

**USDA AMS Cotton & Tobacco
Program Updates
For
Plains Cotton Growers**

**Byron K. Cole
Deputy Director of Grading Division**

Current Leadership

❖ Acting Deputy Administrator
Monica Alexander

❖ Associate Deputy Administrator - **Operations**
Ronnie Robbins

❖ Acting Associate Deputy Administrator – **Administration**
Gretchen Deatherage

Automation Updates

❖ Offices Automated

❖ Florence, SC

❖ Memphis, TN

❖ Rayville, LA

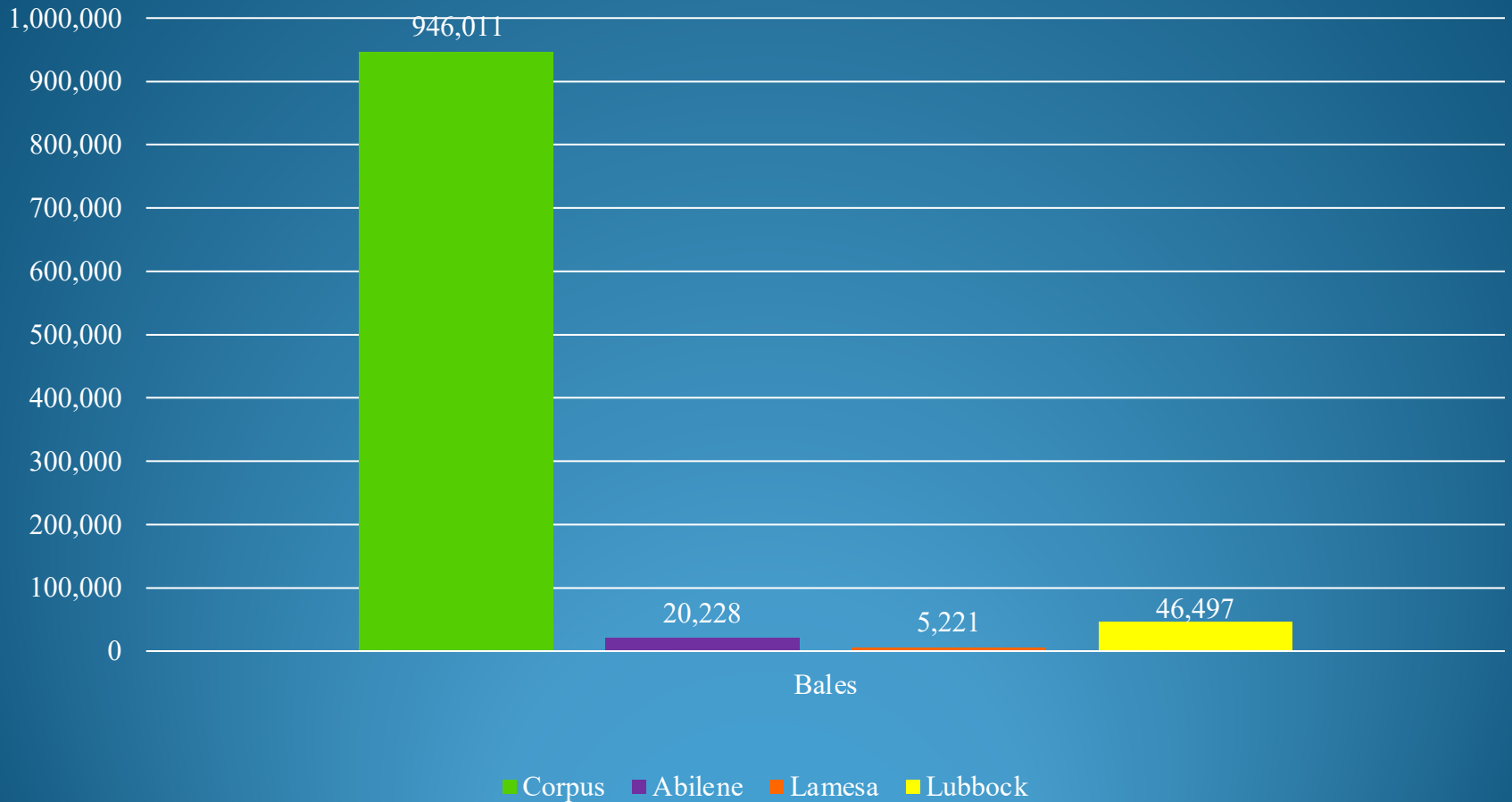
❖ Abilene, TX

❖ Lubbock, TX

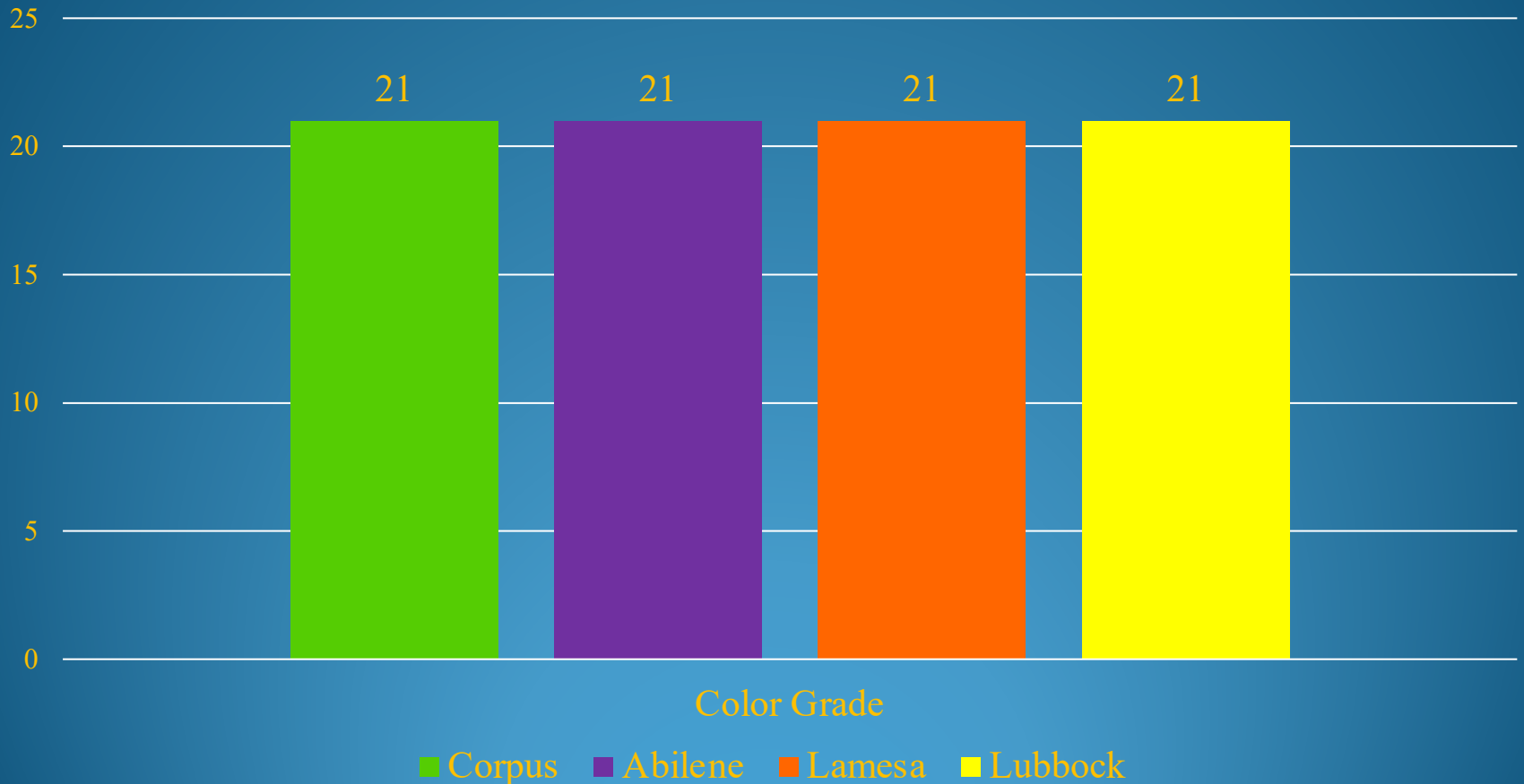
❖ Future Automation Systems – Macon, GA 2024

Texas Crop Quality

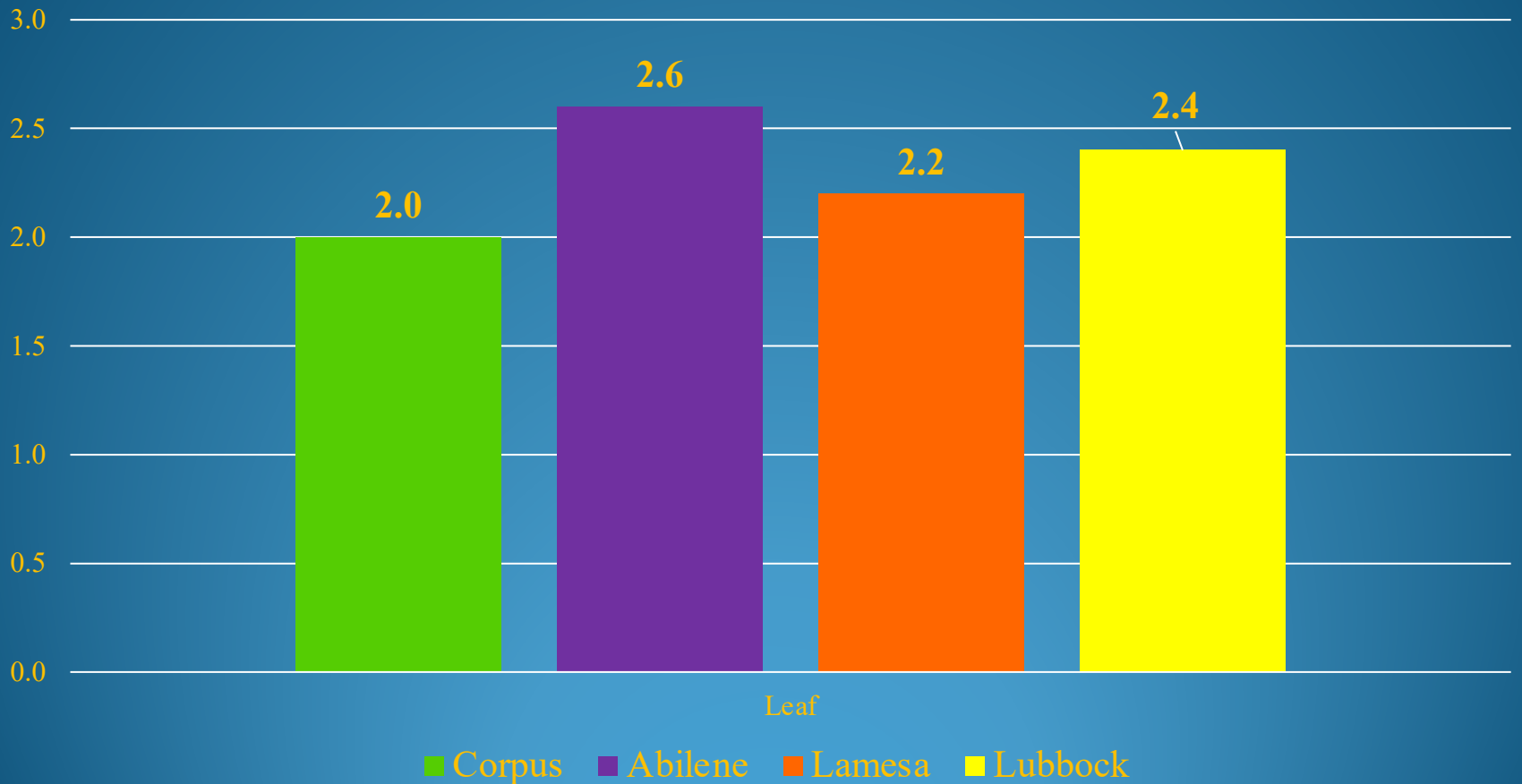
Bales Classed Thru 10/24/23



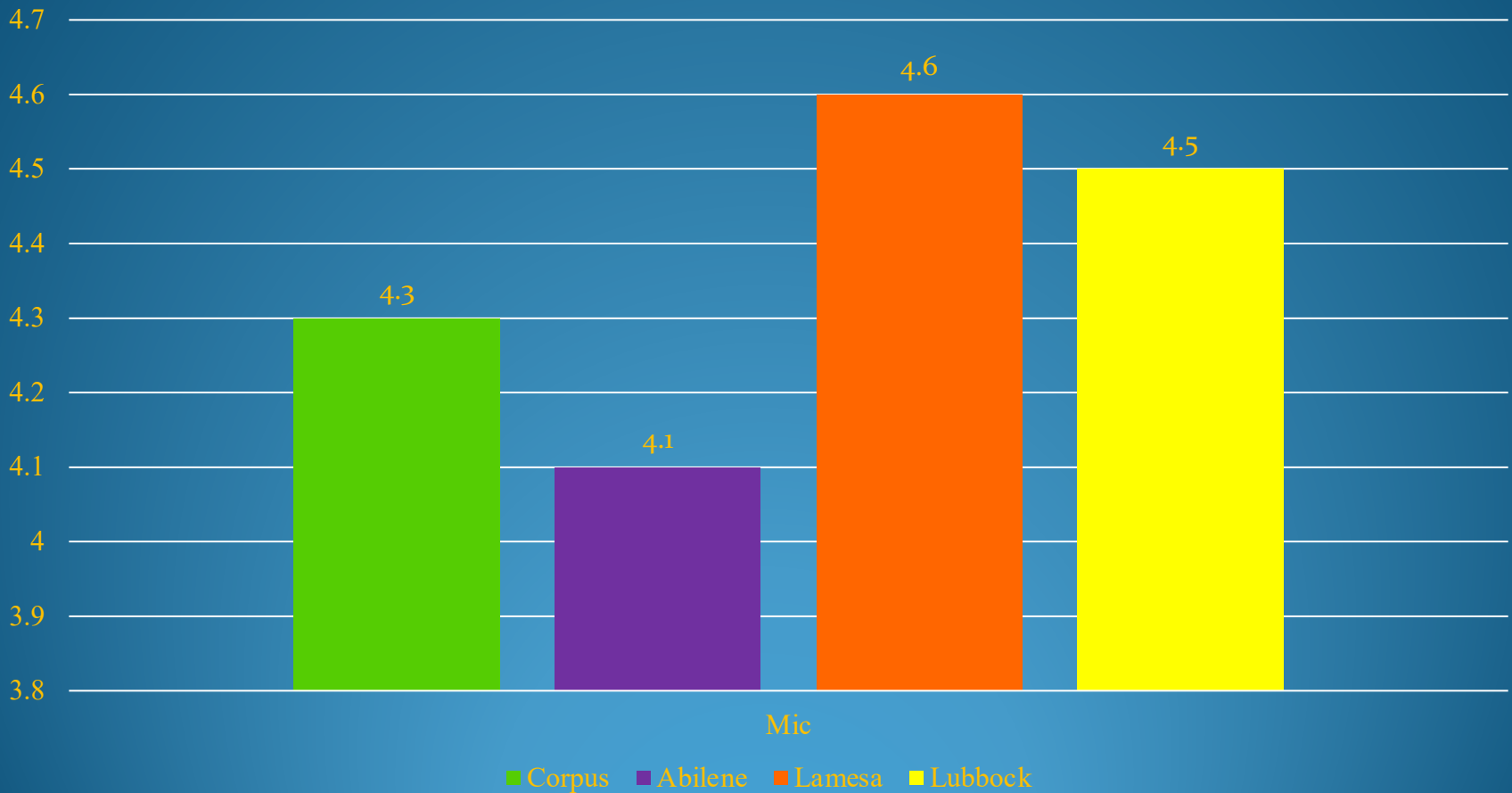
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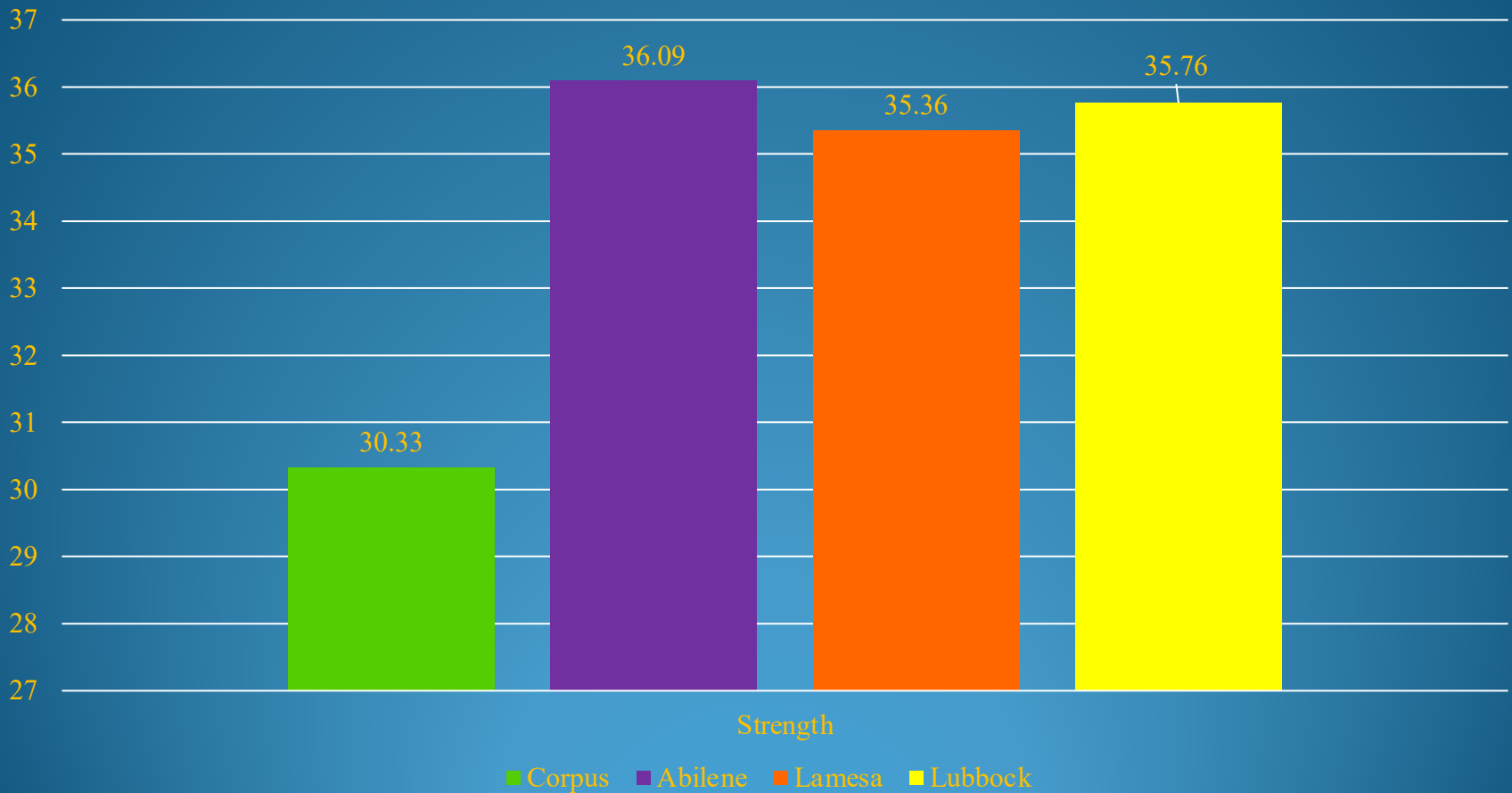
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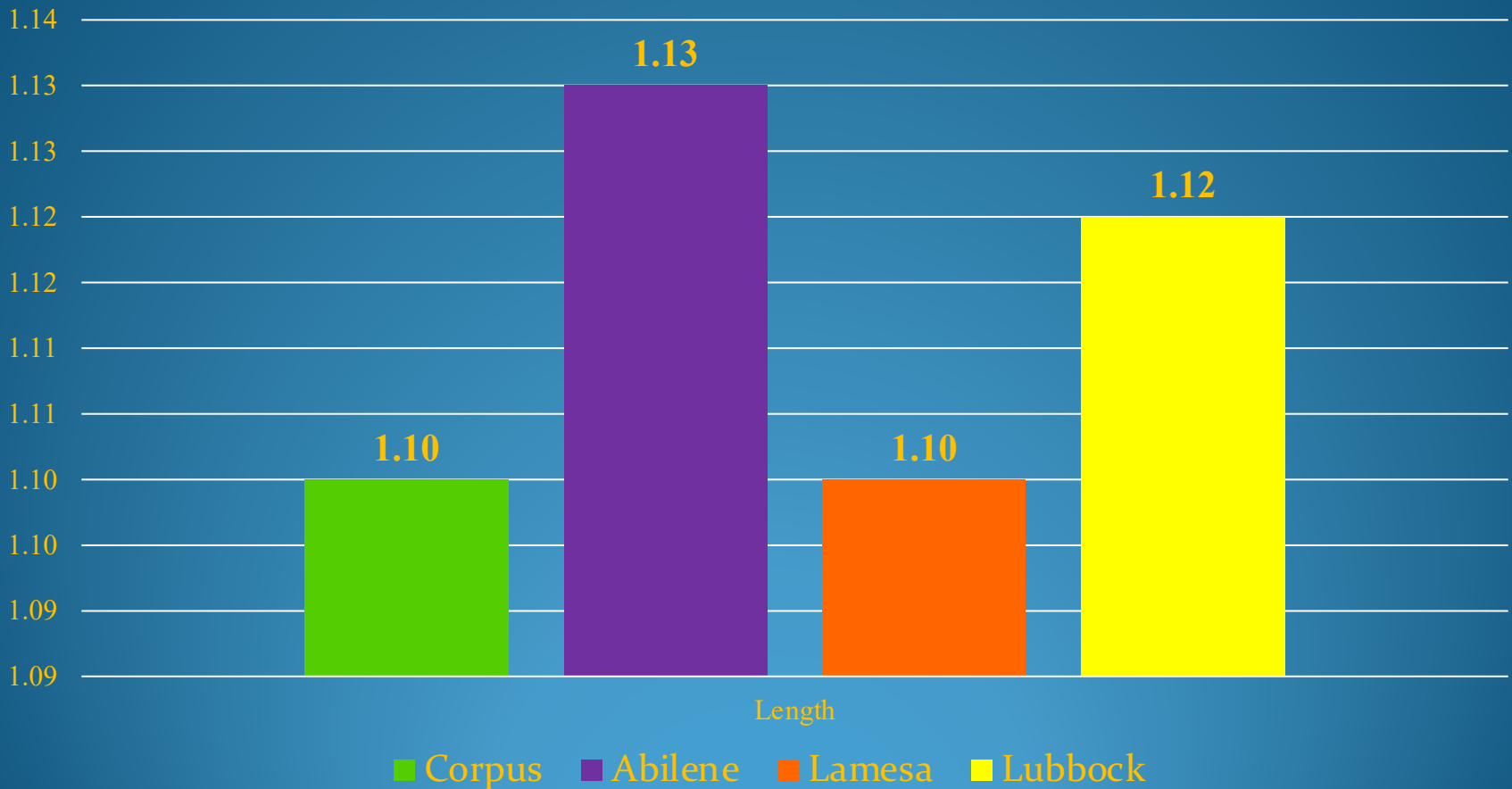
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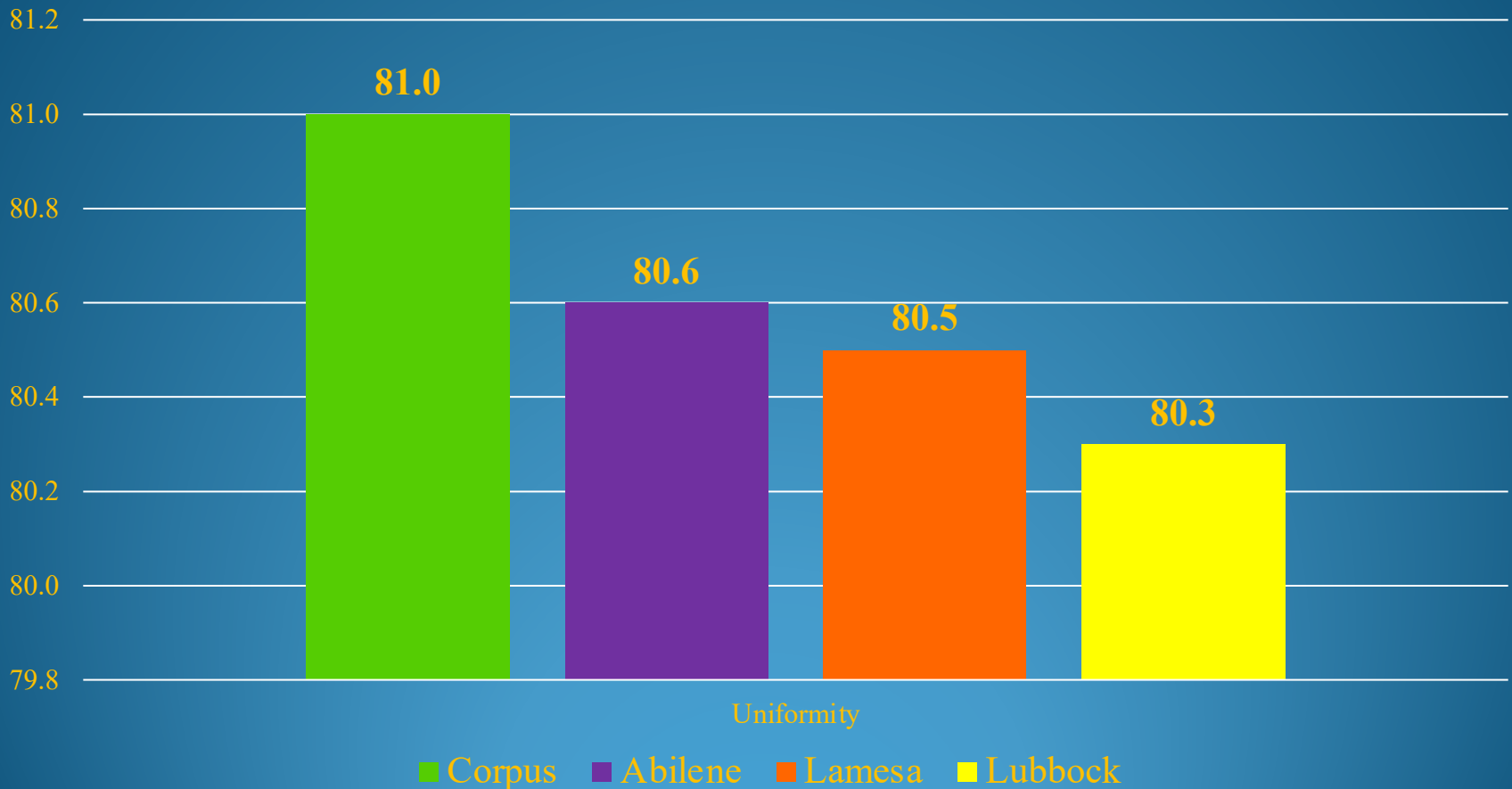
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Average Length

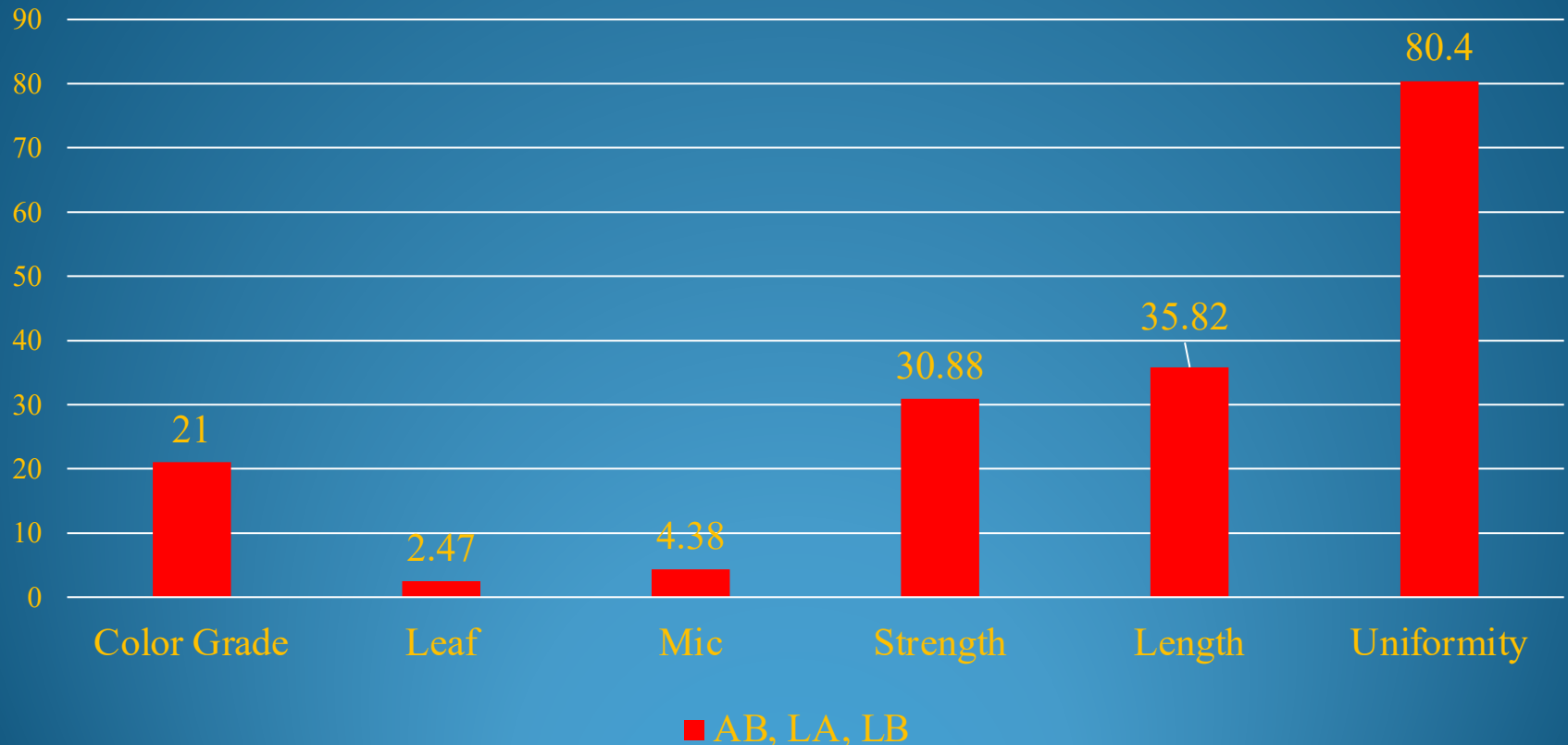


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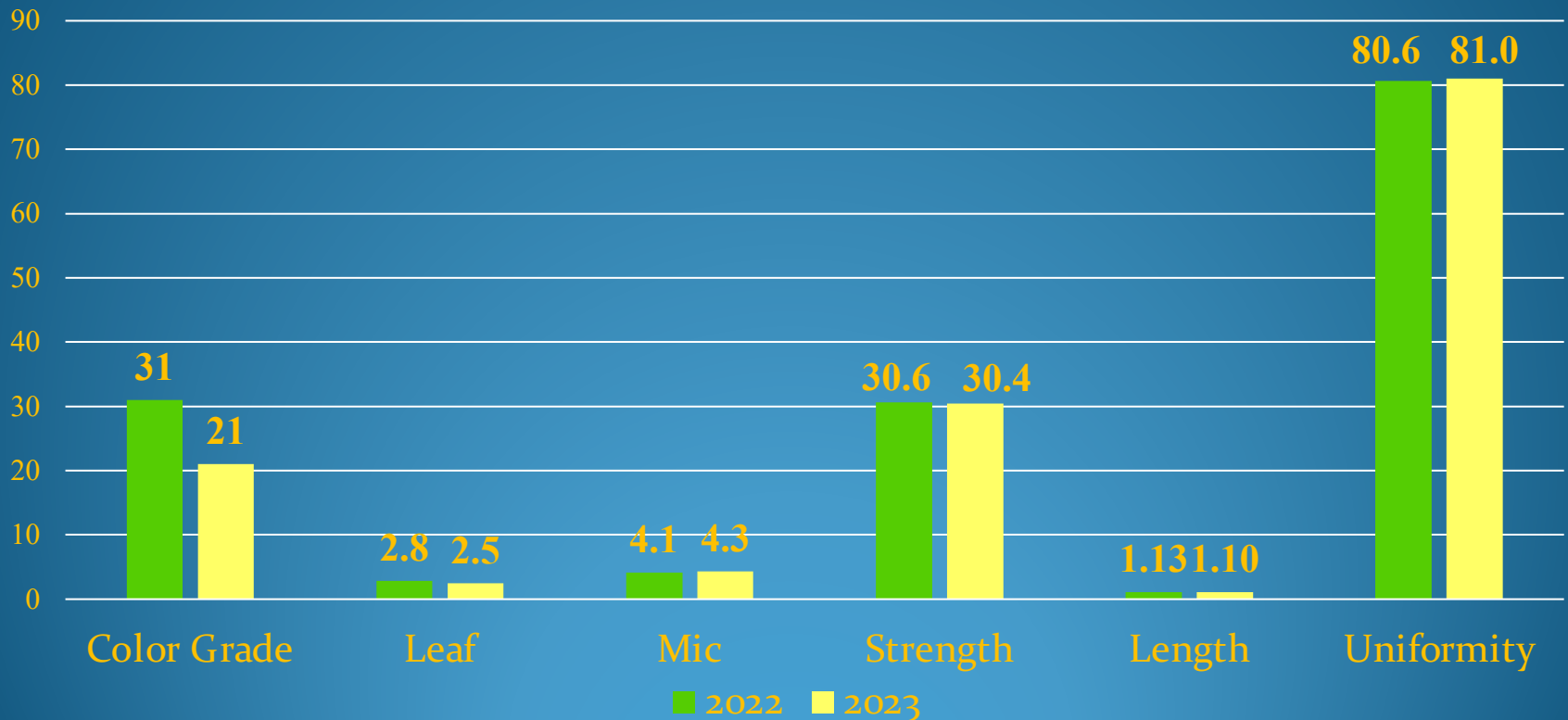
Average Quality for West Texas

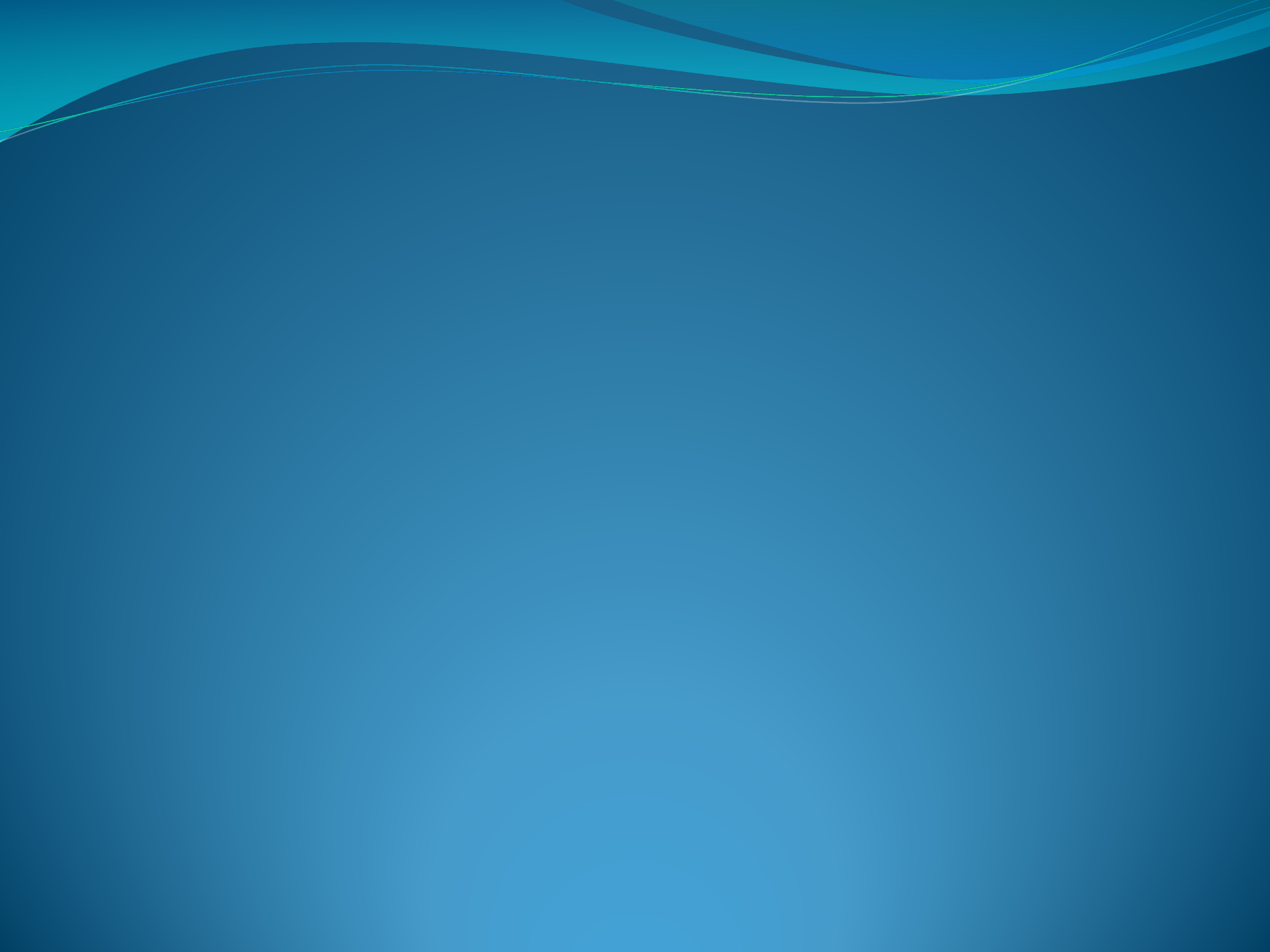
Abilene, Lamesa, Lubbock



Average Quality for West Texas 2022 vs 2023 (thru 10/24)

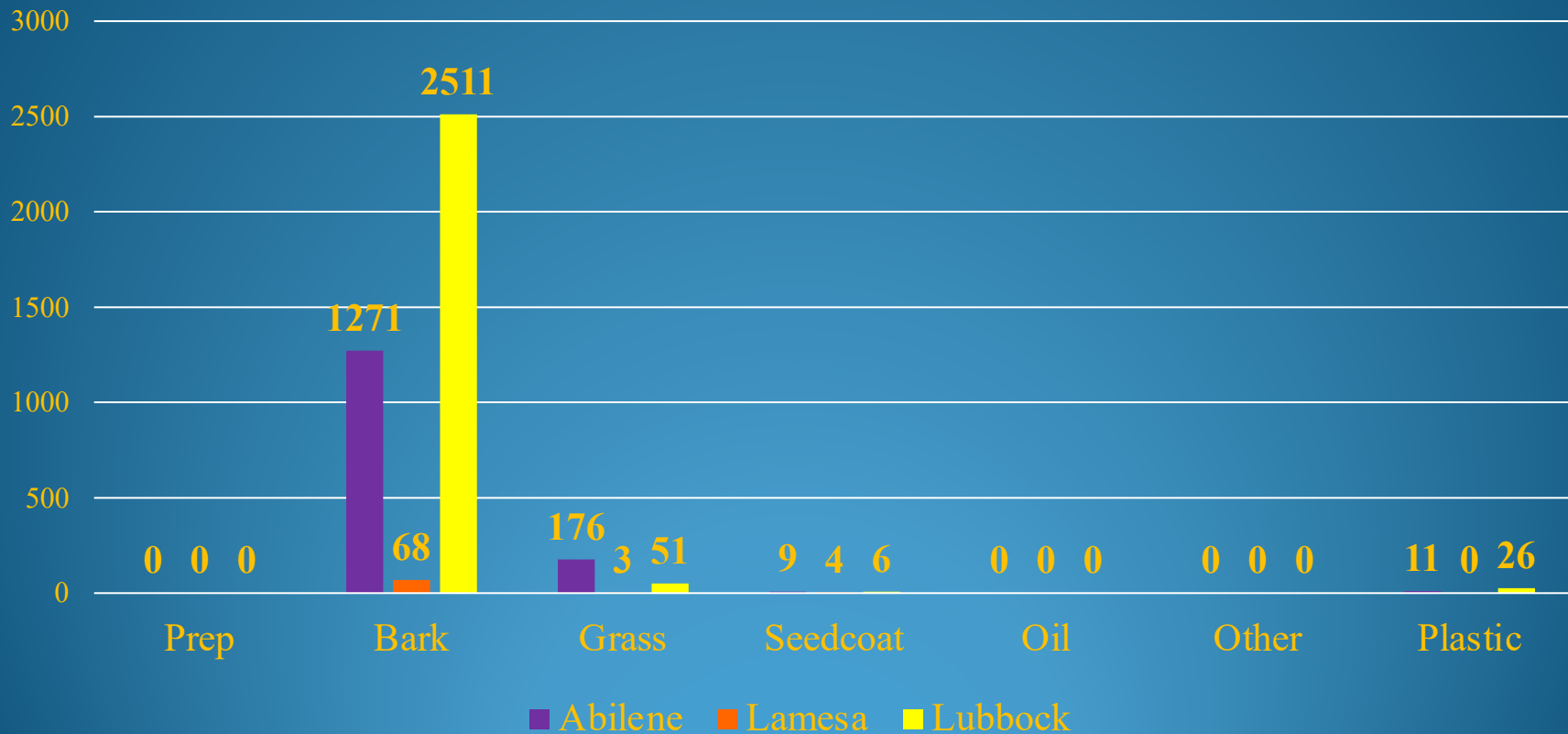
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Extraneous Matter

Abilene, Lamesa, Lubbock



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