

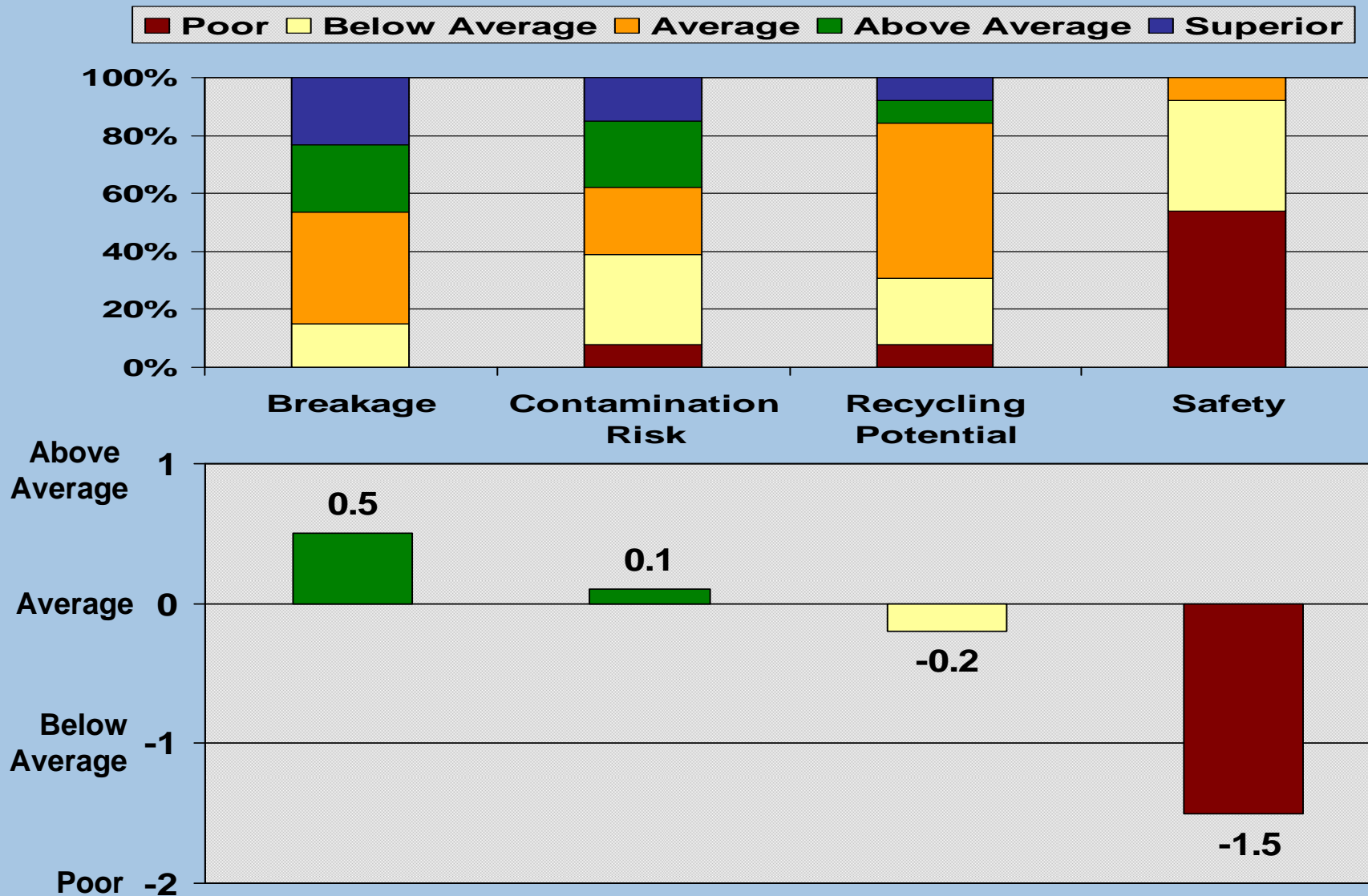
**2008 National Cotton Council  
Survey of  
Bale Packaging Preferences  
and Contamination  
Occurrences**

**Summary of  
US (Domestic) Mill Responses**

**SECTION 1**  
**Responses to**  
**Questions About Tie**  
**Preferences**

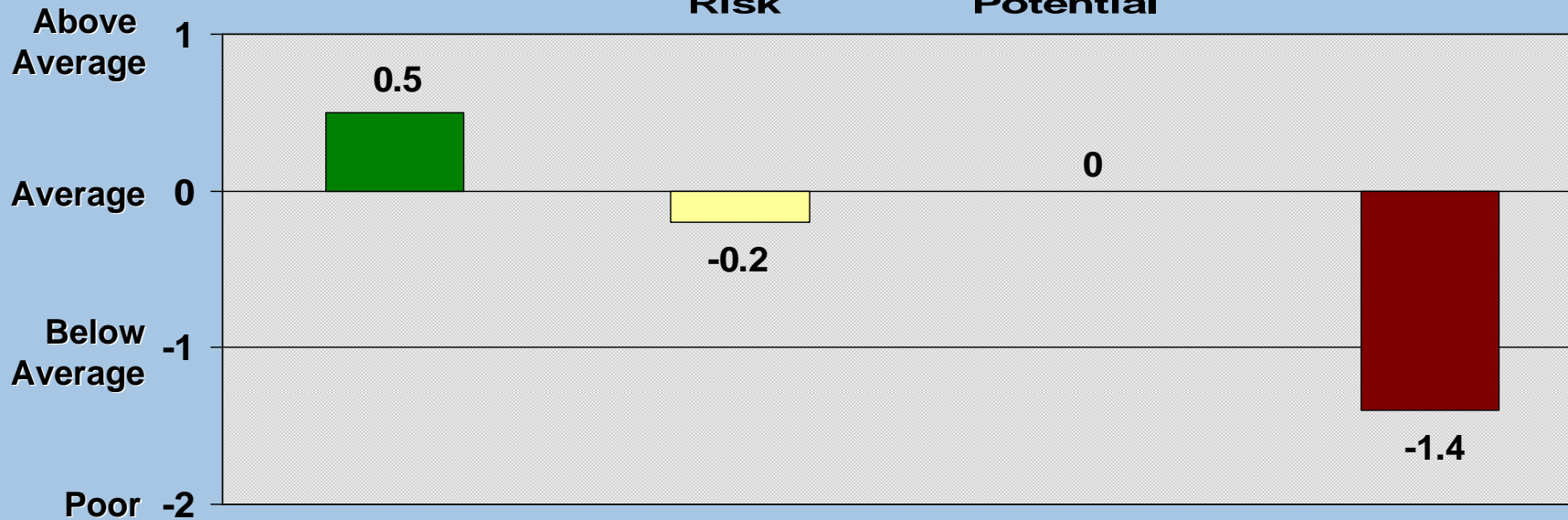
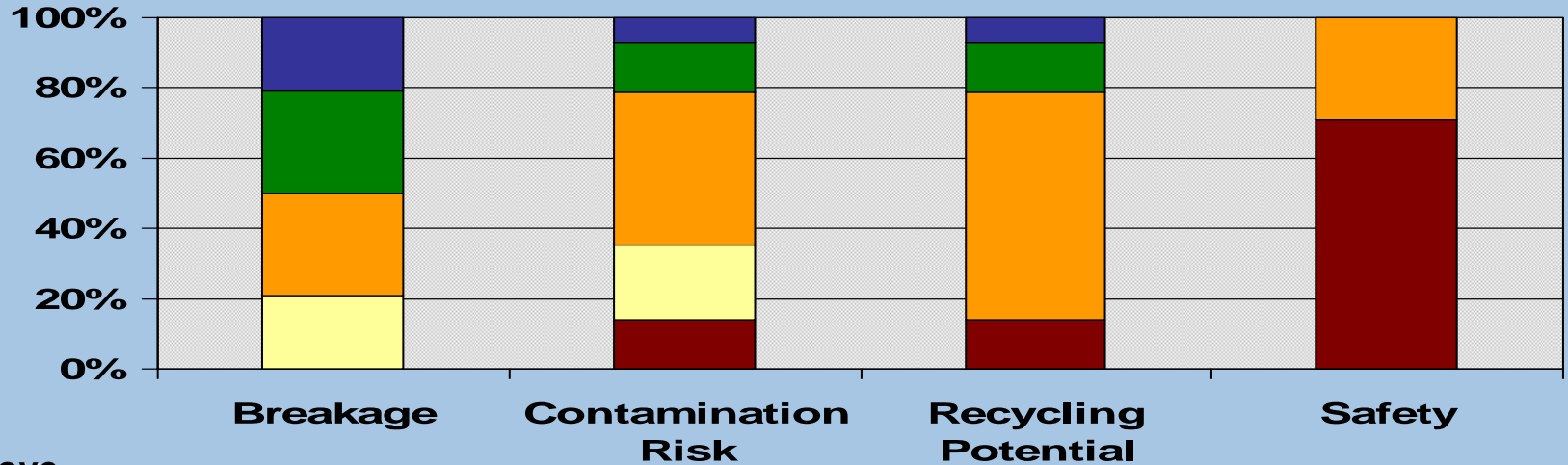
**US Mills**

# 7. For each category, rank the performance of STEEL STRAP bale ties relative to other approved bale tie materials. (US Mills)



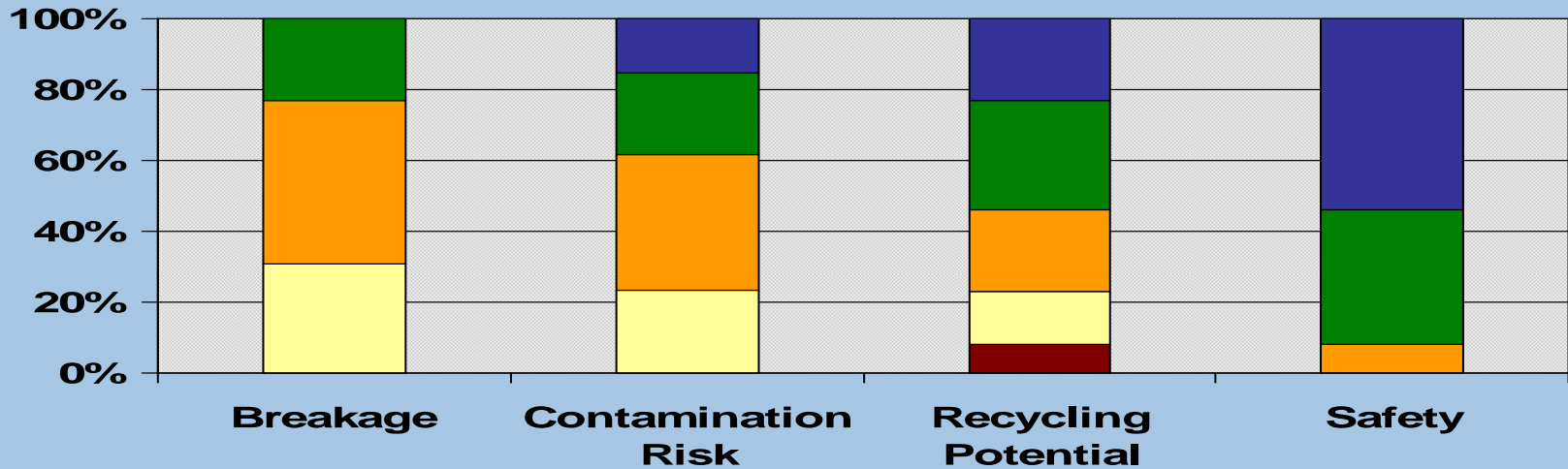
# 8. For each category, rank the performance of WIRE bale ties relative to other approved bale tie materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior

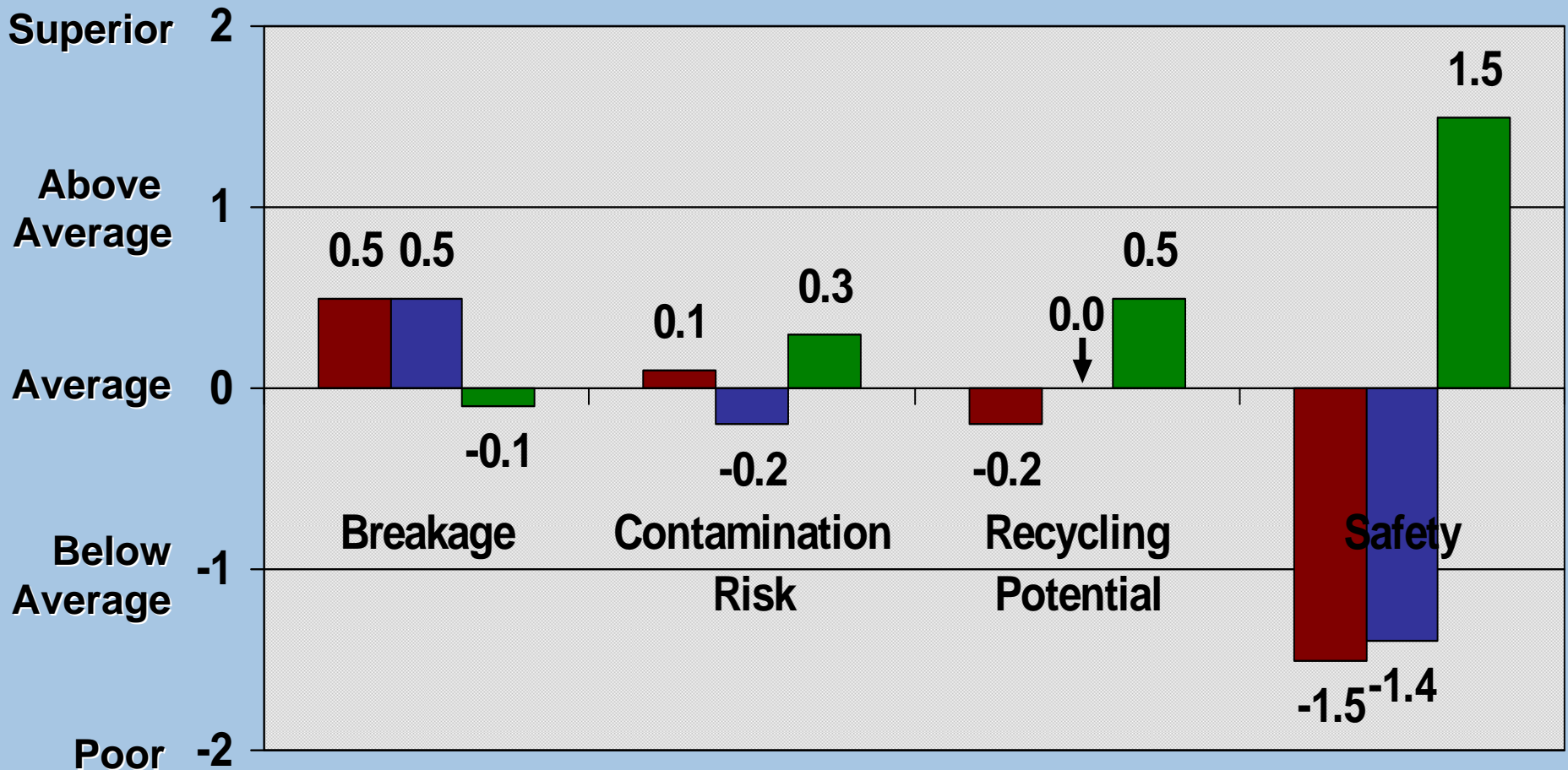


# 10. For each category, rank the performance of PET PLASTIC STRAP relative to other approved bale tie materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior



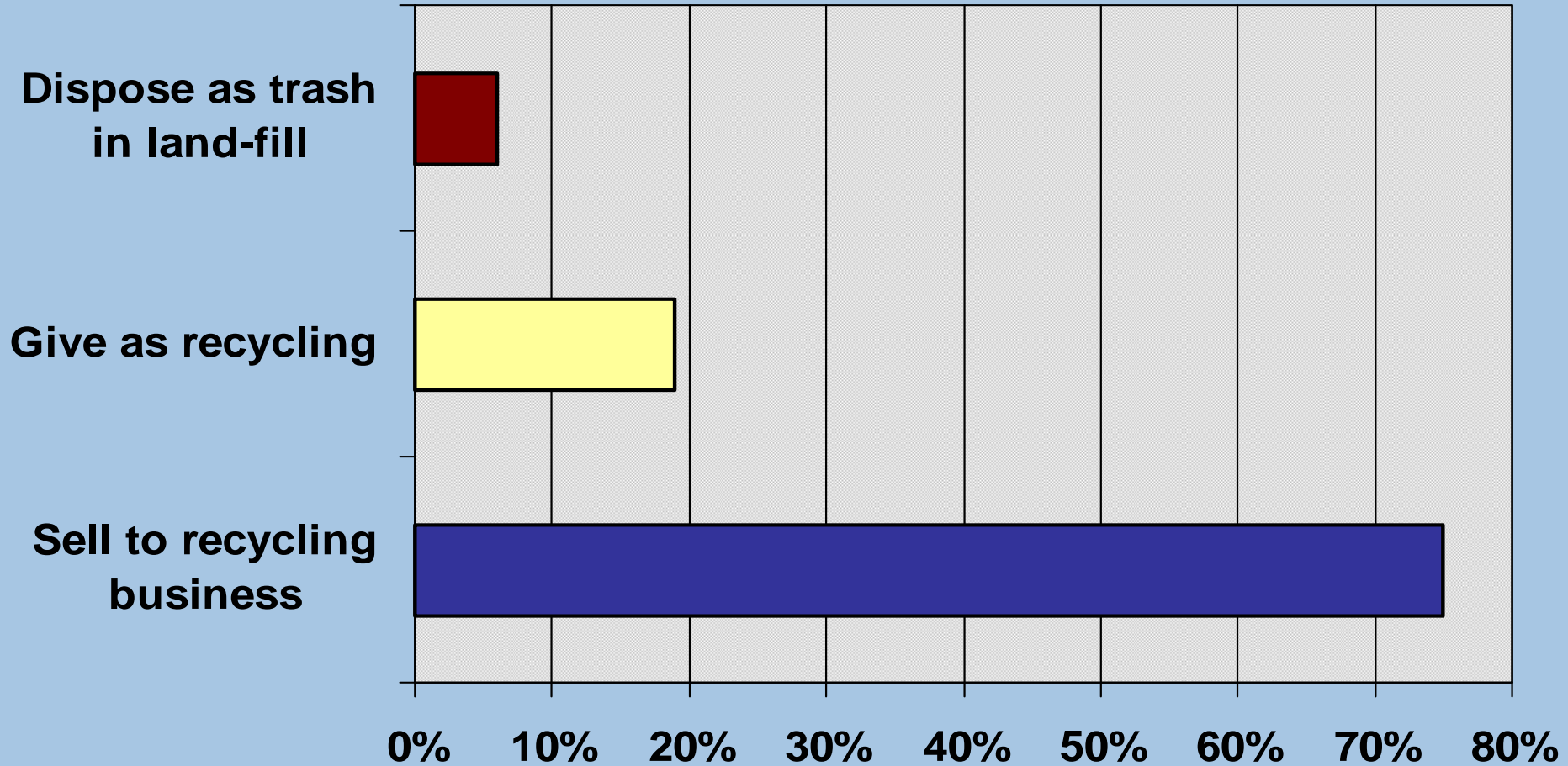
# 7,8, 10 Side by Side – For each category, rank the performance of VARIOUS bale ties relative to other approved bale tie materials. (US Mills)



# 11. Overall, describe your preference level for each bale tie material. (US Mills)

| (2008 Use)  | Steel Strap<br>(0%) | Wire<br>(49%) | PET Plastic Strap<br>(51%) |
|---|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Most Preferred</b>                                   | <b>7%</b>           | <b>7%</b>     | <b>14%</b>                 |
| <b>Preferred</b>  | <b>7%</b>           | <b>7%</b>     | <b>71%</b>                 |
| <b>Indifferent</b>                                      | <b>14%</b>          | <b>29%</b>    | <b>14%</b>                 |
| <b>Not Preferred</b>                                    | <b>36%</b>          | <b>50%</b>    | <b>0%</b>                  |
| <b>Least Preferred</b>                                  | <b>36%</b>          | <b>7%</b>     | <b>0%</b>                  |
| <b>2 Most Preferred<br/>(to)<br/>-2 Least Preferred</b> | <b>-0.8</b>         | <b>-0.2</b>   | <b>1.6</b>                 |

## 12. How do you dispose of bale tie materials after opening bales? (US Mills)

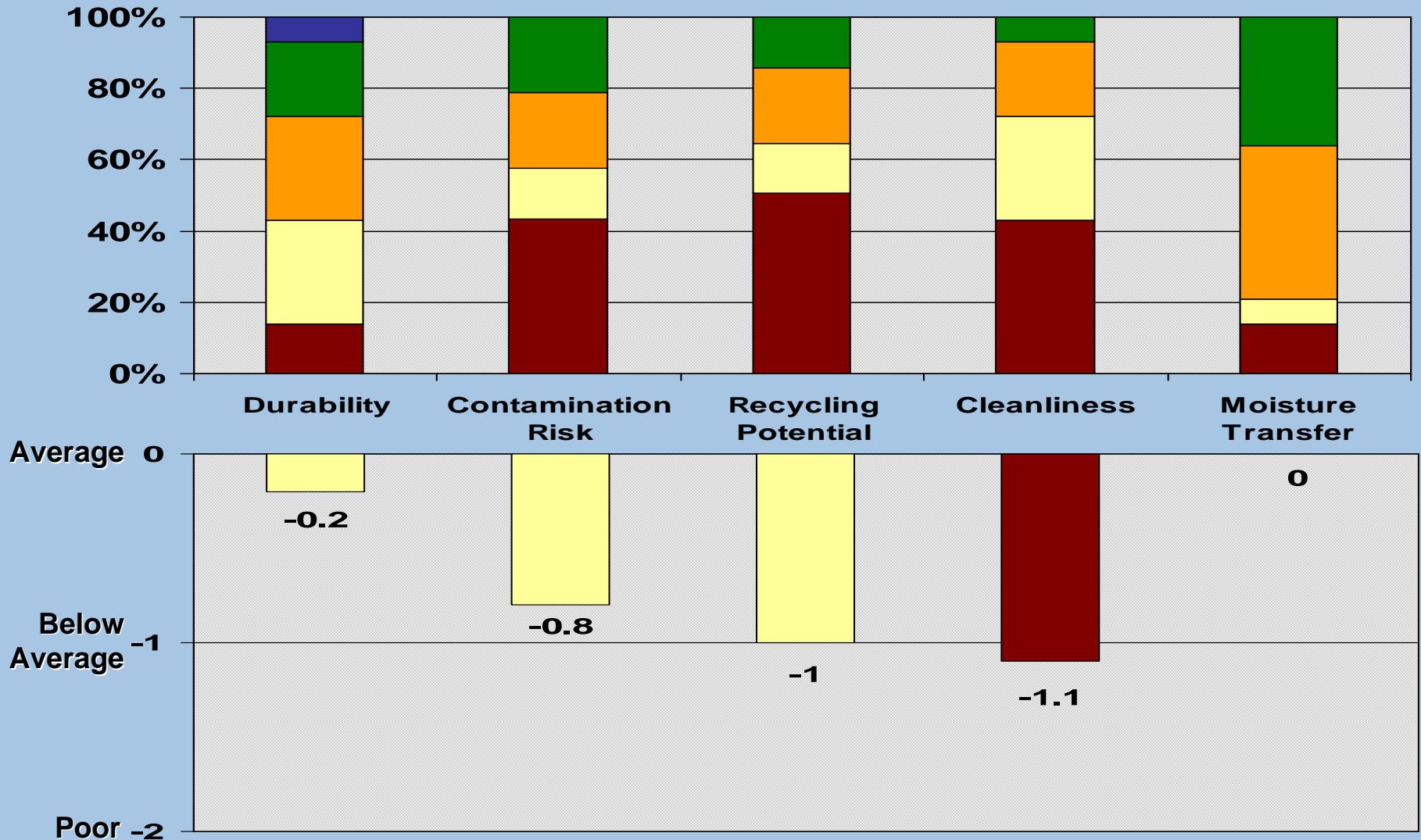




**SECTION 2**  
**Responses to**  
**Questions about**  
**Bagging Preferences**  
**US Mills**

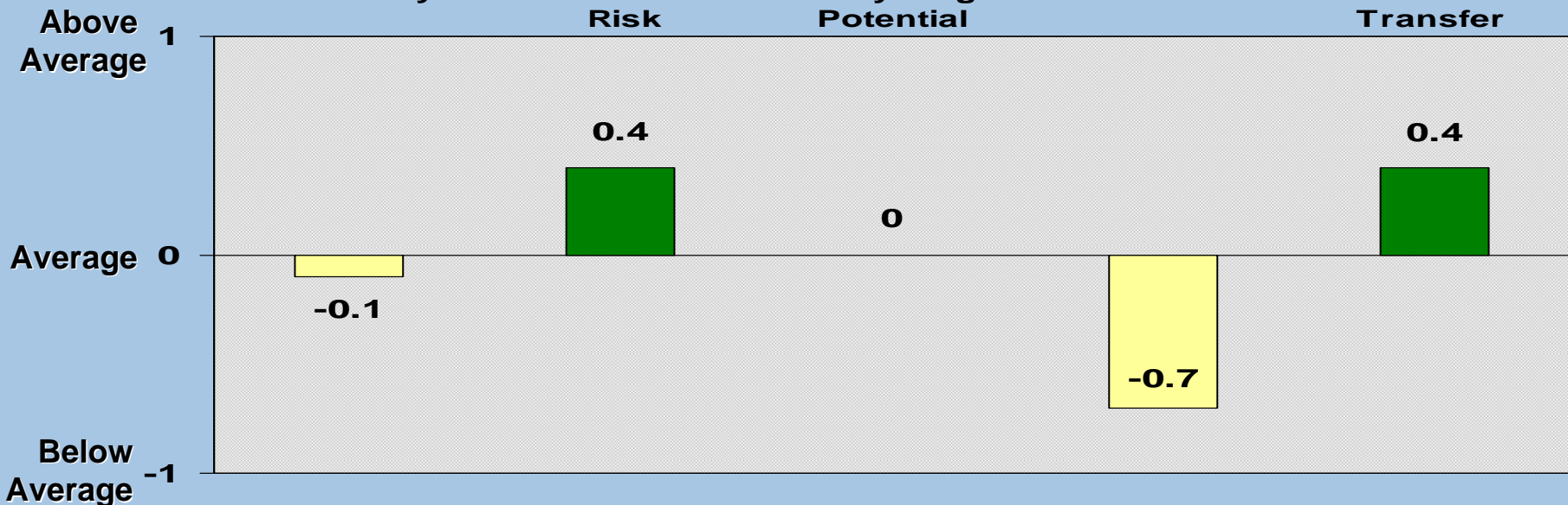
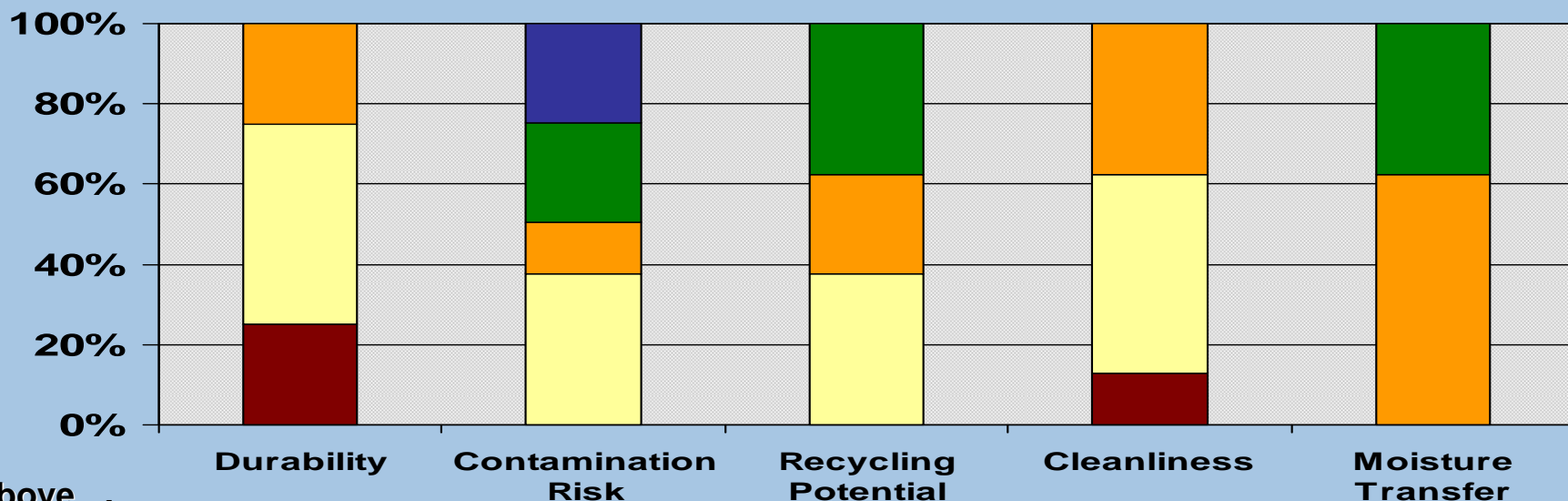
# 13. For each category, rank the performance of BURLAP bale bags relative to other approved bale bag materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior



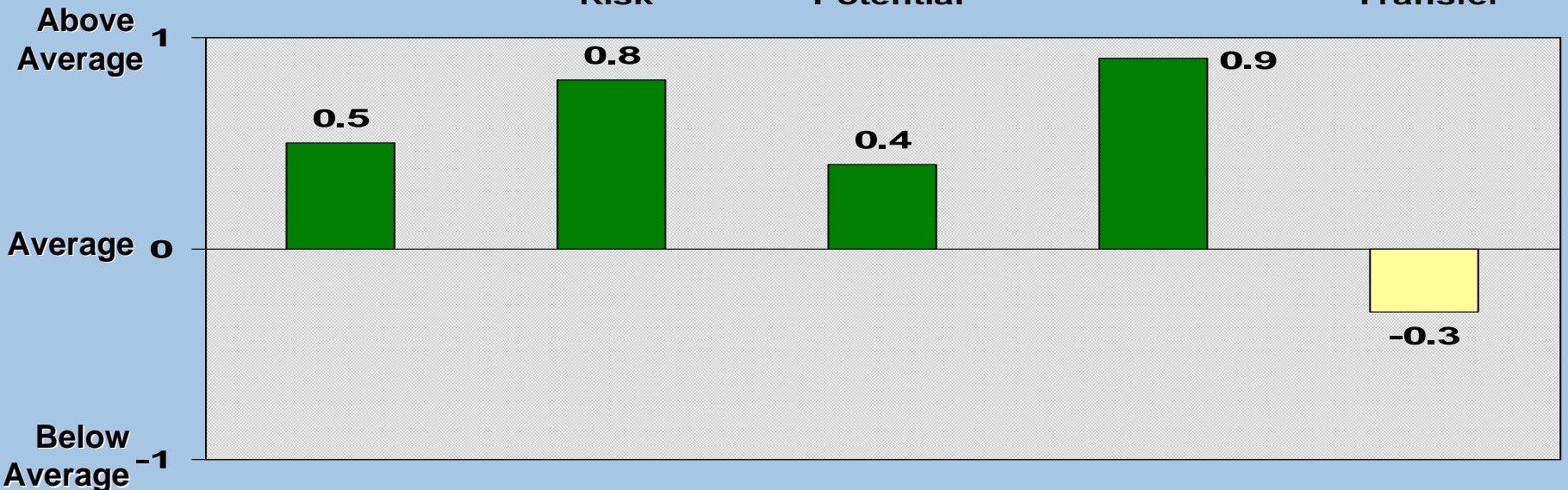
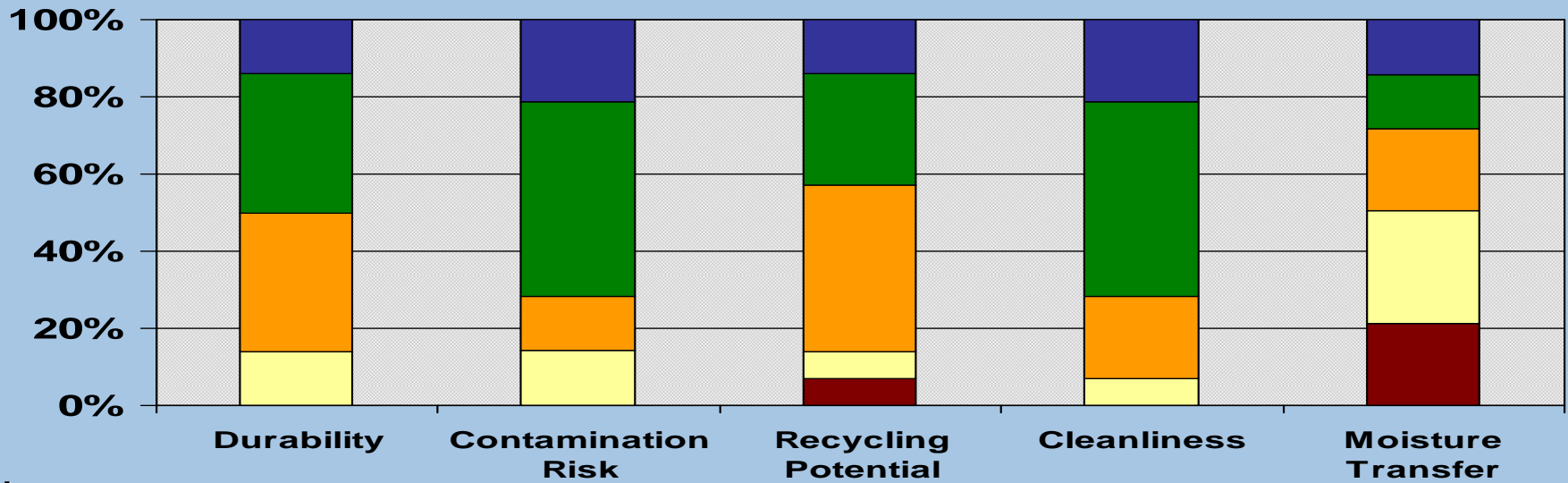
# 14. For each category, rank the performance of COTTON bale bags relative to other approved bale bag materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior



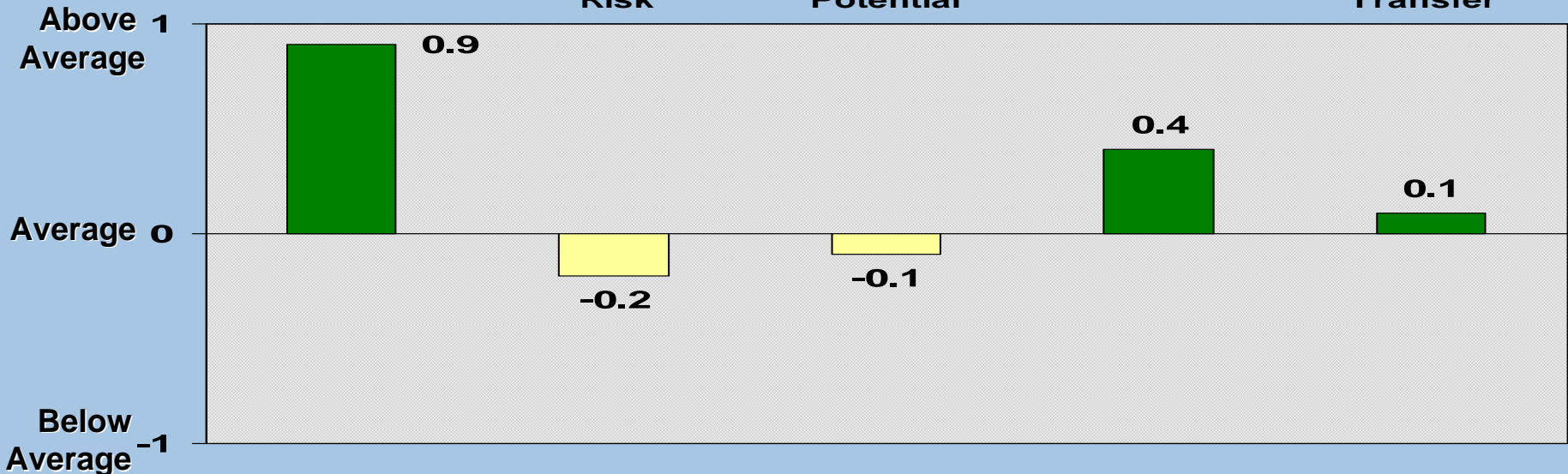
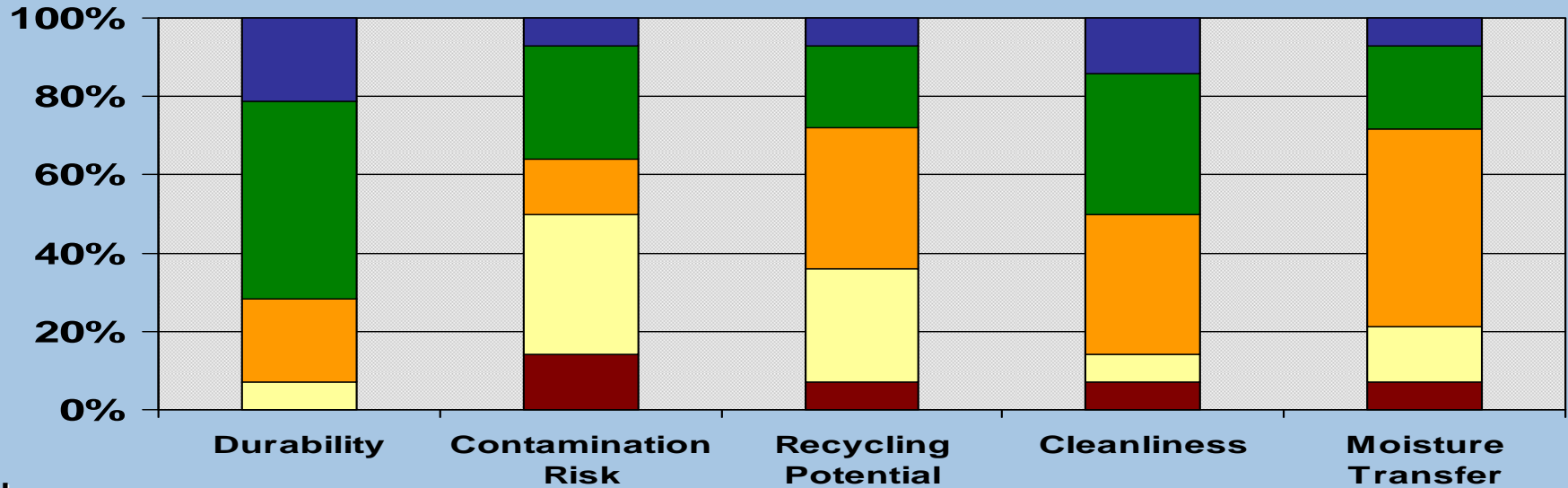
# 15. For each category, rank the performance of POLYETHYLENE PE FILM bale bags relative to other approved bale bag materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior



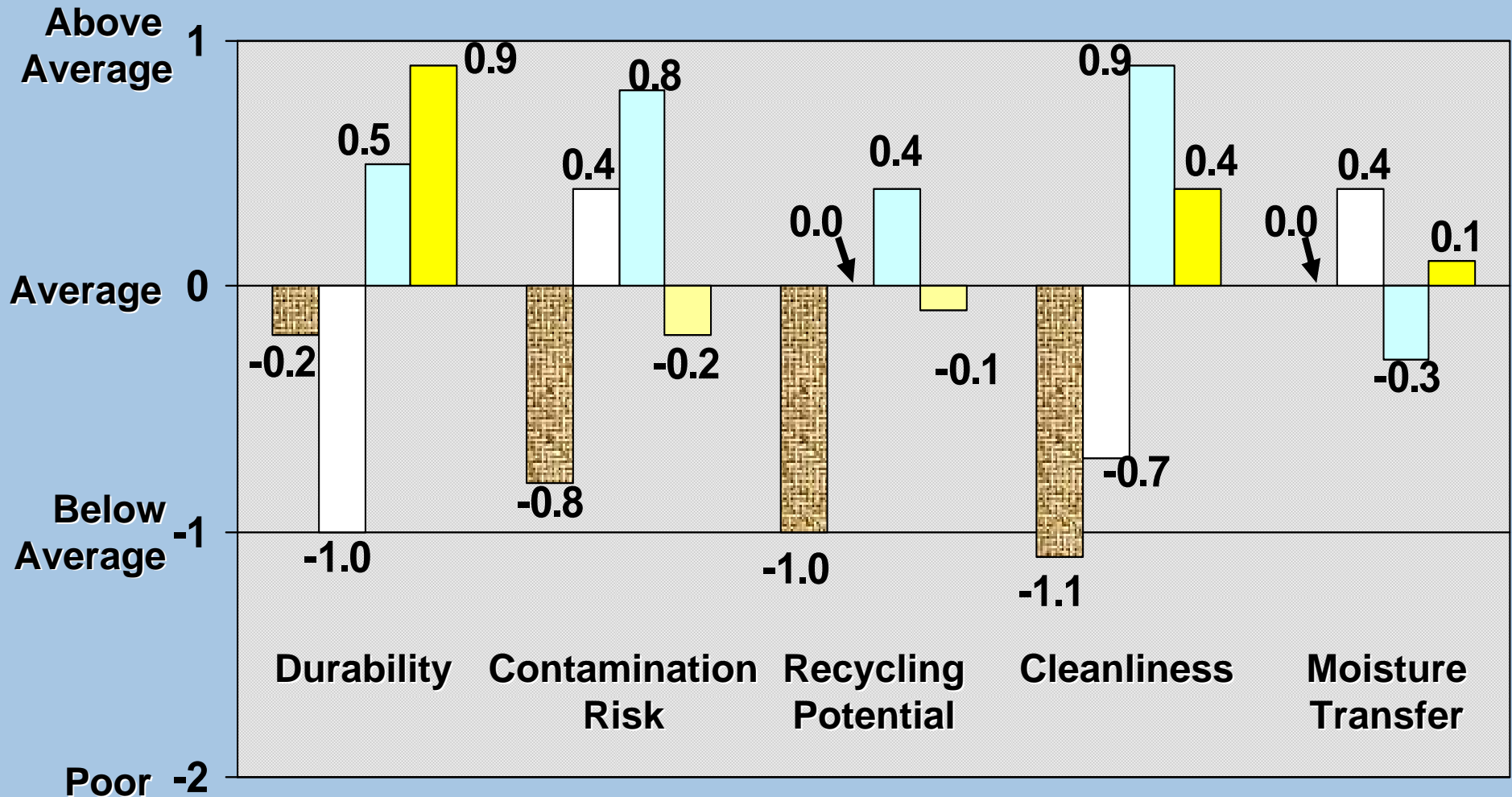
# 16. For each category, rank the performance of WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE bale bags relative to other approved bale bag materials. (US Mills)

■ Poor 
 ■ Below Average 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Above Average 
 ■ Superior



# 13, 14, 15, 16 Side by Side – For each category, rank the performance of VARIOUS bale bags relative to other approved bale bag materials. (US Mills)

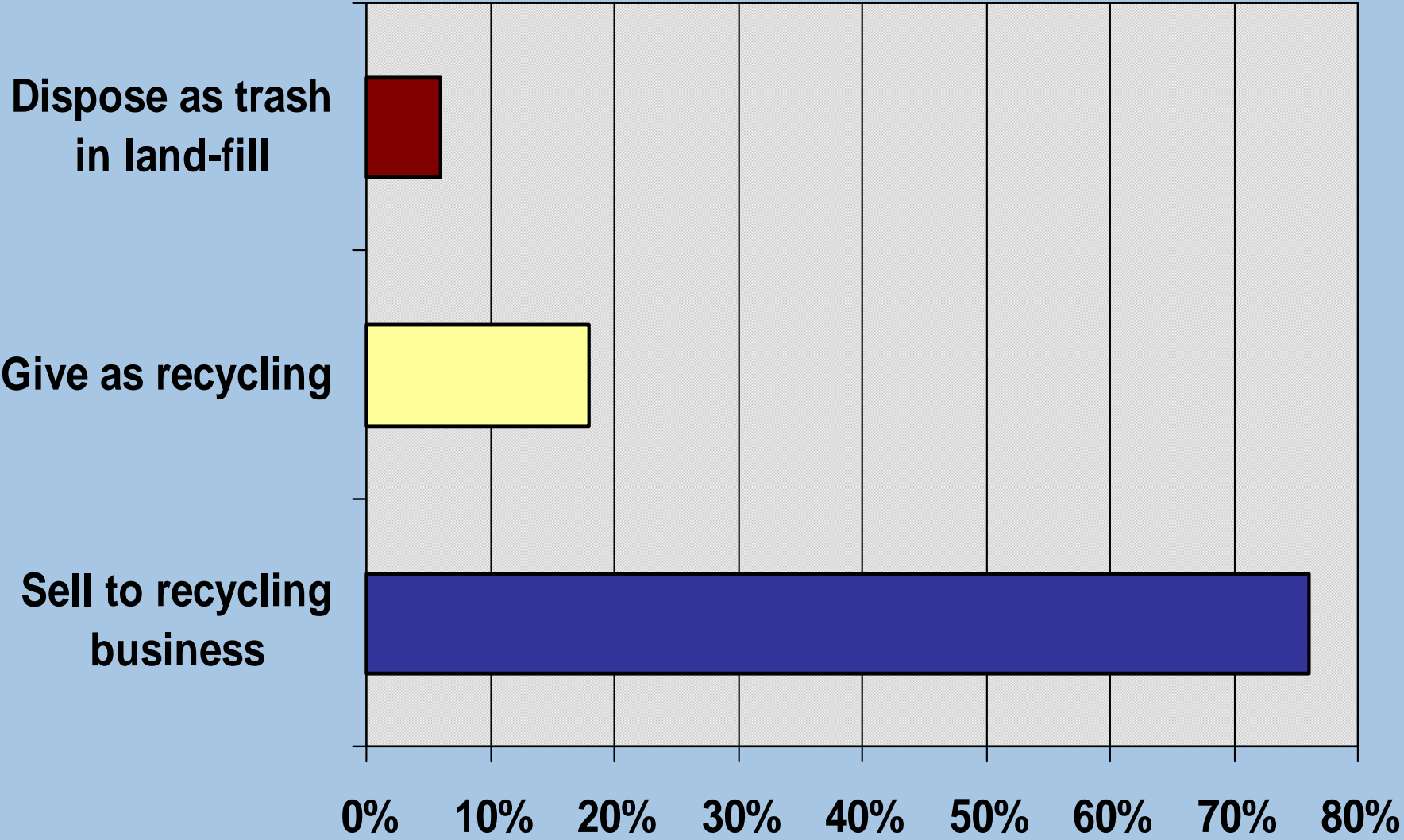
BURLAP
  COTTON
  PE FILM
  WPP



**17. Overall, describe your preference level for each bag material. (US Mills)**

| <b>(2008 US Use)</b>                                    | <b>Burlap<br/>(2%)</b> | <b>Cotton<br/>(3%)</b> | <b>PE Film<br/>(37%)</b> | <b>WPP<br/>(58%)</b> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Most Preferred</b>                                   | <b>0%</b>              | <b>21%</b>             | <b>50%</b>               | <b>21%</b>           |
| <b>Preferred</b>  | <b>14%</b>             | <b>14%</b>             | <b>29%</b>               | <b>14%</b>           |
| <b>Indifferent</b>                                      | <b>7%</b>              | <b>29%</b>             | <b>14%</b>               | <b>43%</b>           |
| <b>Not Preferred</b>                                    | <b>7%</b>              | <b>29%</b>             | <b>0%</b>                | <b>14%</b>           |
| <b>Least Preferred</b>                                  | <b>71%</b>             | <b>7%</b>              | <b>7%</b>                | <b>7%</b>            |
| <b>2 Most Preferred<br/>(to)<br/>-2 Least Preferred</b> | <b>-1.4</b>            | <b>0.1</b>             | <b>1.1</b>               | <b>0.3</b>           |

# 18. How do you dispose of bale bagging materials after opening bales? (US Mills)

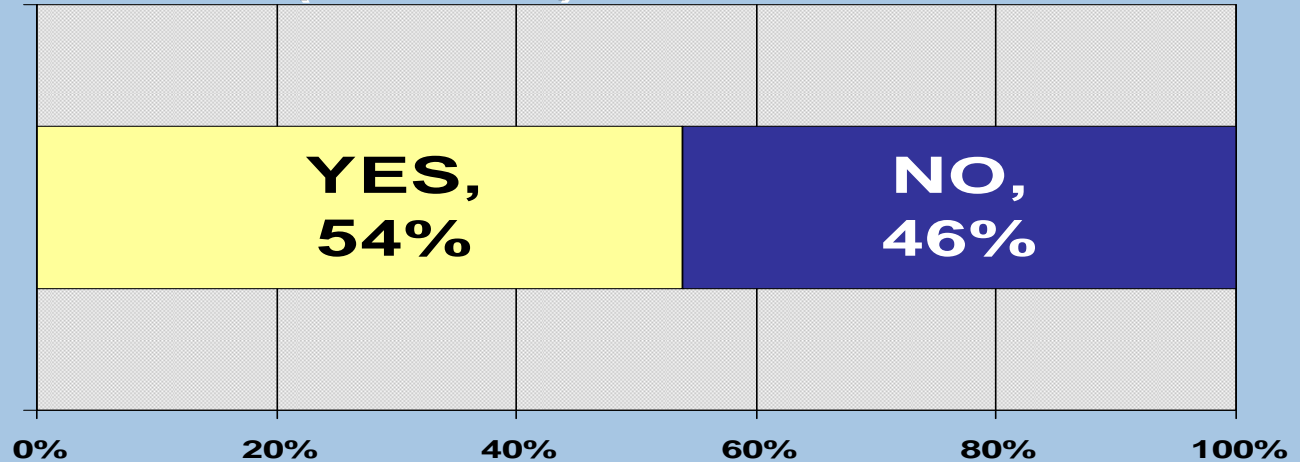




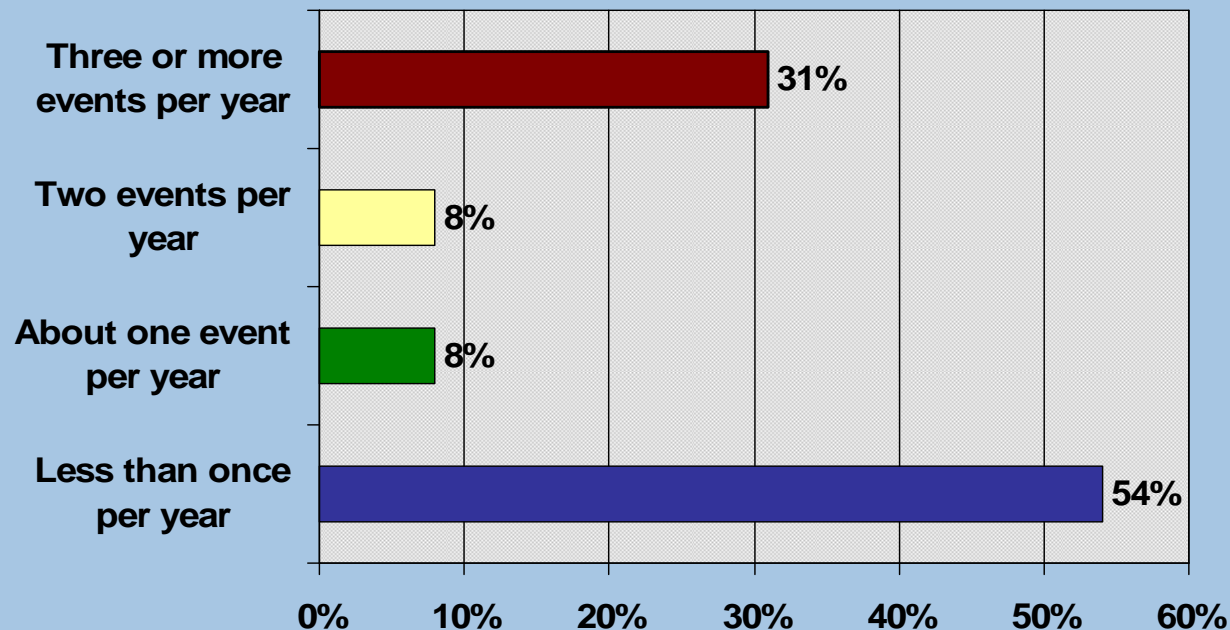
**SECTION 3**  
**Responses to Questions**  
**About Contamination**  
**Experience**

**US Mills**

## 20. Has this facility had cotton fiber contamination in the past 12 months? (US Mills)



## 21. How frequently do contamination events occur?





## 23. What are the Predominant Types of Contaminants? (US Mills)

Specify the relative frequency that you encounter each contaminate color:

|               | Plastic | Colored Polyester | Colored Nylon | Colored Cotton |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Almost Never  | 31%     | 54%               | 69%           | 62%            |
| Rare          | 31%     | 8%                | 8%            | 15%            |
| Occasionally  | 38%     | 15%               | 23%           | 23%            |
| Frequent      | 0%      | 23%               | 0%            | 0%             |
| Very Frequent | 0%      | 0%                | 0%            | 0%             |

**25. In comparison with the amount of contamination in other cotton growths, U.S. cotton typically has...  
(US Mills)**

|   | All Responses | Excluding N/A |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>...significantly less contamination.</b> | <b>15%</b>    | <b>29%</b>    |
| <b>...less contamination.</b>               | <b>23%</b>    | <b>43%</b>    |
| <b>...about the same.</b>                   | <b>15%</b>    | <b>29%</b>    |
| <b>...more contamination.</b>               | <b>0%</b>     | <b>0%</b>     |
| <b>...significantly more contamination.</b> | <b>0%</b>     | <b>0%</b>     |
| <b>N/A (Mills only spin US cotton)</b>      | <b>46%</b>    | <b>-</b>      |

**The End**

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