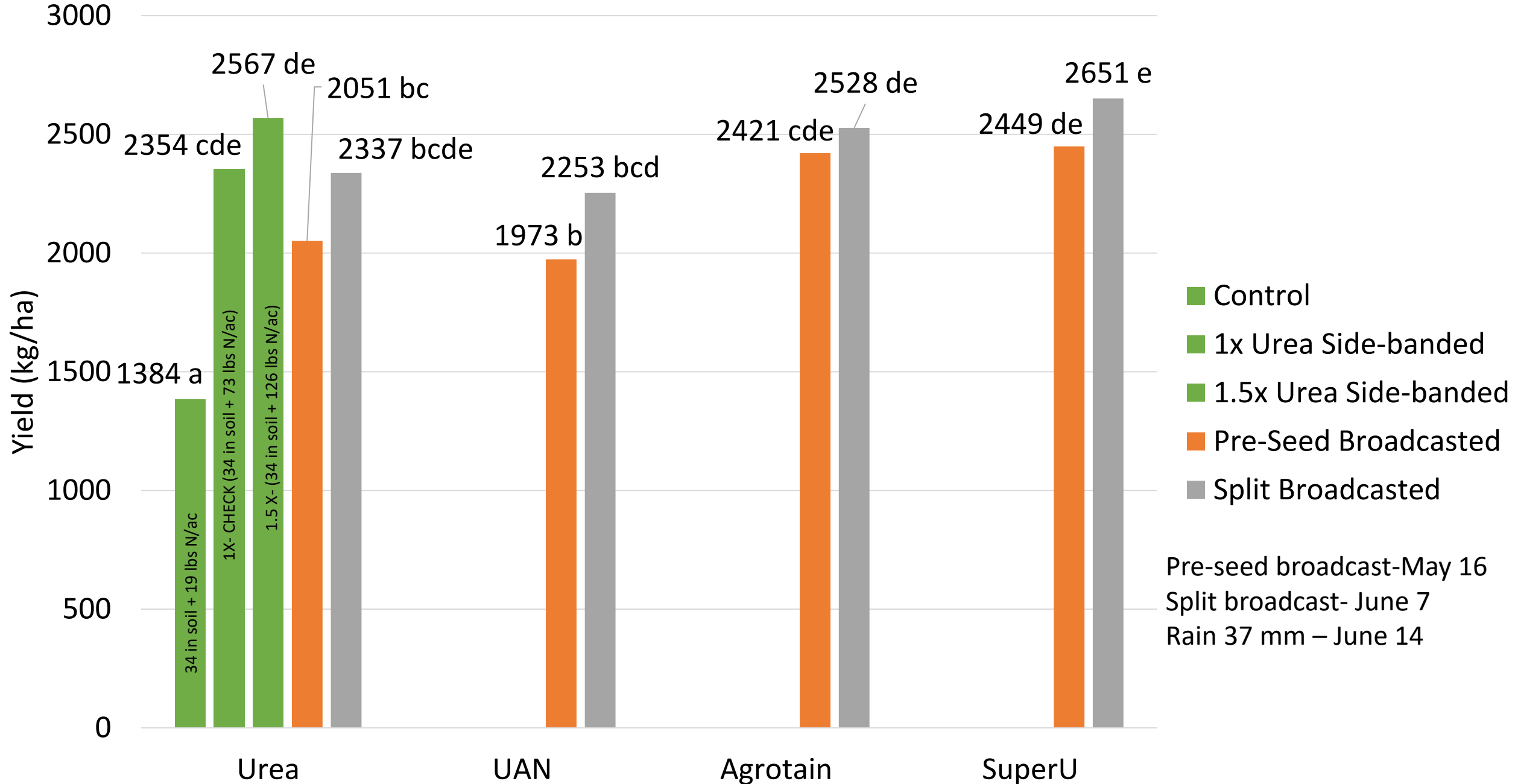
IHARF Nitrogen Product and Placement Effects on Wheat Yield (2017)



IHARF Nitrogen Product and Placements Effects on Canola Yield (2017)



ECRF Nitrogen Product and Placements Effects on Canola Yield (2017)



4R Fall Applied Urea to Spring Wheat 2018



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Broadcast Urea and SUPERU

- Early Fall (Oct. 2)
- Late Fall (Oct. 27)
- Early Winter on 10 cm of snow (Nov. 5)

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Banded Urea Checks

- Late Fall (Oct. 27)
- Side banded at seeding





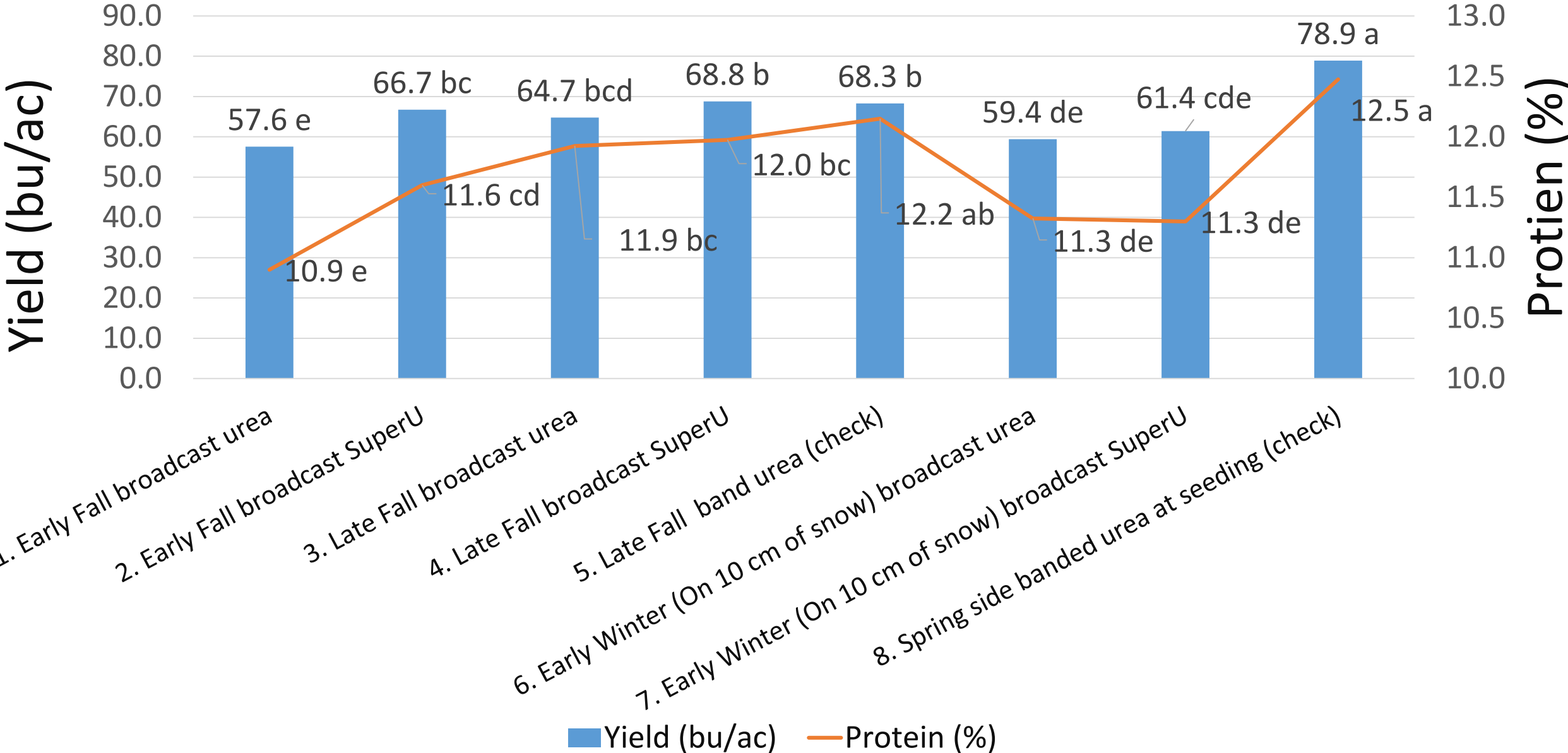
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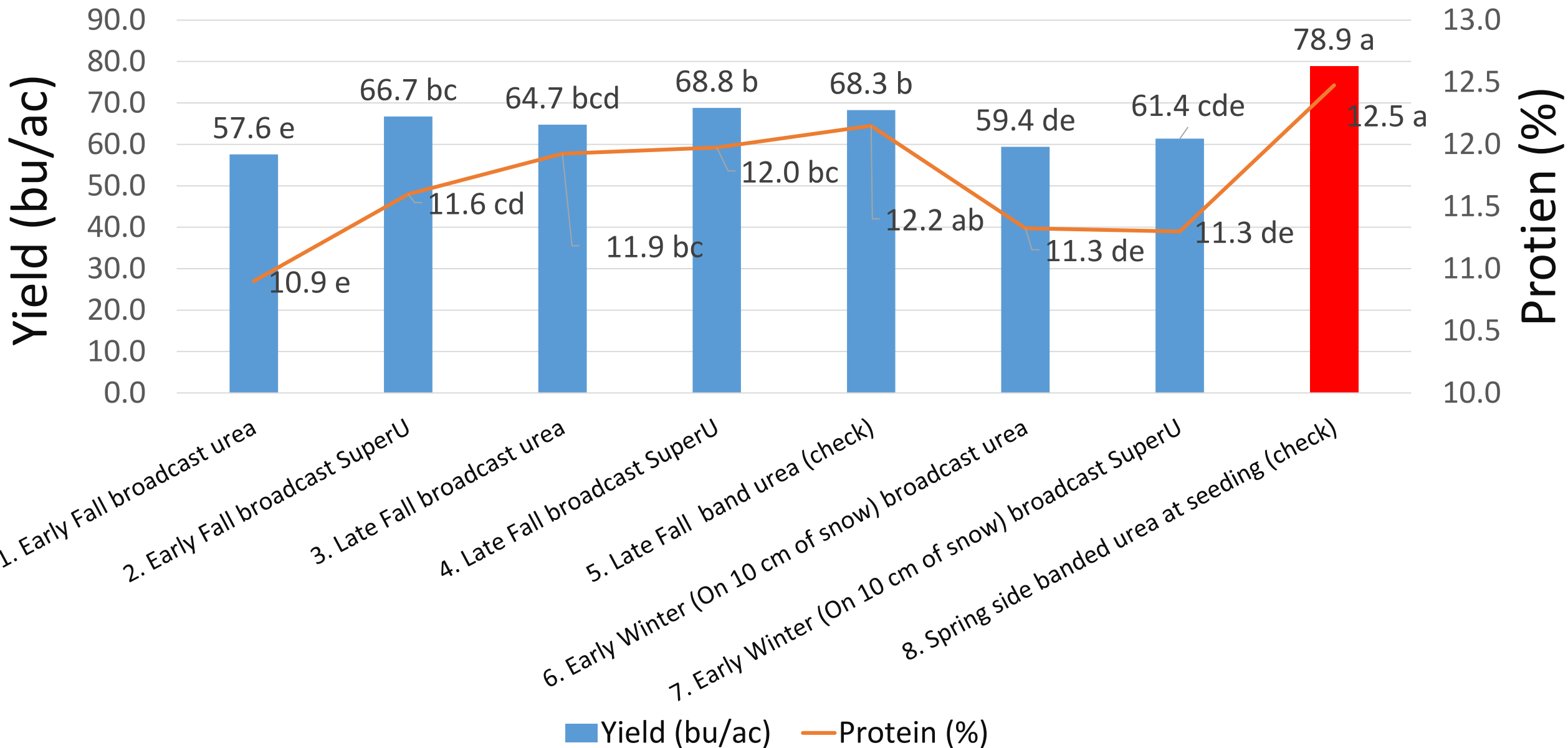
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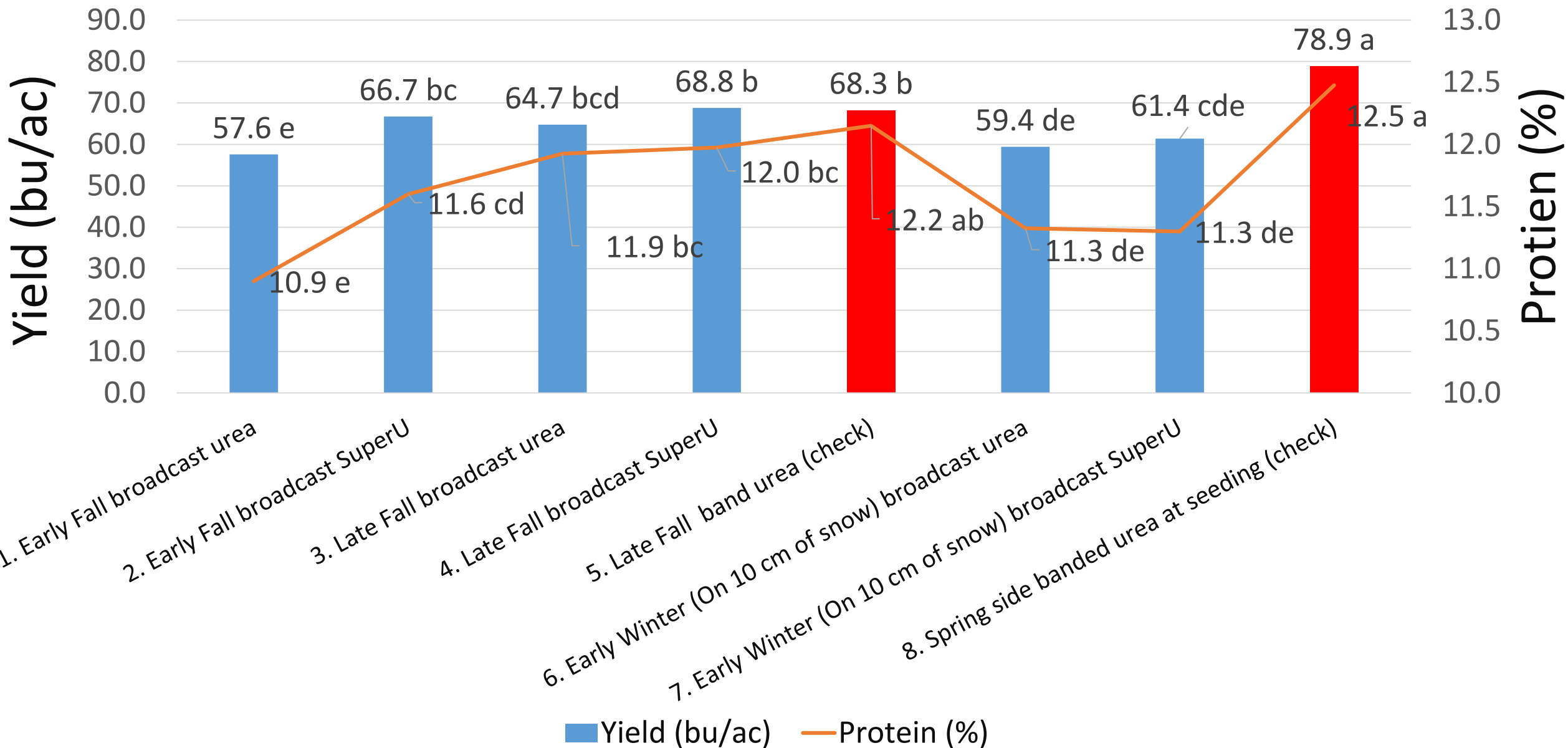
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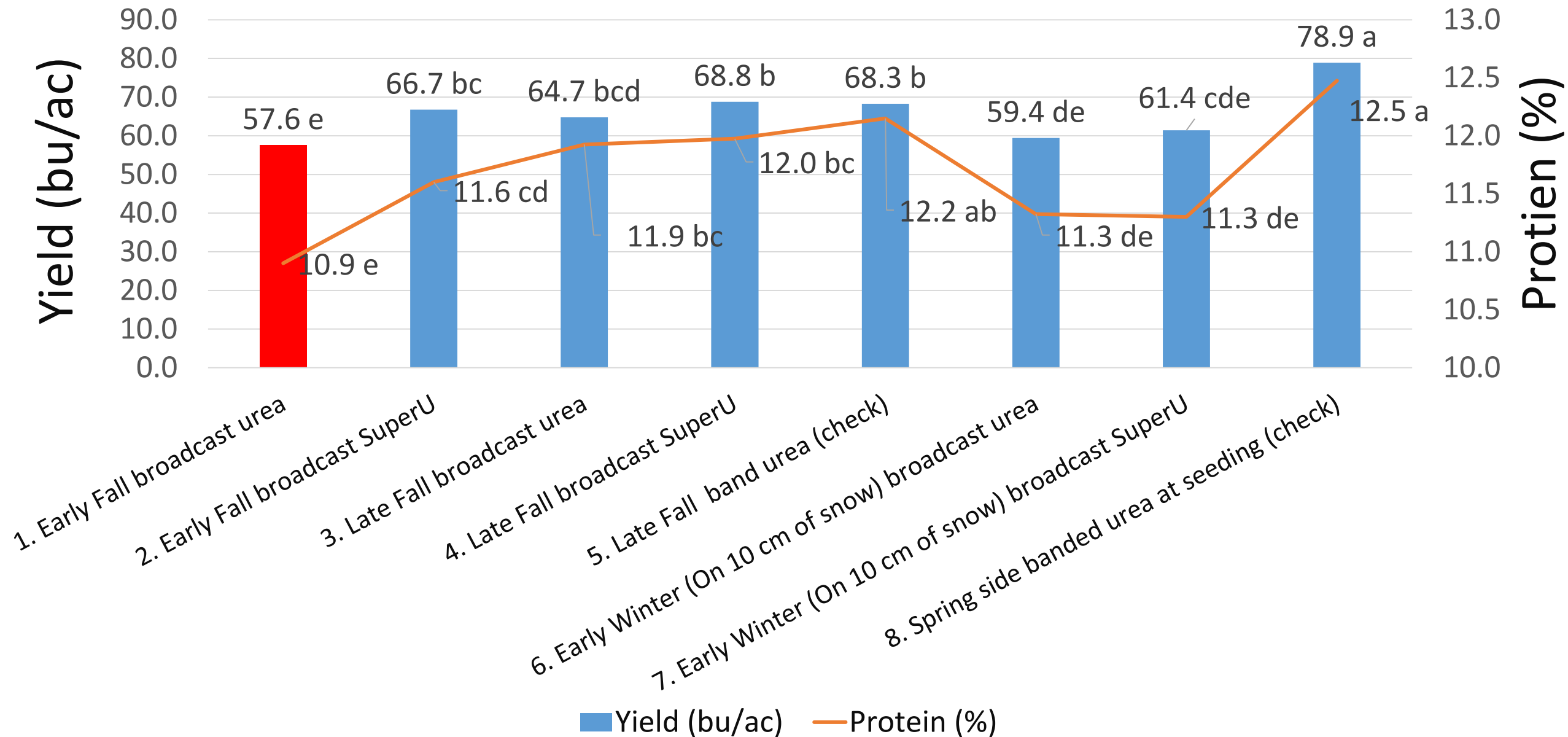
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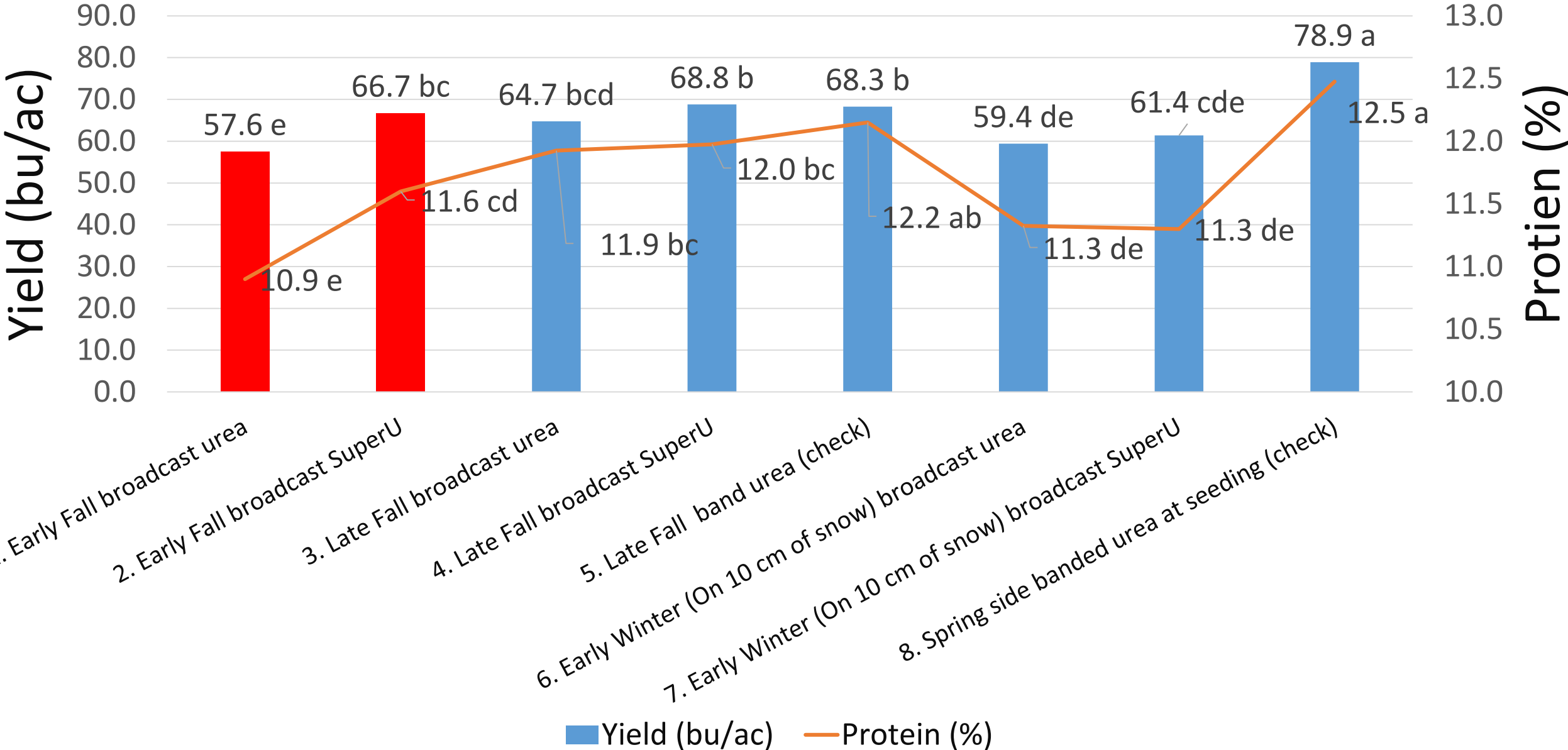
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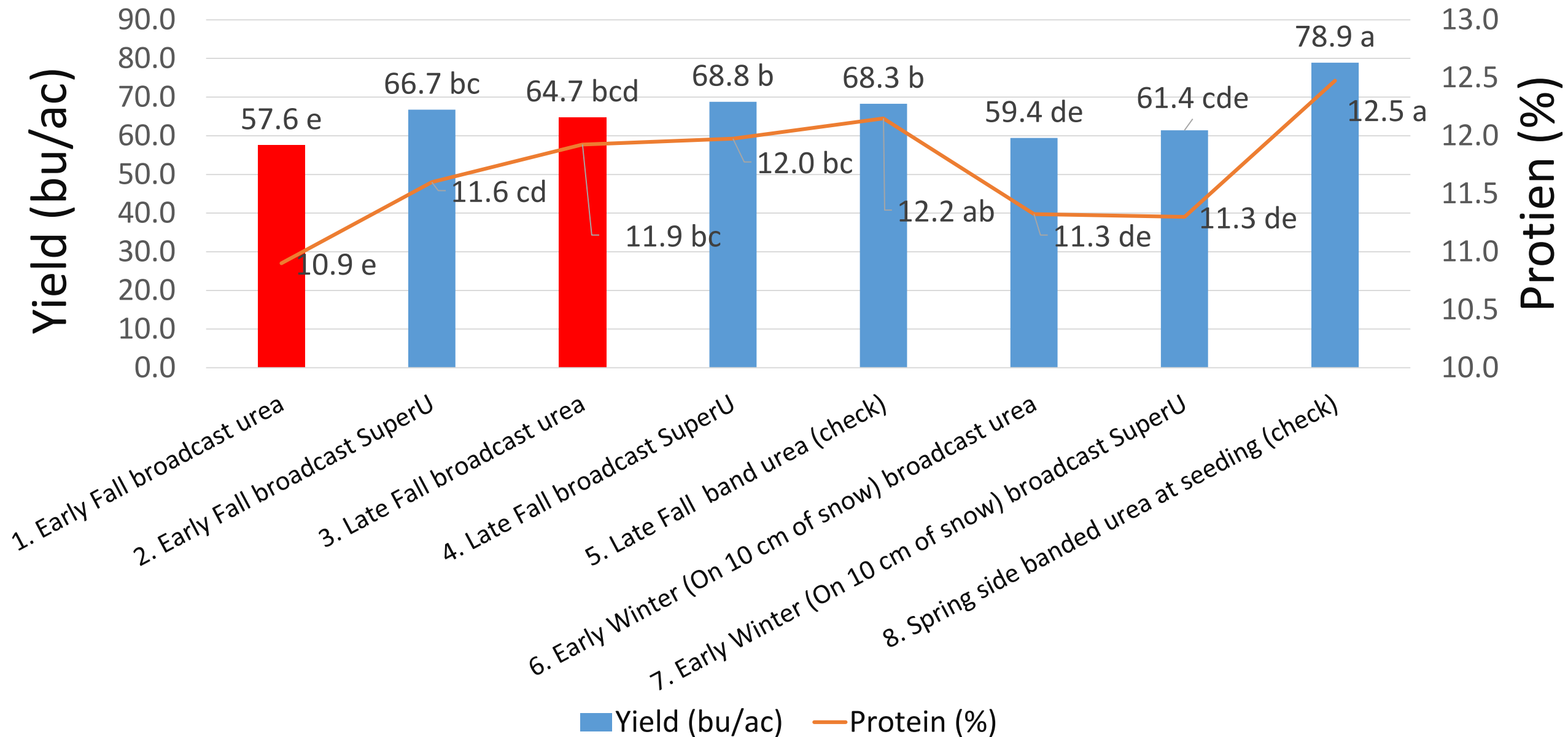
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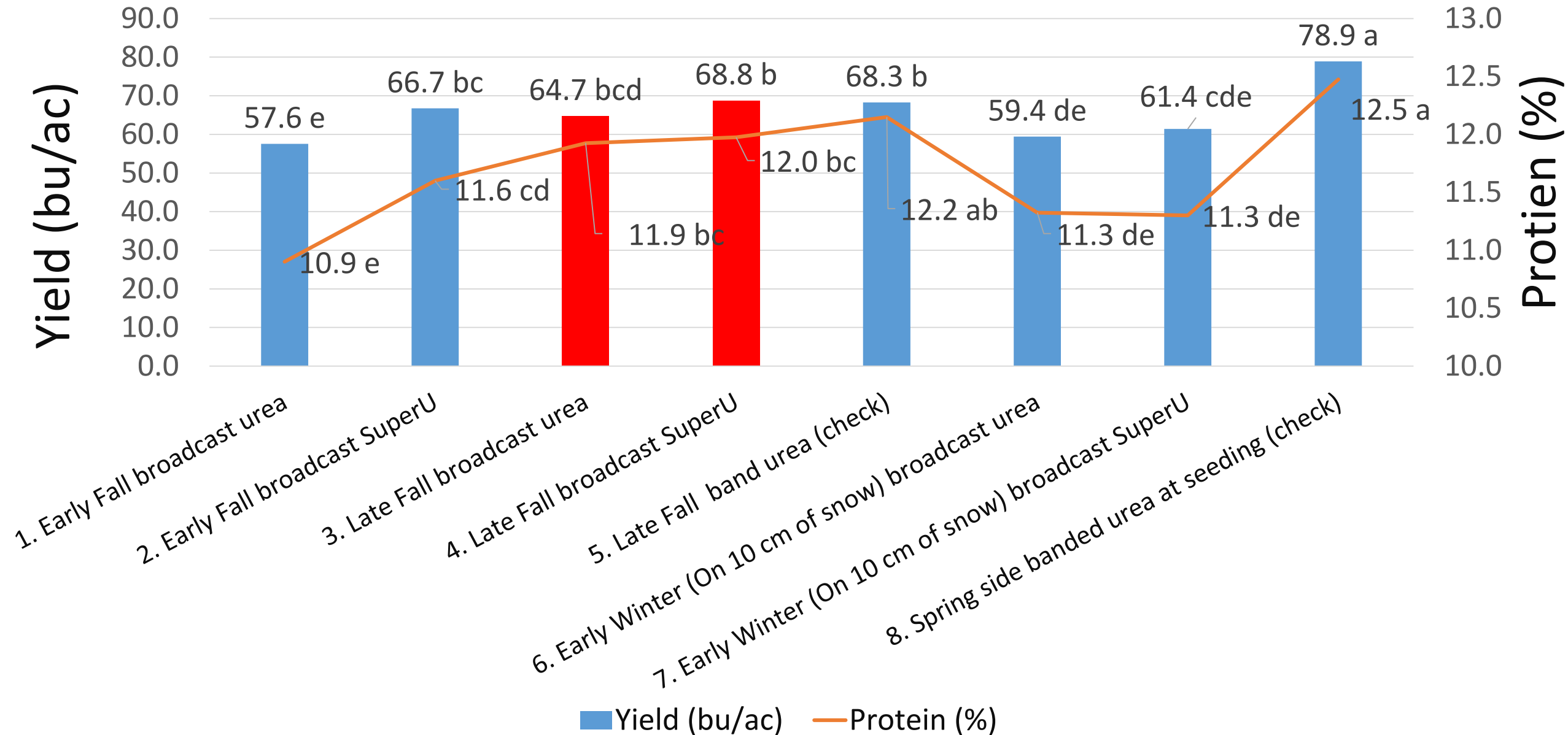
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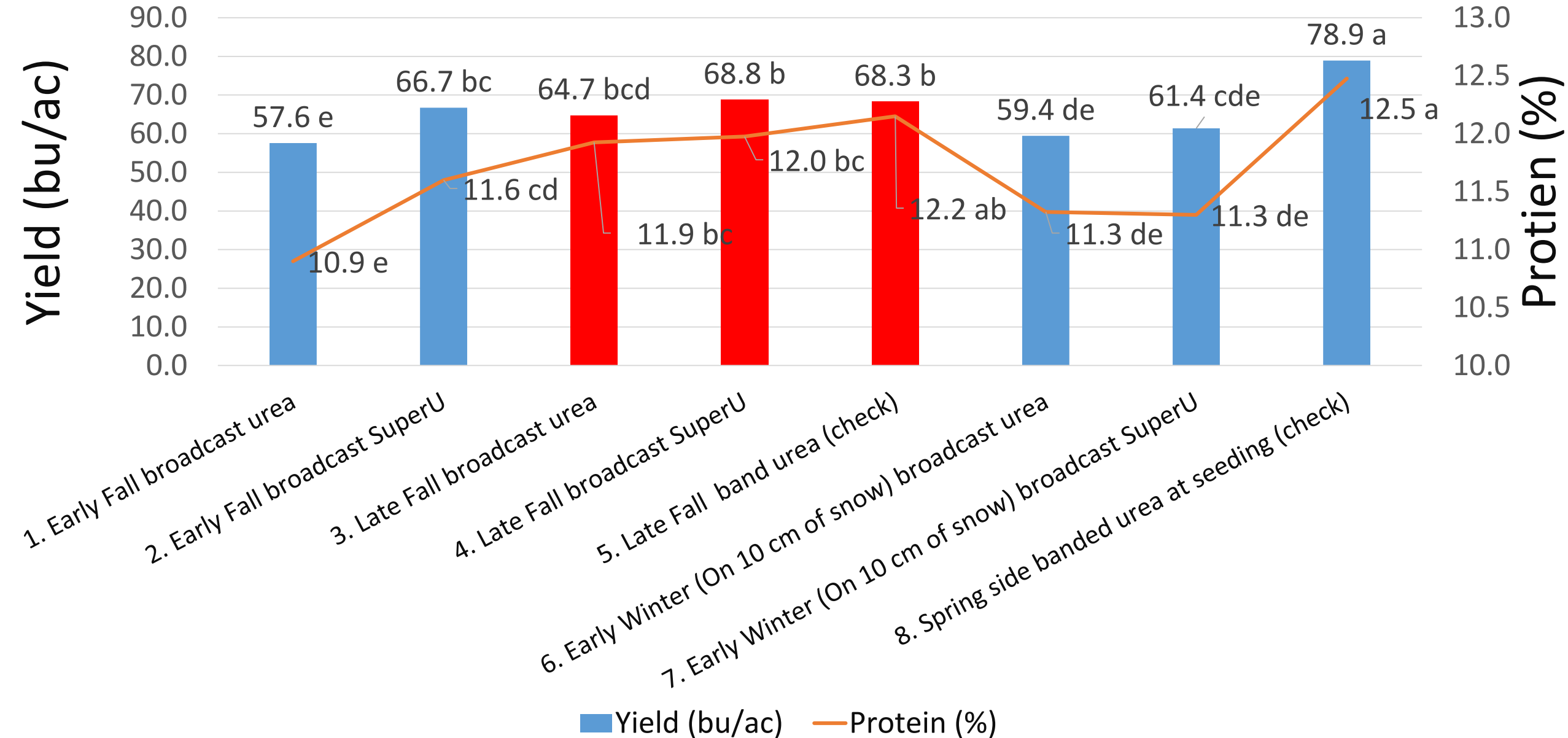
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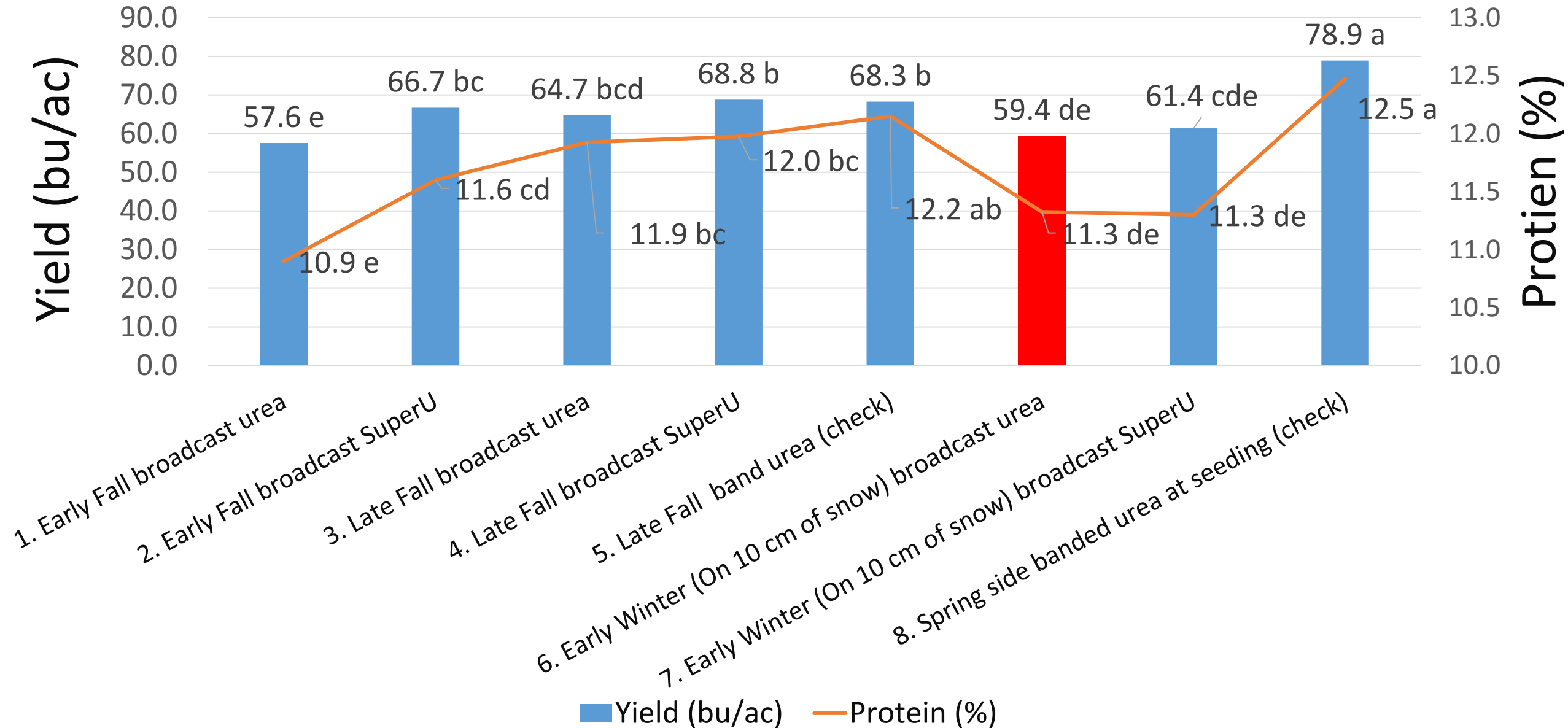
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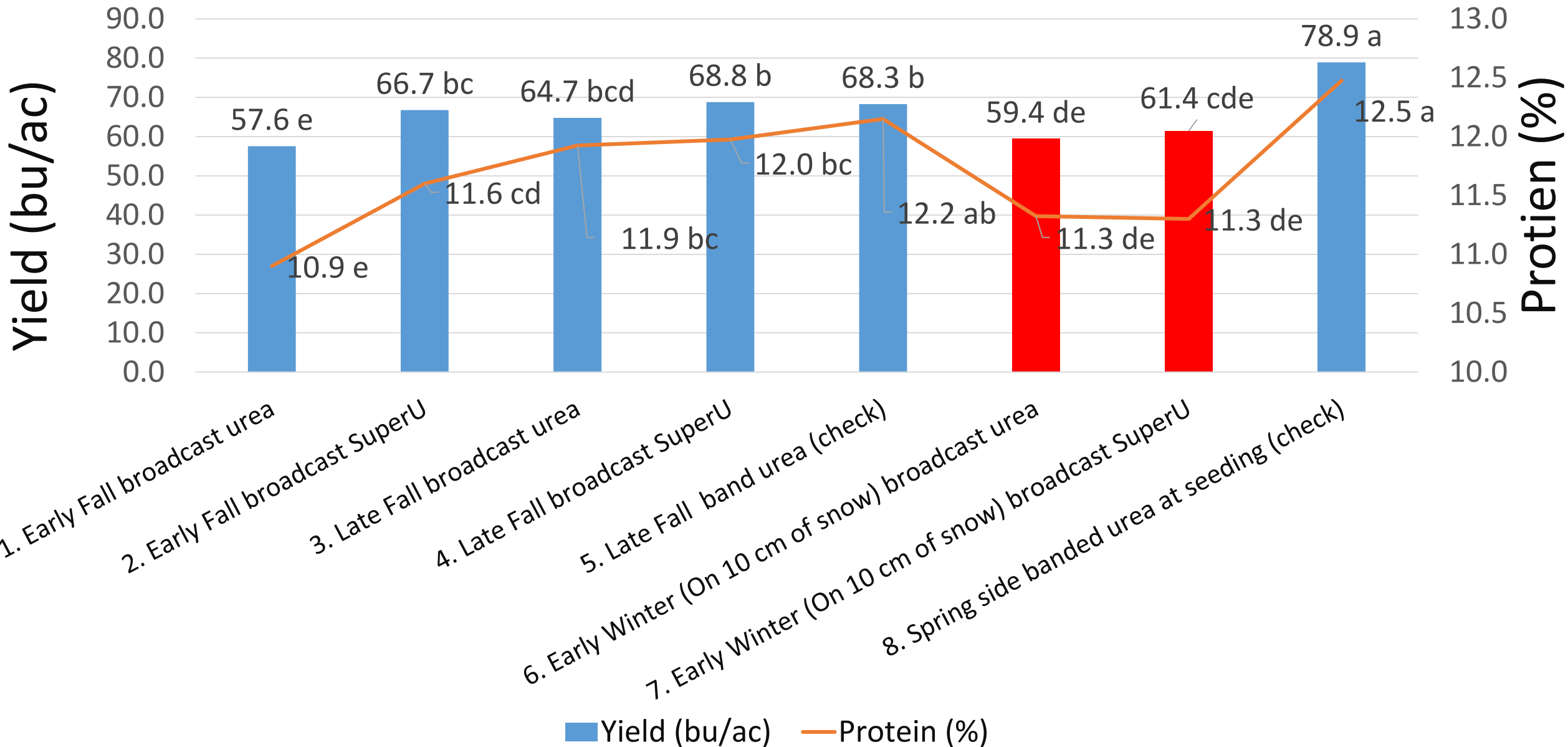
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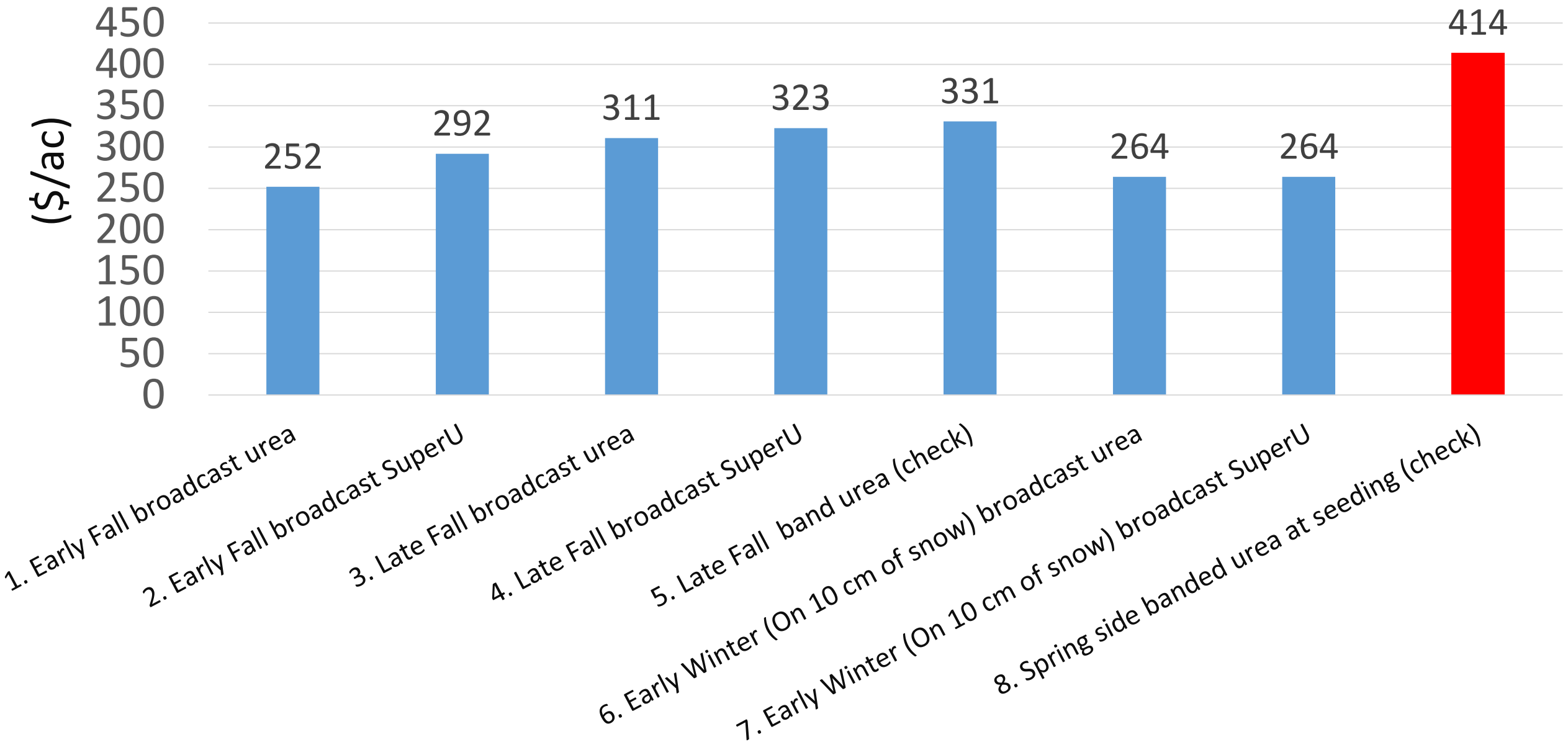


Wheat price available for Yorkton on Feb 9, 2018 for CWRS No 1.

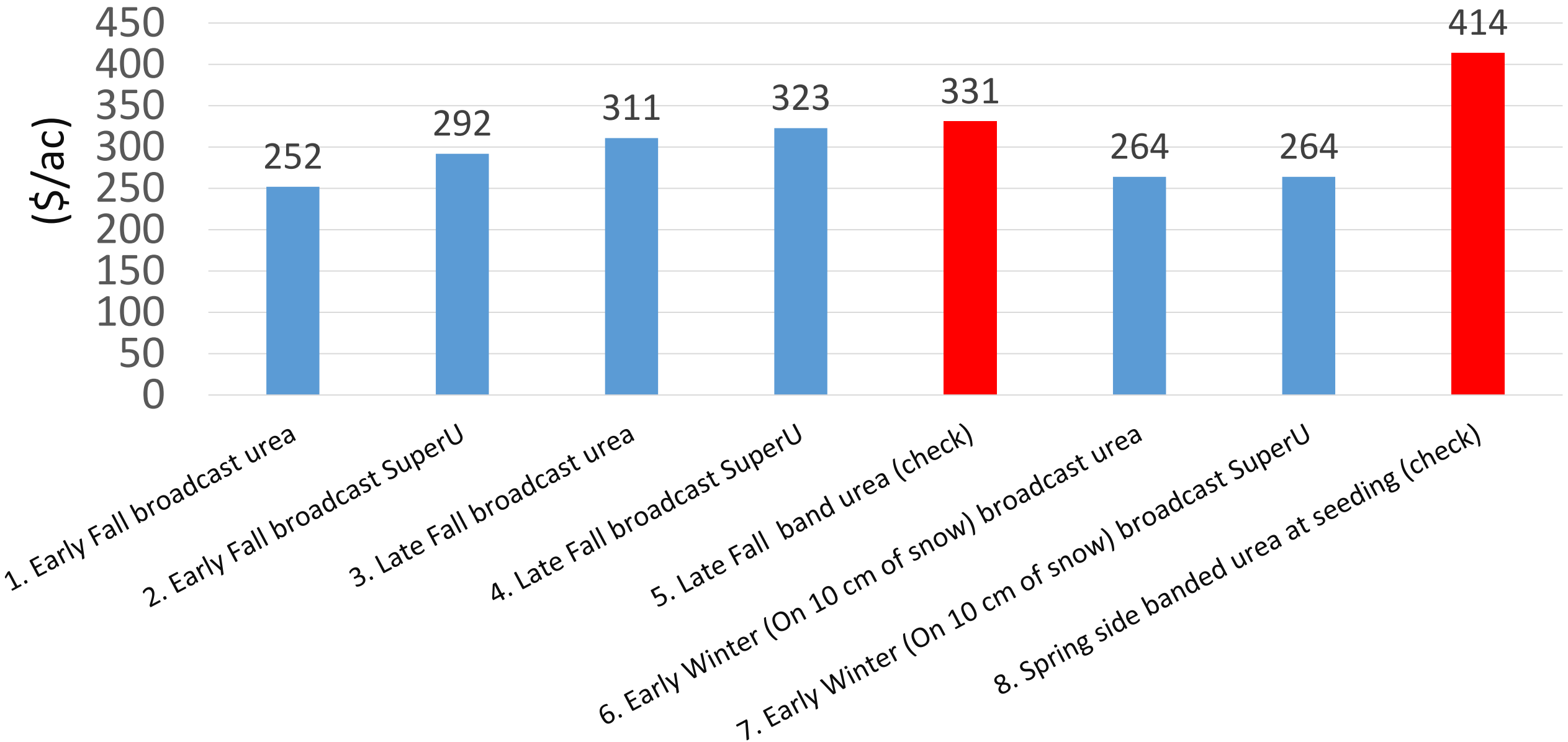
Grain Protein (%)	\$/bushel
15.5	7.74
15	7.44
14.5	7.14
14	6.79
13.5	6.44
13	6.14
12.5	5.84
12	5.54
11.5	5.24
11	5.19
10.5	5.04
10	4.89

Urea- \$509/tonne
SUPERU- \$725/tonne

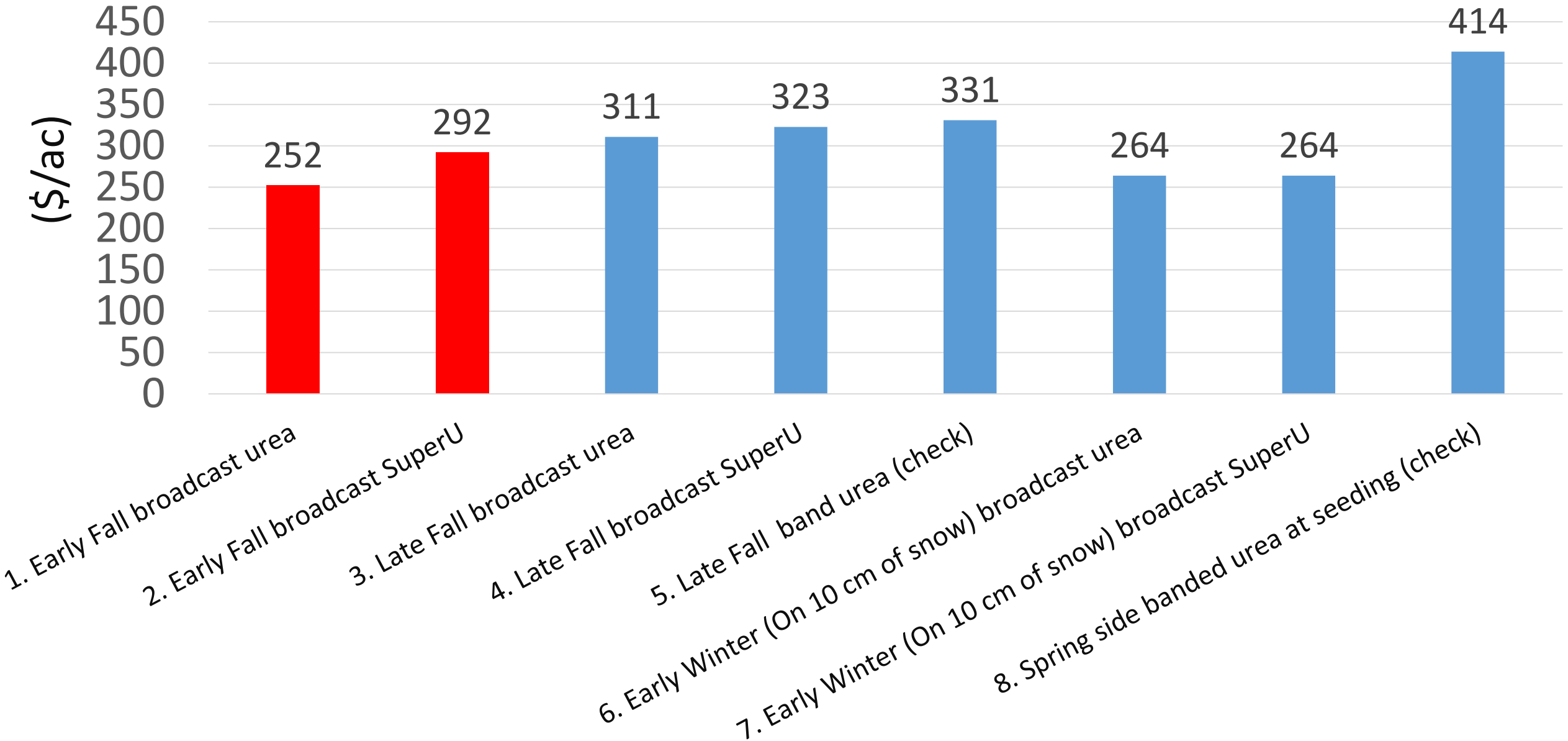
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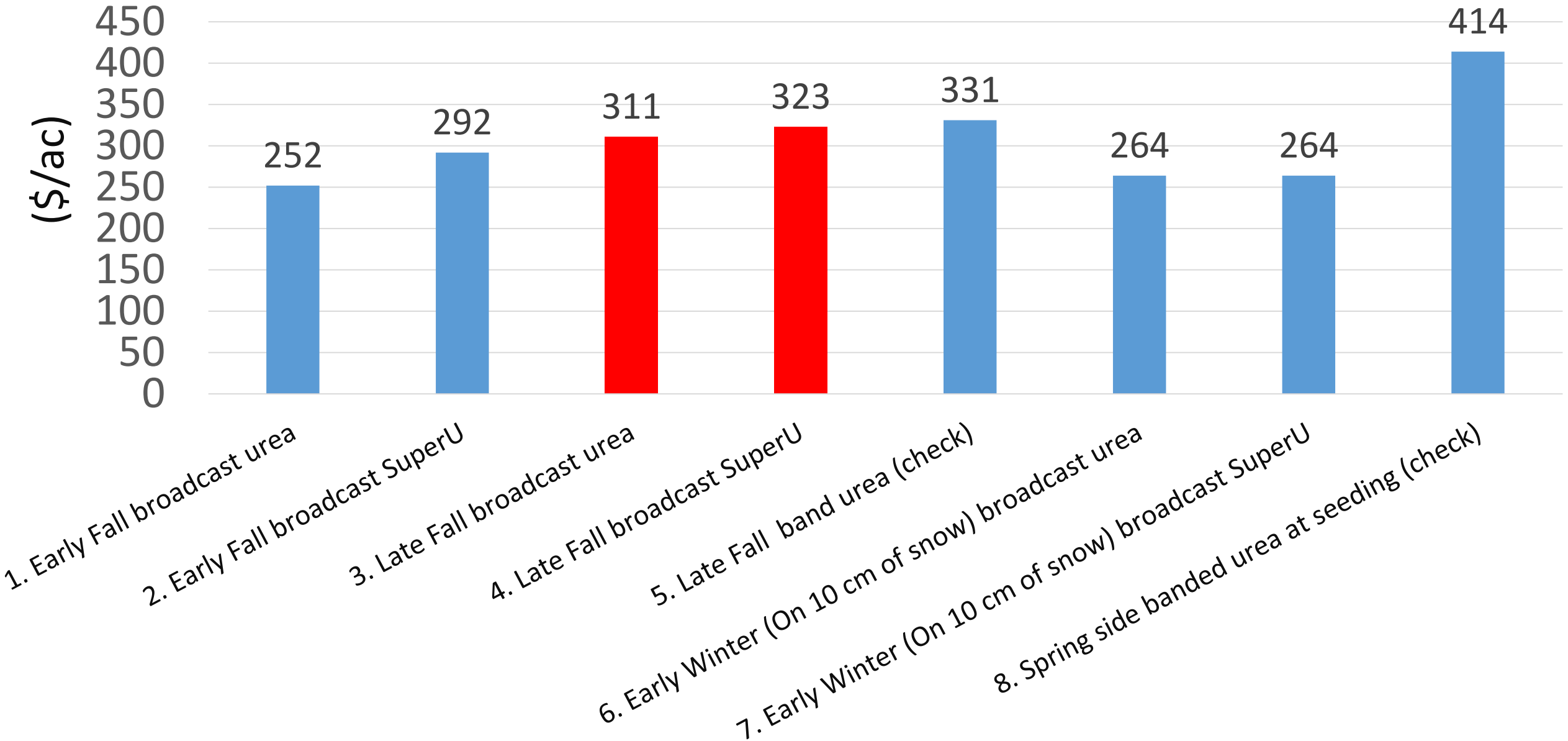
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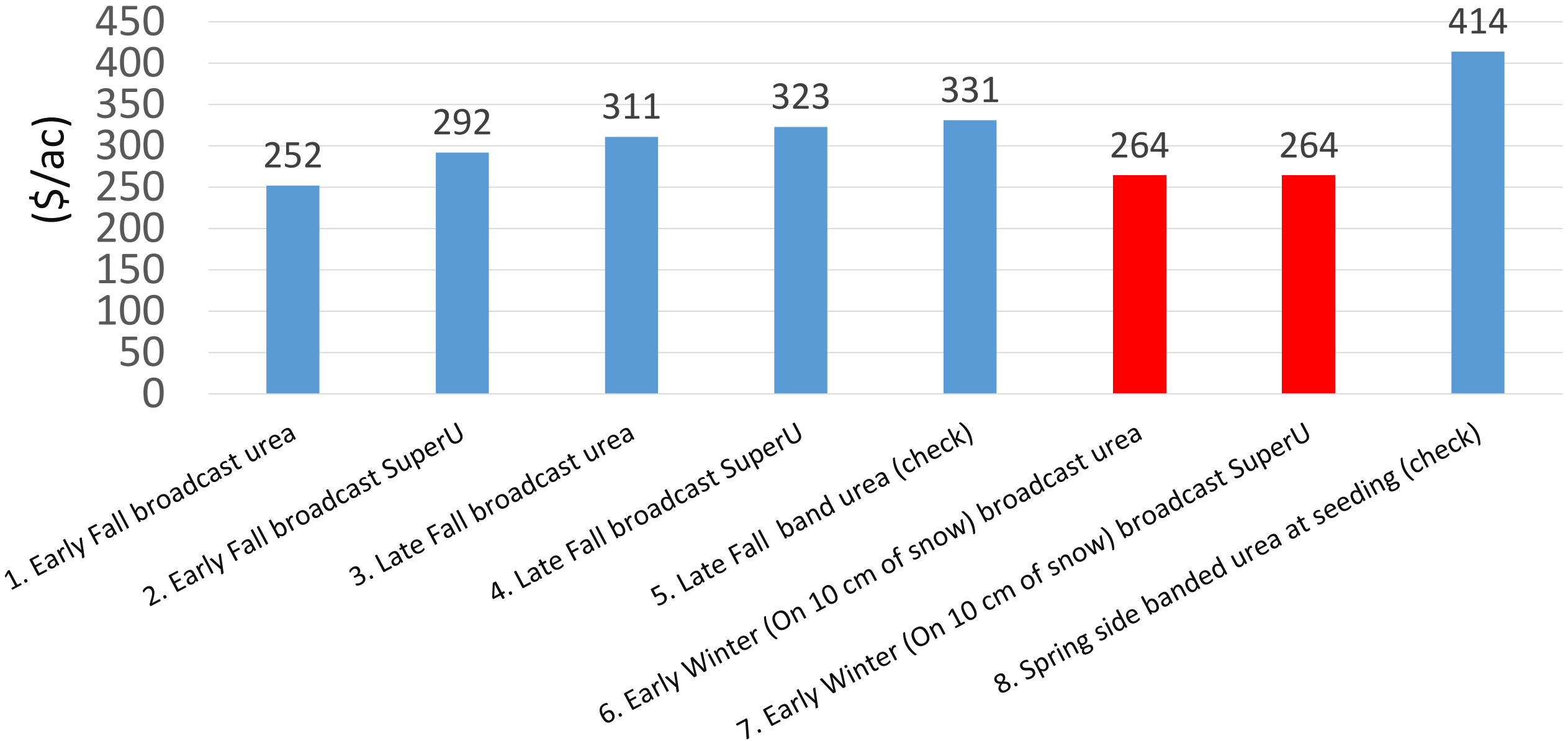
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