



# Response of Three Asgrow<sup>®</sup> Brand Soybean Products to Stand Variability and Population

2014 Learning Center Demo Report  
Monsanto Learning Center at Scott, MS



# Study Guidelines



- A demonstration trial was conducted at the Monsanto Learning Center at Scott, MS to evaluate the response of three Asgrow<sup>®</sup> brand soybean products to stand variability and population.
- The demonstration was designed to answer farmer questions, including:
  - When should farmers be concerned about “skippy” soybean stands?
  - How well do soybeans compensate for weak stands?
  - How do soybeans respond to variations in population?
- Three Asgrow<sup>®</sup> soybean product brands (AG4632, AG4934, and AG5532), ranging from 4.6 RM to 5.3 RM respectively, were planted on April 1, 2014 in 30-inch twin rows (7.5 inches apart on 38-inch beds).

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- Each soybean product was planted at four populations:
  - 60,000 seeds/acre
  - 90,000 seeds/acre
  - 120,000 seeds/acre
  - 150,000 seeds/acre
- Random skips of 12 inches, 24 inches, and 36 inches were randomly inserted across each of the four plant populations.
- Standard agronomic practices for the area were implemented with irrigation provided as needed.
- Demonstration plots were harvested on September 1, 2014.

# Results and Conclusions



Figure 1. Using predetermined data from a 'skipulator', planters were programmed to randomly insert skips into each planting population.



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Figure 2. Examples of random skips in two plant populations in 38-inch twin rows.

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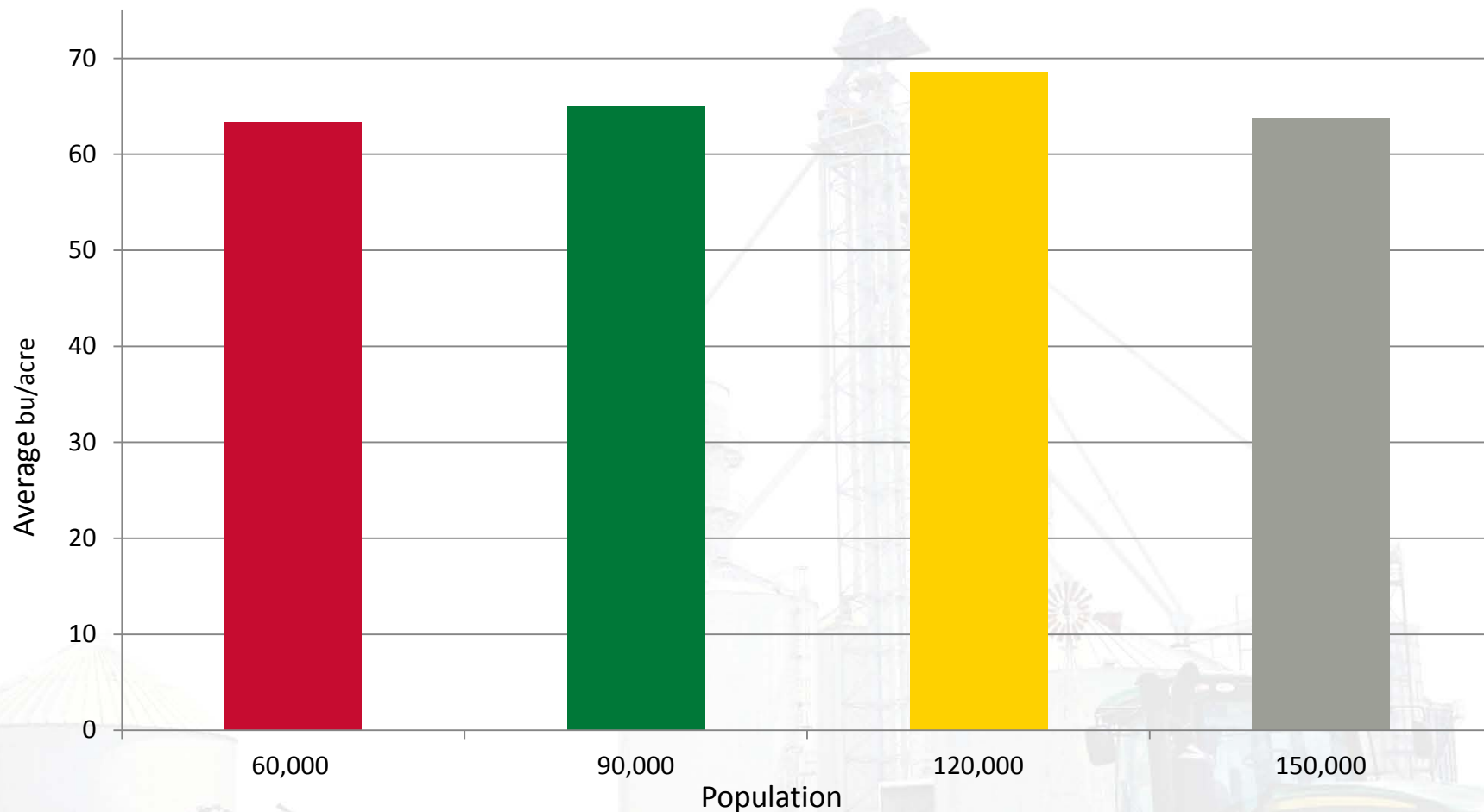


Figure 3. Average response of soybeans to plant population.

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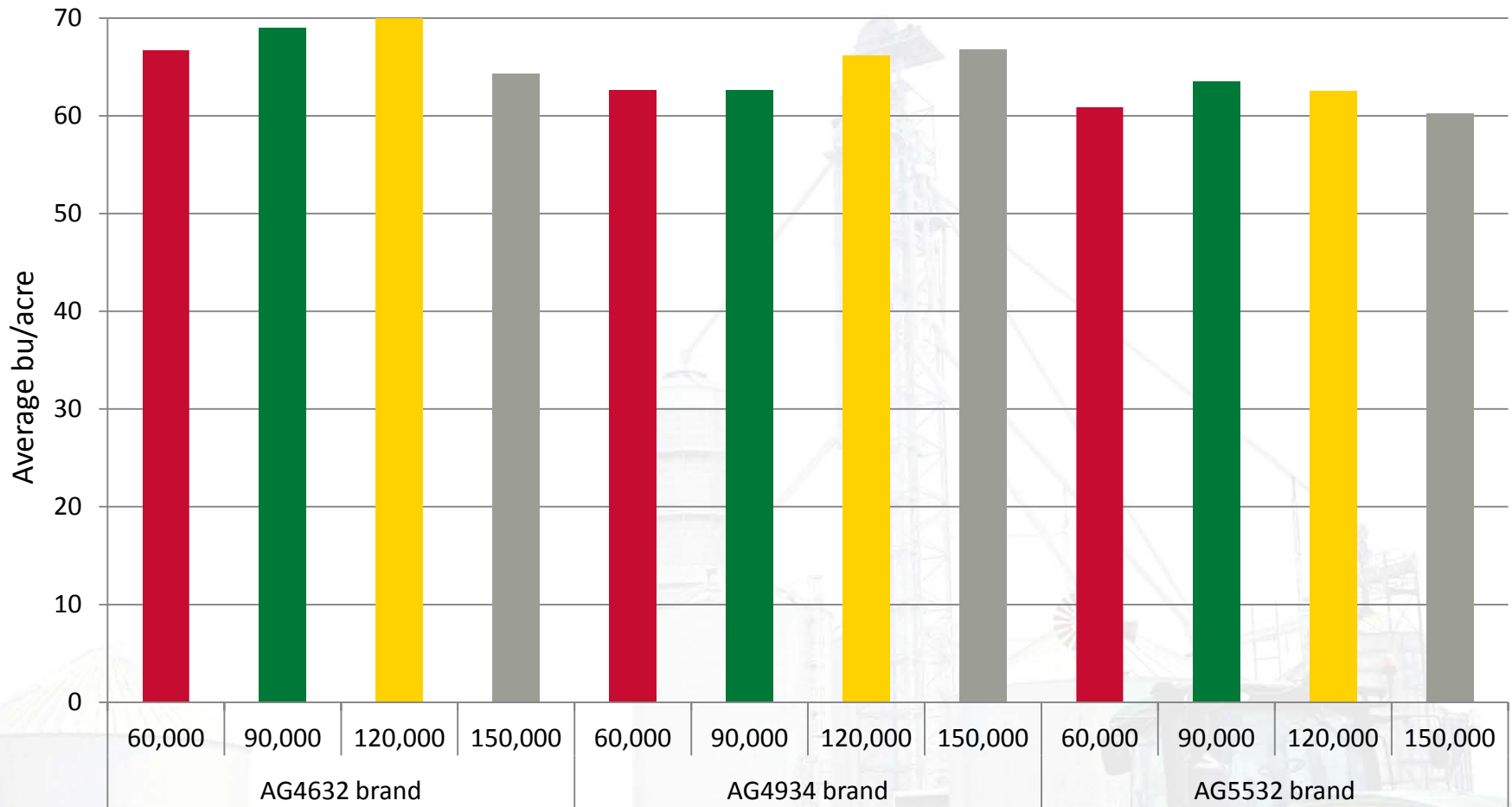


Figure 4. Average response of three soybean products to population.

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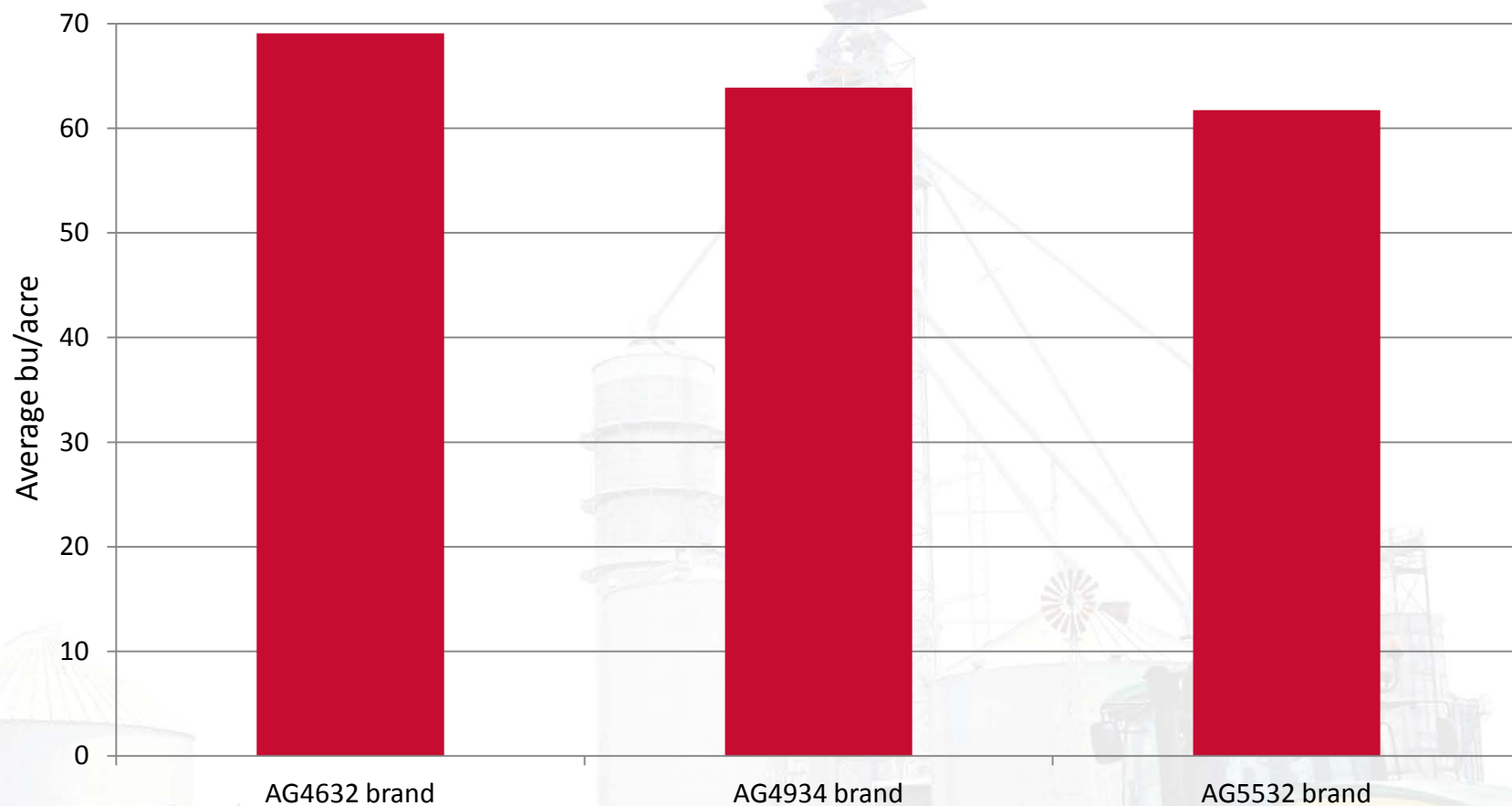


Figure 5. Average yields of three Asgrow soybean brands across populations.



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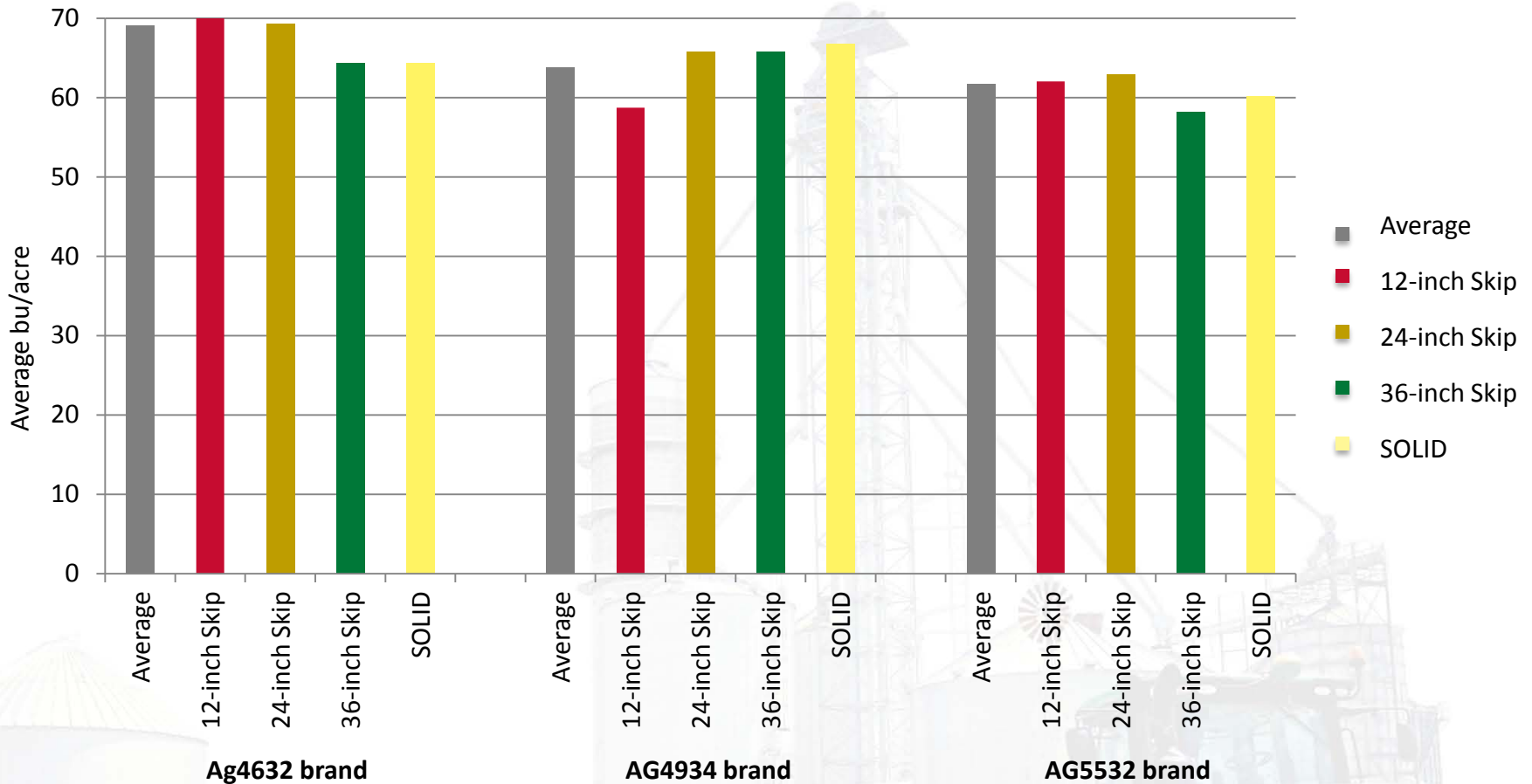


Figure 6. Average yields of three Asgrow® brand soybean products by stand variability.

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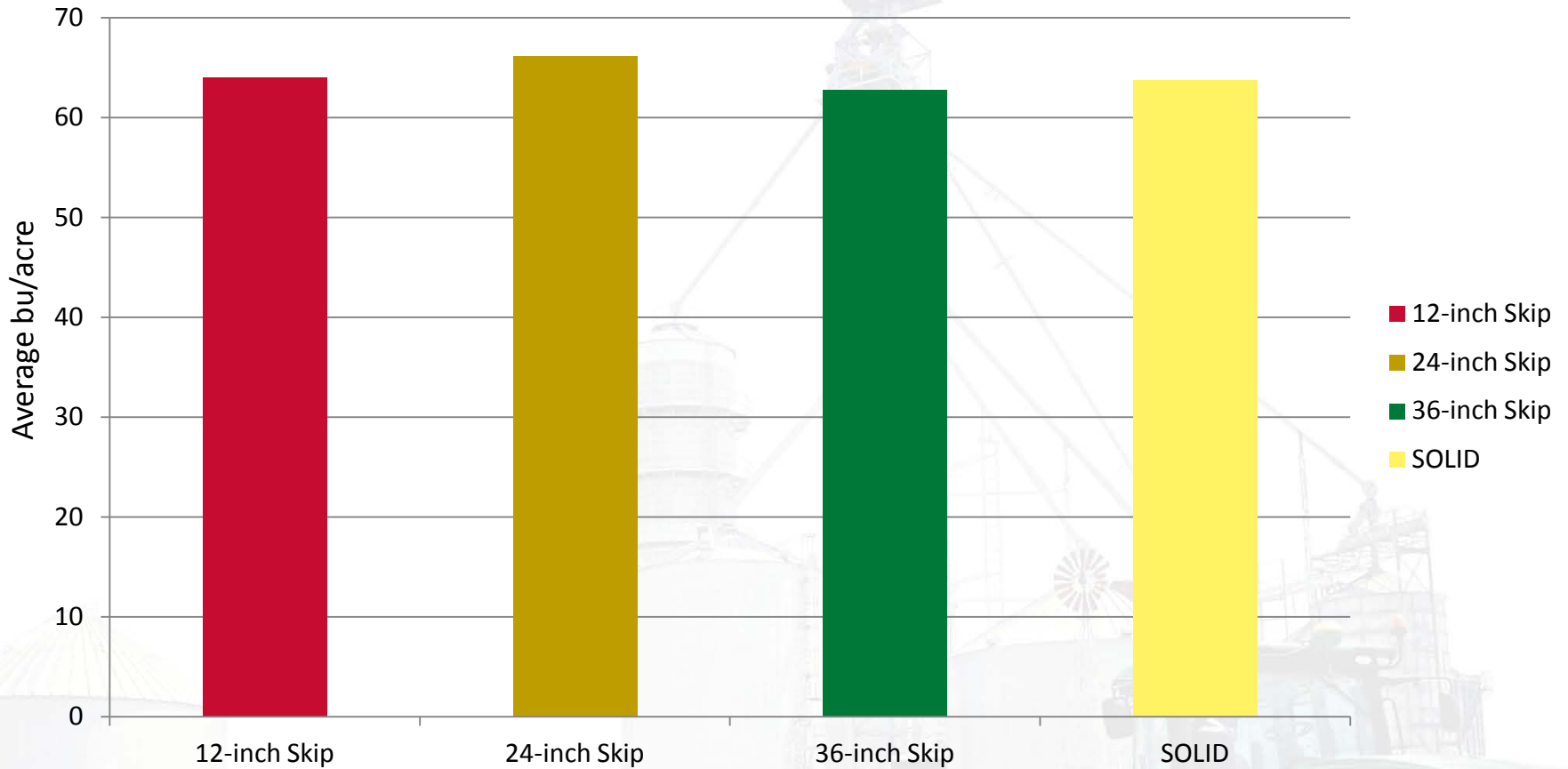


Figure 7. Average yield response across three soybean products to stand variability.

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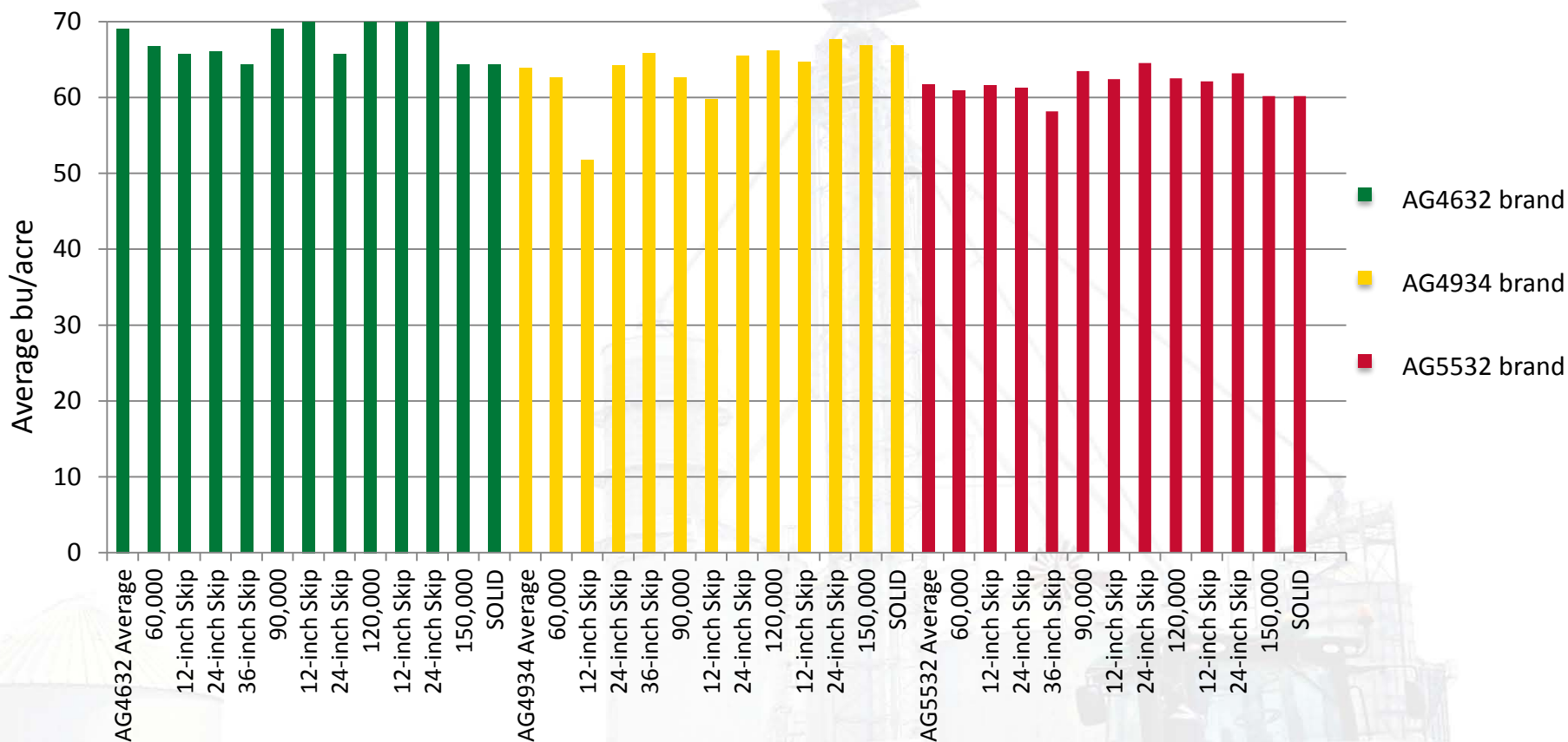


Figure 8. Response of three Asgrow® brand soybean products by population and stand variability.

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# Summary



- This 2014 demonstration is similar to a 2011 demonstration at the Monsanto Learning Center at Scott, MS, except the 2014 demonstration was conducted in a 60- to 70-bushel yield environment, while the 2011 demonstration was conducted in a 40-bushel yield environment.

## The demonstration indicates that:

- Soybeans are very elastic in their response to thin and/or skippy stands.
- Population did not have a significant impact on yield.
- Soybean plants have the ability to compensate for some population reduction.
- Farmers should not intentionally plant thin stands.
- However, it is often possible to keep thin stands (not replant) with little impact on yield.
- It is likely that some soybeans are replanted unnecessarily.



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