

# Field Crop Scale CBD Production

## Maximizing our hemp harvest potential

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# CBD Production Models

- ▶ It takes all kinds in agriculture
- ▶ Think of this like the comparison between large scale beer production and craft breweries
- ▶ There is a market and a place for field crop production models and horticultural production models

# CBD Production Models

- ▶ Horticultural model
  - ▶ High input costs, high crop value
  - ▶ Feminized seed or clones started indoors (\$0.75 - \$5.00 per seed/plant)
  - ▶ Plants transplanted
    - ▶ 3'x3' , 4'x4' , 5'x5' - 1000 to 3000 plants/acre
    - ▶ Under plastic or not?
  - ▶ Some mechanized labor with manual labor
    - ▶ Weeding
    - ▶ Watering
    - ▶ Harvest
    - ▶ Post harvest stripping and drying

# CBD Production Models

- ▶ Field Crop Model
  - ▶ Low input costs , lower crop value
  - ▶ Not feminized seeds (\$3.50 - \$15.00 per pound of seed - roughly 22,000 to 50,000 seeds)
  - ▶ Direct planting with seed drill, 435,600 - 522,700 plants /acre (grain rate) or 1,000,000 - 1,300,000 plants / acre (fiber rate)
  - ▶ Highly mechanized with little to no manual labor



# Dual Purpose Fiber or Grain + CBD

- ▶ Is there a “best time” for CBD harvest?
- ▶ Is one method easier machinery wise?
- ▶ What about the high CBD neighbors? Is one method more friendly to them or not?

# Fiber Harvest

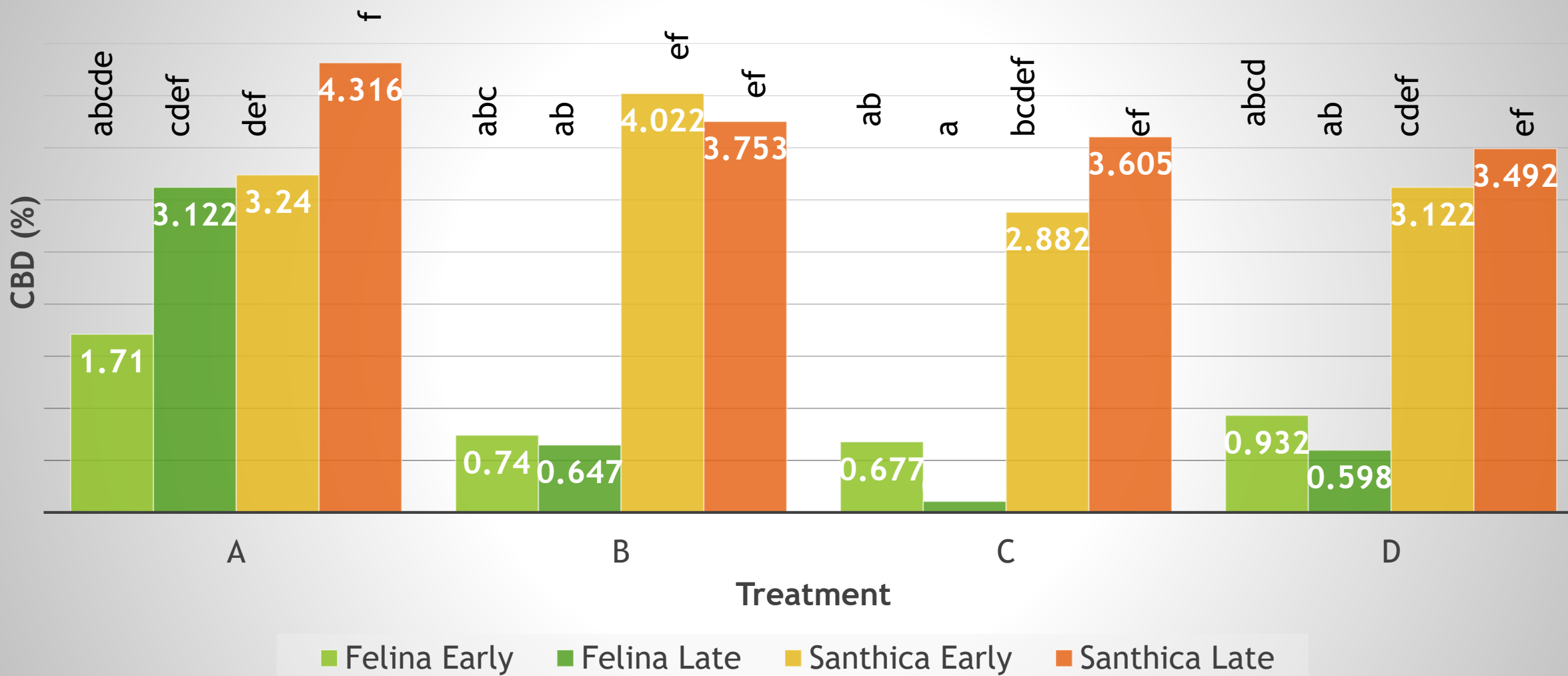


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# Dual Purpose Grain/CBD





# 2019 Growing season wasn't optimal

- ▶ Due to late planting, treatments were not applied at the ideal time
- ▶ Research out of Vermont has shown that planting date impacts total CBD
- ▶ Proper fertility and weed management is still key



# Weed Management

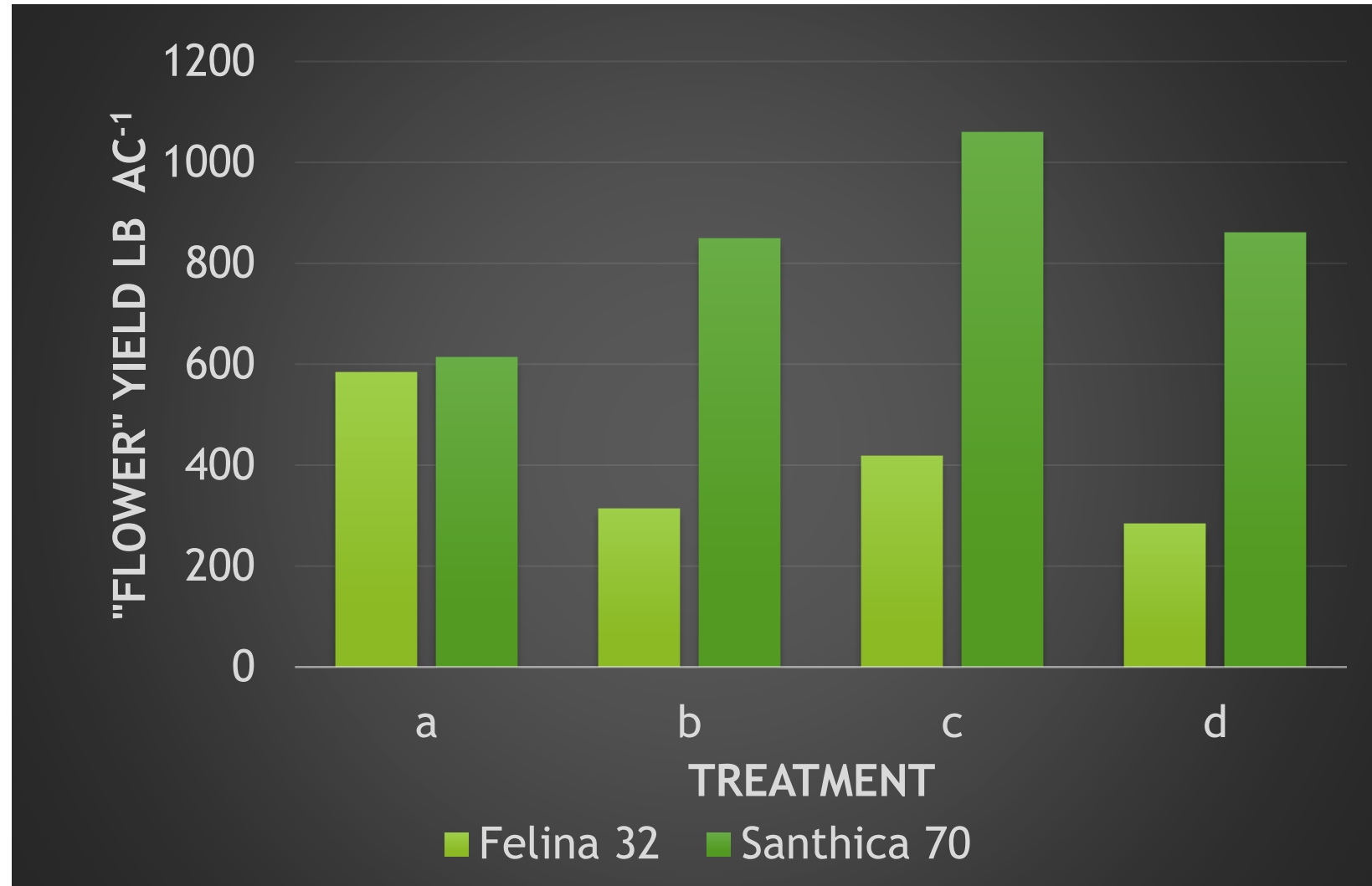
- ▶ Covercrop burndown must be properly timed with planting
- ▶ Total biomass severely depressed
- ▶ CBD concentration may or may not have been impacted



# Dual Purpose Grain/CBD



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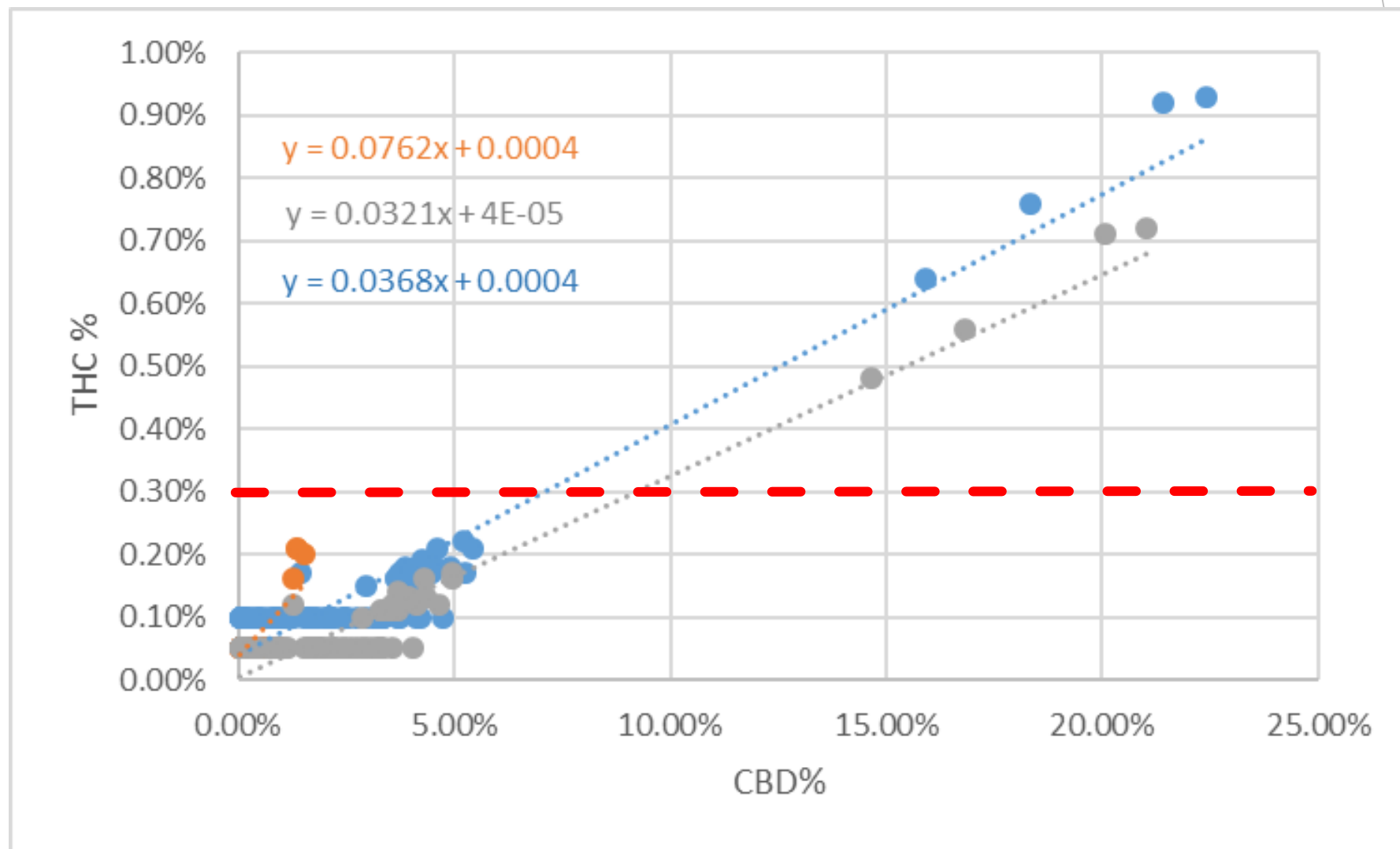




# A quick economic “what if”

- ▶ So say you can get \$0.20 per pound / per %CBD
- ▶ If the crop averages 5% CBD
- ▶ And the collected biomass is 600 lbs / acre
- ▶ That is an extra \$600 an acre to add to grain yield
- ▶ Nobody is retiring on that but the goal should be farm stability not diamonds and rubies

# The total THC versus Delta-9 Argument



# Thank you

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