

# Forage and pasture management results from Western Canadian Cow- Calf Survey 2014

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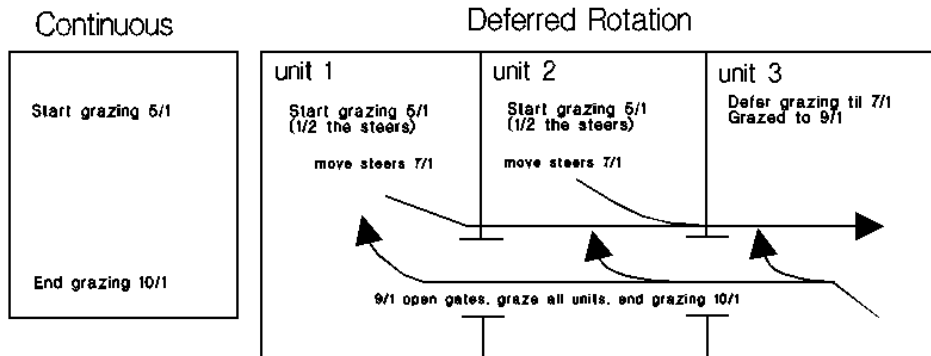
# Background

- Mail or online survey
- 58 questions 2014 calf crop from breeding to weaning
- 411 responses; 68% by on line
- Alberta 49%, Saskatchewan 24%, Manitoba 18% and British Columbia 8%
- Soil zone, age, experience, province as factors

**46. What type of grazing management do you typically use on your operation?  
Check only one per pasture type. Intensive refers to small paddocks grazed for short durations.**

Native Pasture  
Continuous  
Rotational  
Intensive

Tame Pasture  
Continuous  
Rotational  
Intensive



**47. In general, how often are your tame pastures reseeded or rejuvenated? Check only one.**

Every 1-5 years

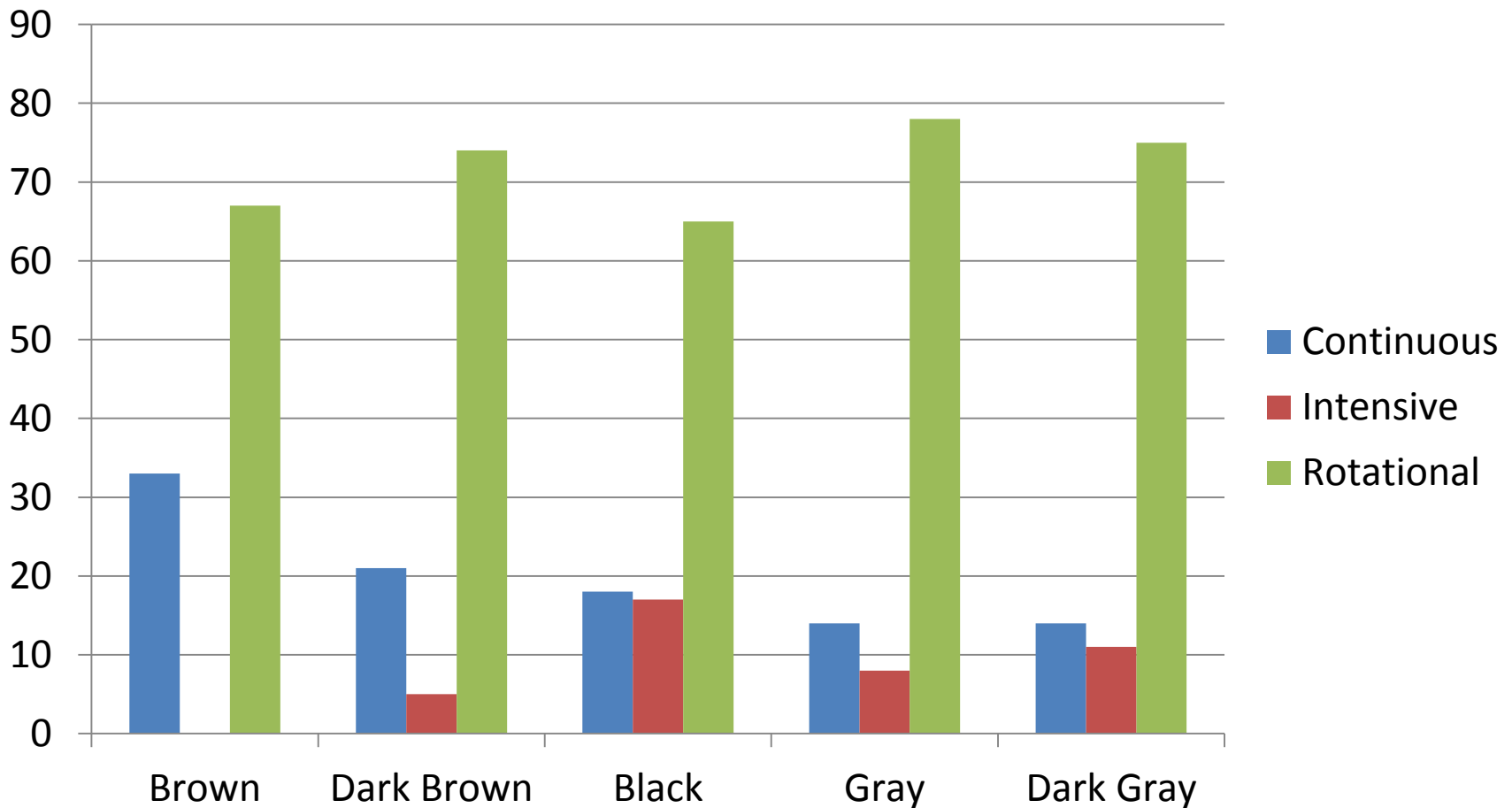
Every 6-10 years

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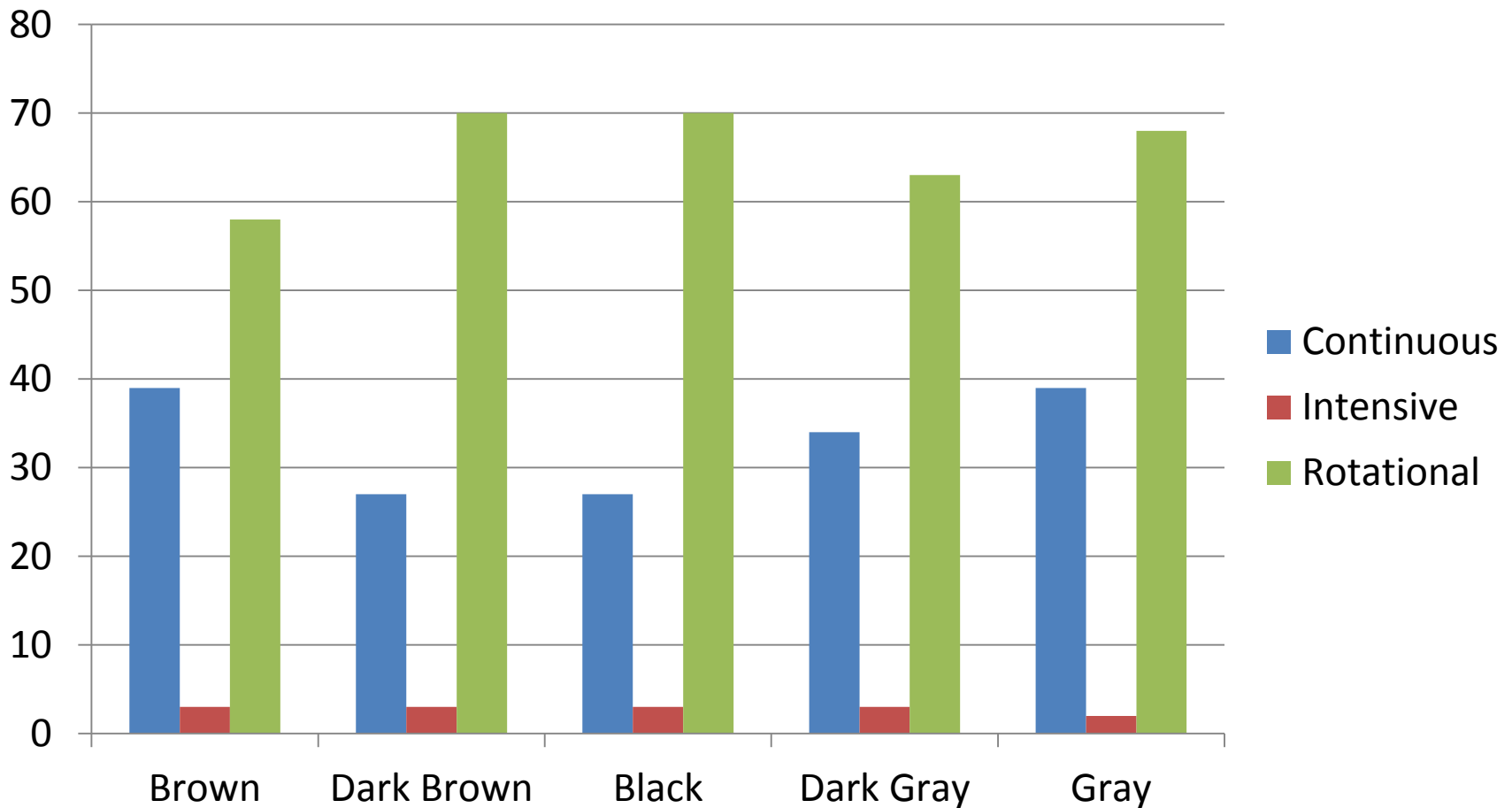
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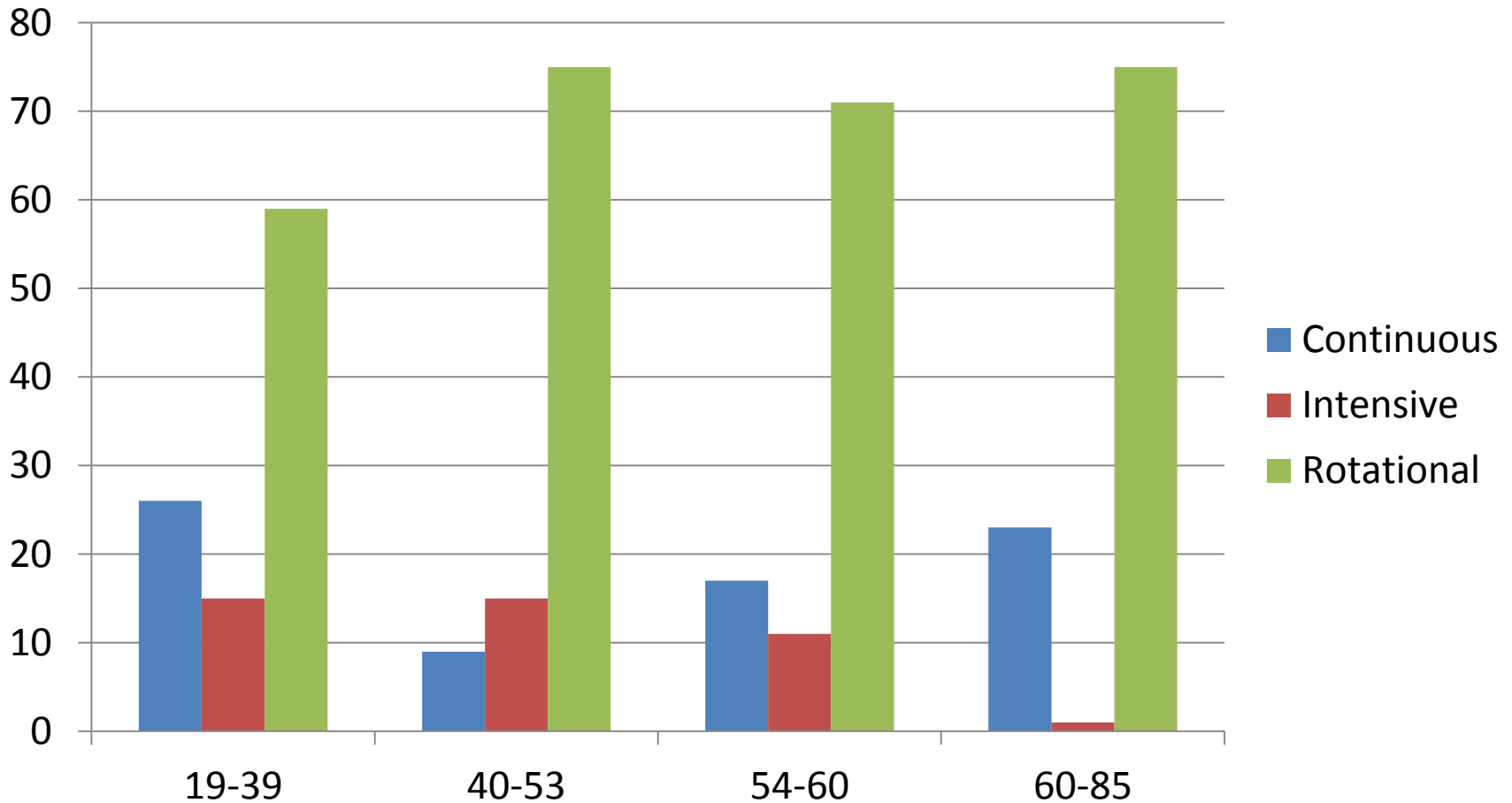
# Tame pasture management system frequency (%) by soil zone



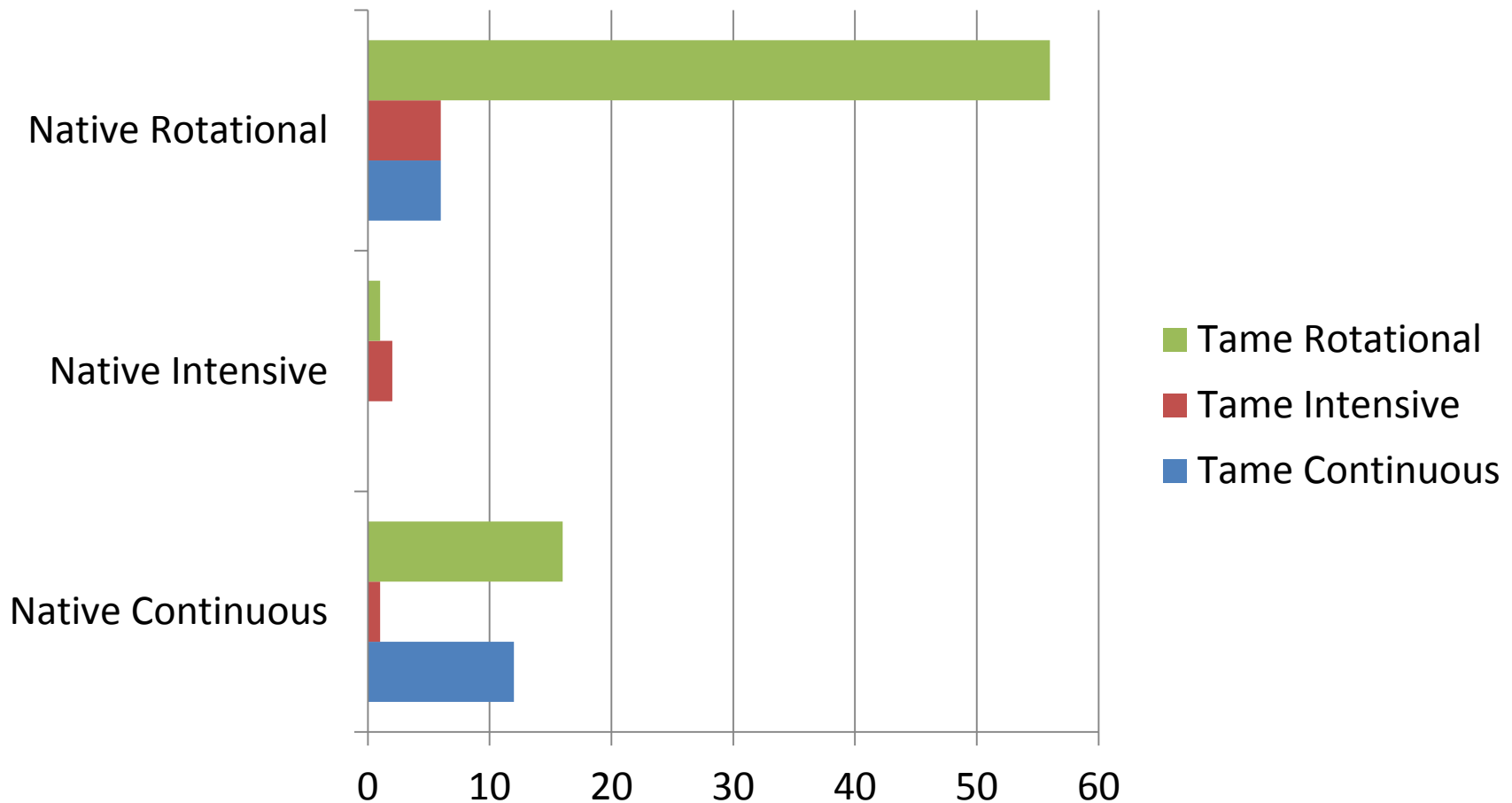
# Native pasture management system frequency (%) by soil zone



# Native pasture management system (%) by age group

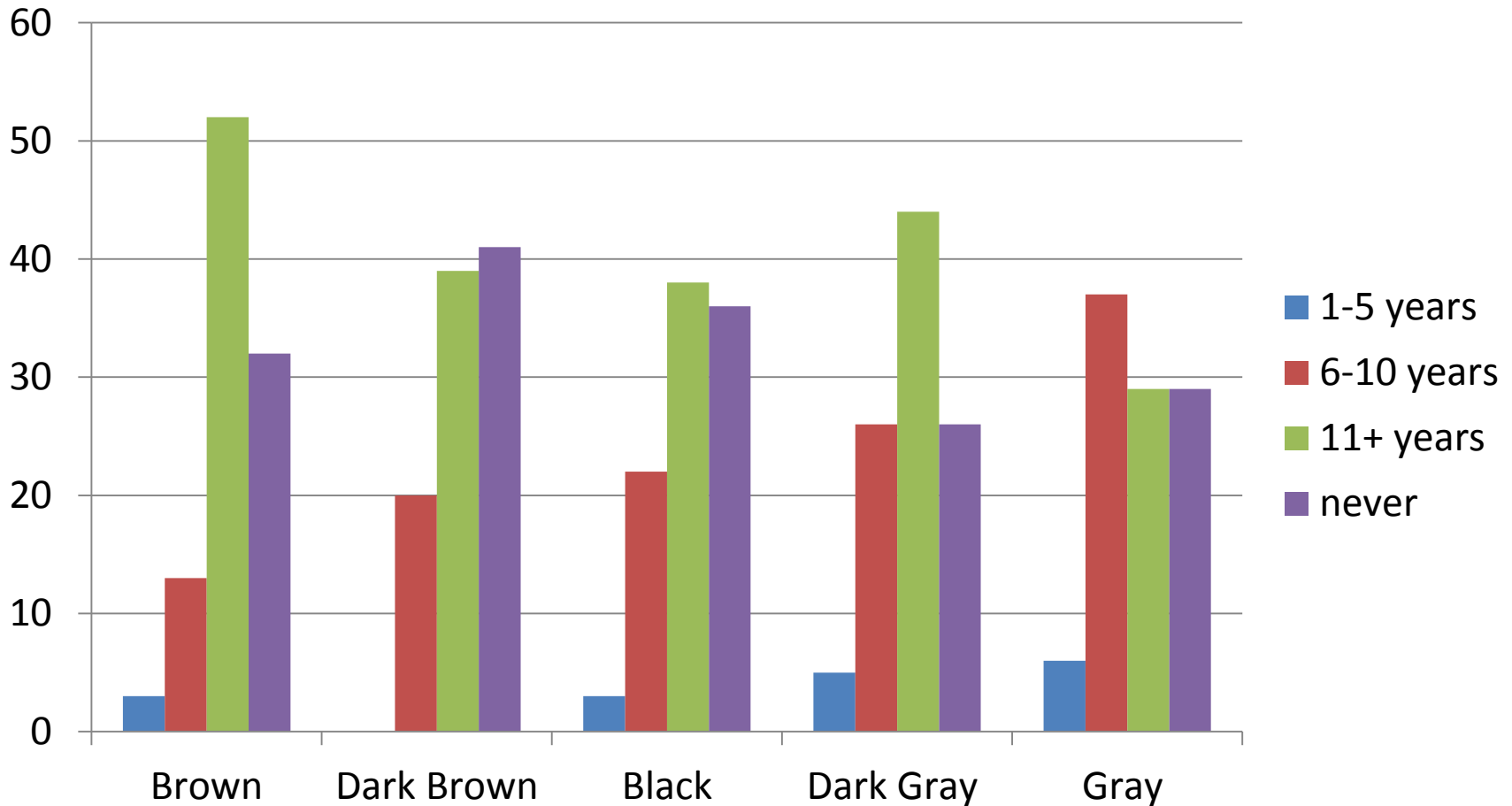


# Utilization (%) of native and tame grazing system combinations

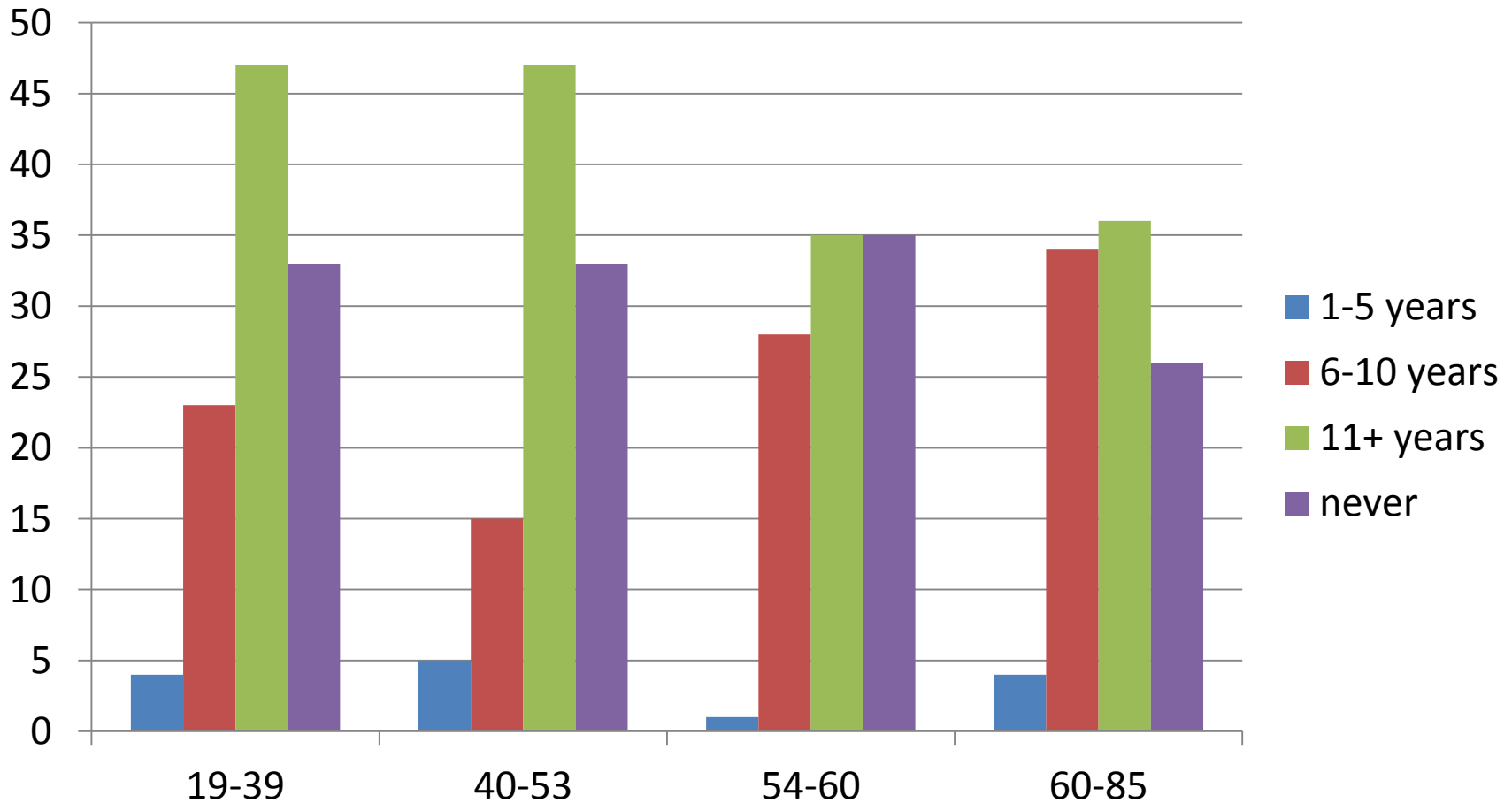




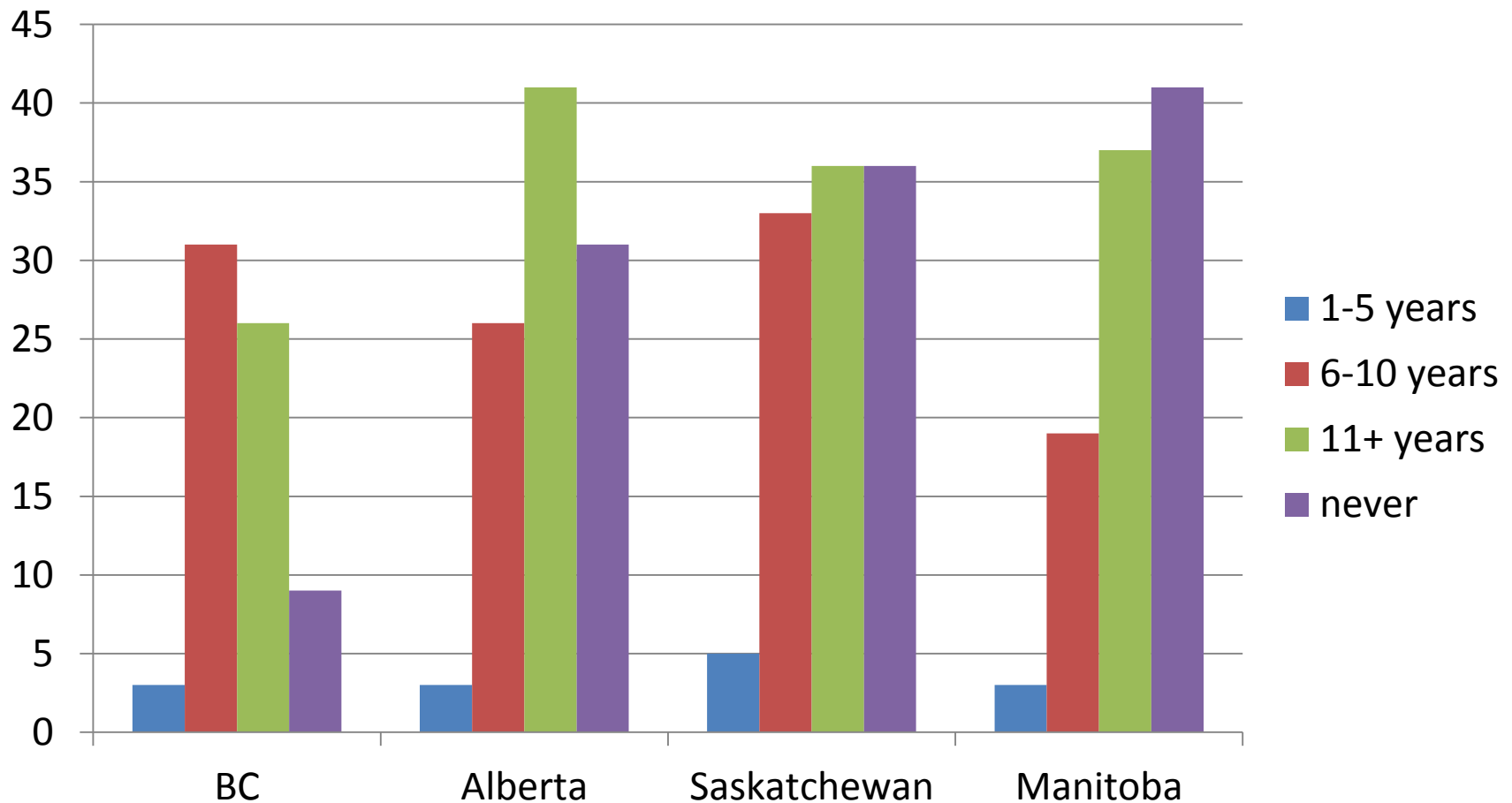
# Pasture rejuvenation frequency (%) by soil zone



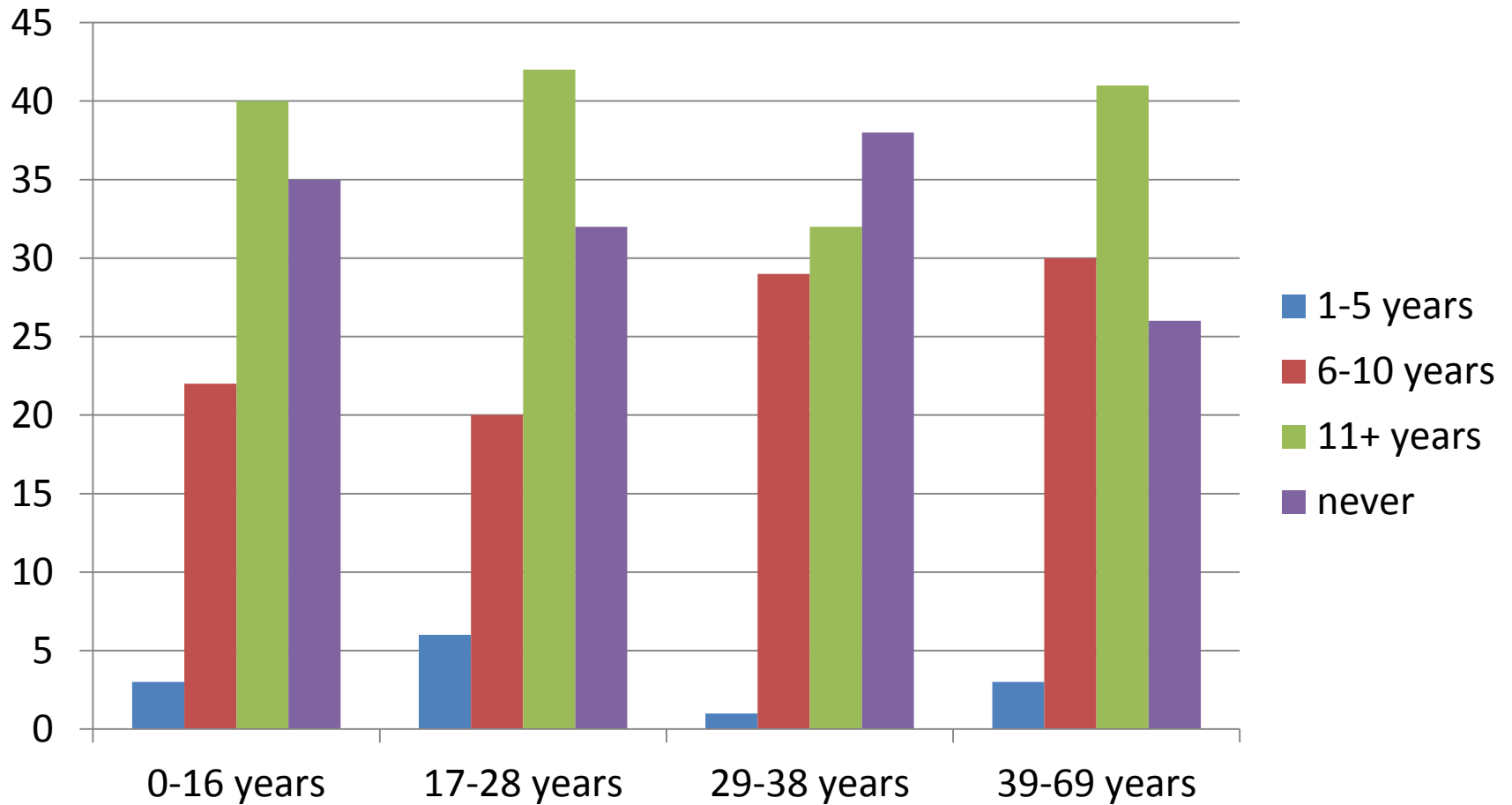
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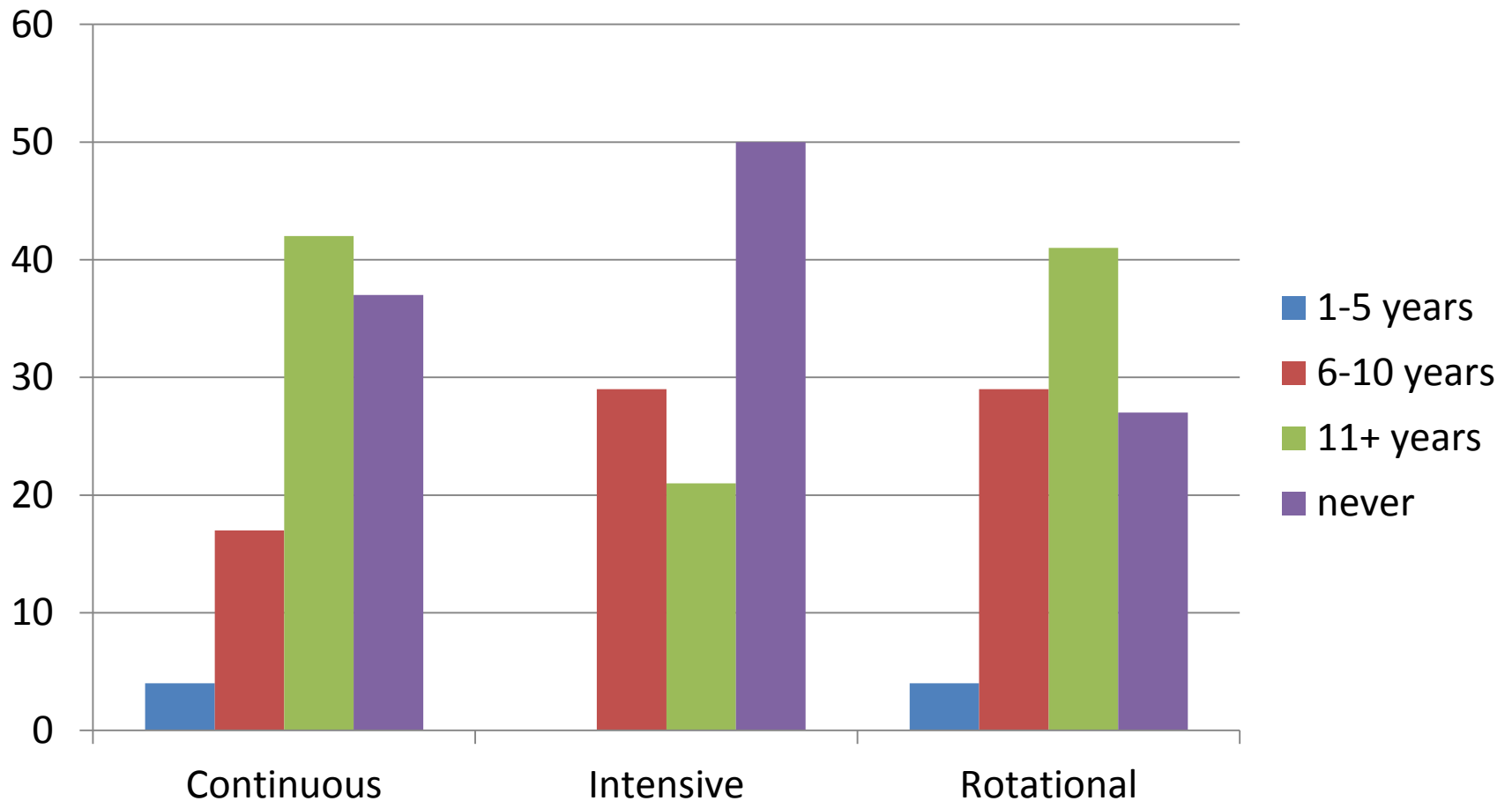
# Pasture rejuvenation frequency (%) by province



# Pasture rejuvenation frequency (%) by experience class



# Pasture Rejuvenation frequency (%) by tame pasture management



# Conclusions

- The majority of beef cow calf producers are not rejuvenating pastures
- The majority of beef cow calf producers are using rotational grazing management and less continuous grazing

# Acknowledgements

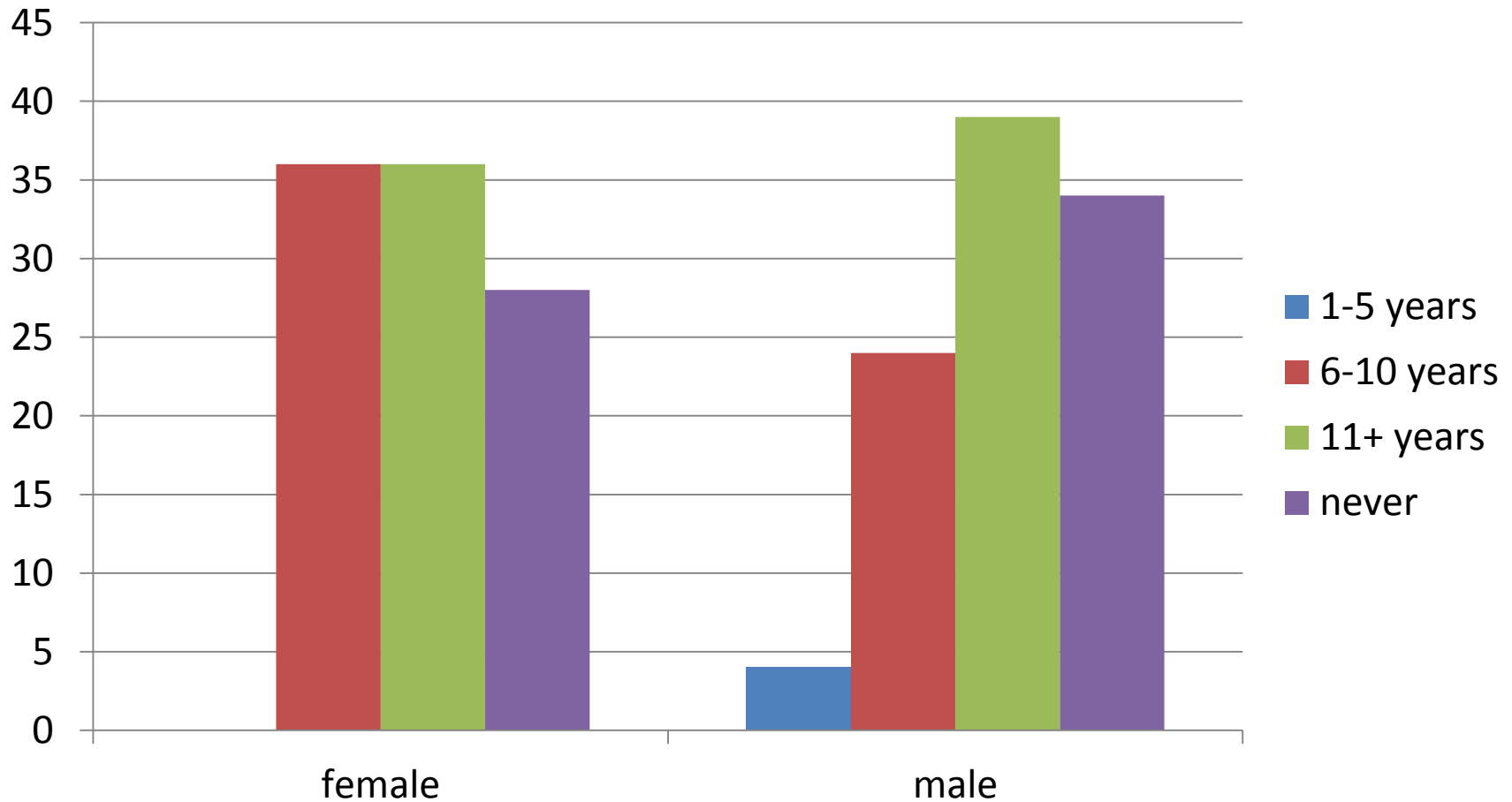
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture & Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) & Canada-Saskatchewan Growing Forward
- Beef Cattle Research Council
- Provincial beef producer associations
- Provincial ministries of agriculture
- Dr. Cheryl Waldner WCVM

Questions?





# Pasture rejuvenation frequency (%) by gender



# Grazing management is better but lots of room for improvement.

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