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Cotton variety tests became part of the University of Missouri's crop performance testing program in 1978. These tests are conducted to provide a reliable, unbiased, up-to-date source of information which will permit valid comparisons among the varieties evaluated.

COMPARING VARIETIES

In each trial, the "top yielding varieties" have been identified. These varieties are those which did not yield significantly less than the highest yielding variety in the test. They are denoted in the tables by an asterisk (*) next to their yields. Thus, by going down a column, the highest yielding varieties in a trial can be readily identified. By going across, the relative performance of a variety during several years or at several locations can be evaluated. From the standpoint of yield, the most desirable varieties will be those which are among the "top yielding" varieties (that is, have an asterisk) the greatest number of times.

Although yield usually receives first consideration, other agronomic characteristics may be equally important when selecting a cotton variety. For southeastern Missouri, maturity, seedling vigor, and reaction to diseases are among the additional characteristics which deserve careful consideration. Late maturing varieties can be injured by early fall frost, particularly when planting is delayed. High seed viability and good seedling vigor help insure uniform and adequate stands under occasionally adverse conditions. Several prevalent diseases can markedly reduce final yield of susceptible varieties. Thus, all the information presented in this report should be considered when selecting a variety.

The Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station does not make specific recommendations for varieties. It is suggested that the farmers growing a new variety for the first time consider the information contained in this report and then grow a small acreage to determine adaptability. This should be the practice for all new varieties regardless of origin.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Three locations were selected to represent the soil diversity in the cotton growing area of southeastern Missouri. These locations were the University of Missouri's Rhodes Farm near Clarkton (sandy soil), the Delta Research Center near Portageville (clay soil), and the David Andrews farm near Senath (loam soil). The Clarkton test was on a site infested with fusarium wilt and root knot nematode. Locations of the sites are shown on Figure 1.

Entries

All producers of cotton seed were eligible to enter varieties in the 1980 evaluation plots. Participation was voluntary and no control was exercised by the program over which or how many varieties were entered. However, to help finance the evaluation program, a fee of forty dollars per location was charged for each entry entered by the seed producer. A total of 16 cotton varieties were compared in 1980.

Field Plot Design

Individual entries were planted in four-row plots with four replications. Arrangement of plots within the field followed a lattice design. Each plot had a row length of 38 feet and a between-row spacing of 38 inches. The two center rows were used for all yield and quality information.

Plot Management

The tests were planted and harvested with commercial equipment. On University properties, rate of fertilizer application was equal to, or above, that recommended by the University of Missouri's Soil Testing Laboratory. On farmer fields, fertilizer application was at the discretion of the farm operator. Treflan and Cotoran were used for weed control at all locations. Additionally, at all sites hand weeding was done as required. Planting rate was 6 seeds per foot of row on all soil types. Dates of planting and harvest are given in the heading of individual tables.

Data Recorded

Seedling vigor notes were taken soon after emergence to give a relative indication of survival capabilities of the young plants. Seedling vigor was rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 indicative of high vigor and 5 indicative or low vigor. The total number of plants in the center two rows of each plot were counted and converted to number of plants per acre. At maturity, height, lodging, and yield were measured. Height was taken as the average distance in inches from the soil surface to the top of the plant. Lodging, which gives the degree of erectness, was scored on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 indicating that all plants were erect (no lodging) and 5 indicating that 80 percent, or more, of the plants were lodged. Yield was measured in total pounds of lint per acre. This value was calculated by multiplying the gin percentage (lint percentage) by the total seed cotton yield. Fiber quality characteristics were determined for each variety utilizing lint cotton samples from two replications at test location. These characteristics and their importance are described below. Their values were determined by Starlab, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee.

A. Micronaire: The micronaire test provides a combined measure of maturity and fineness of cotton fibers. Fiber maturity is a relative measure of the cell-wall development throughout the entire length of the cotton fiber. Immature fibers result in decreased rates of processing, dyeing problems, and the production of yarns and fabrics with low appearance grade. Fineness is a relative measure of either the diameter of individual cotton fibers or the weight per unit length. Fine cottons produce stronger yarns but require a reduced rate of processing.

In the test, air is passed through a compressed sample of cotton fiber. The rate of flow through

the sample follows a relationship between diameter or thickness of the textile fibers and the air resistance they provide. Finer fibers result in greater resistance and, therefore, a lesser air flow. Value recorded can be interpreted as follows:

- 4.9 and above = coarse fibers
 3.5 to 4.8 = premium range
 3.4 and below = fine and often immature
- B. Length: Long-fibered cottons are desirable because fiber length relates positively to yarn strength, spinning of finer yarns, and high speed precessing. The 2.5 percent span length measures the length in inches spanned by 2.5 percent of the fibers. The 50 percent span length is another measurement of fiber quality. This measures the length in inches spanned by 50 percent of the fiber.
- C. Elongation: Cottons having high fiber elongation values have less end breakage during the weaving process than those with low values. The elongation figure is expressed in percent elongation at the breaking point. The following designations will aid in the interpretation of the elongation values.

Descriptive Designation	Fiber Elongation
	Percent
Very low Low	5.3 and below $5.4 - 6.2$
Average High	6.3 - 7.1 $7.2 - 8.0$
Very high	8.1 and above

D. Strength: Yarn strength and ease of manufacturing are correlated positively with strong-fibered cottons. The following chart categorizes strength readings and aids in the interpretation of strength values.

1/8-inch Gauge
grams/tex
Above 24.9 23.0 - 24.9 21.0 - 22.9 19.0 - 20.9

Sixteen cotton varieties were evaluated at 3 locations in southeastern Missouri during 1980. The trial locations were selected to represent the soil diversity in the cotton growing area of the state. Due to the hot, dry conditions during the season, yields averaged only 560 pounds per acre and varied little from location-to-location. However, only at Senath was the yield less than in the previous year. At the other locations, 1979 test yields were low due to late establishment (replanting) and generally dry conditions which retarded early growth. Conditions during 1980 and cotton performance at each location are briefly described below.

<u>Clarkton</u>: The trial at this location was grown on a sandy soil with a high degree of fusarium wilt and root-knot nematode. Irrigation was used due to the extreme lack of moisture. Total lint yield ranged from 560 to 767 pounds per acre with an average of 653 (Table 1). Significant differences among varieties were observed for lodging, vigor and lint percentage, but these tended to be smaller than at the other locations.

Delta Center, Portageville: This trial was grown on a sharkey clay soil, representative of the large majority of clay soil in southeast Missouri. It replaced the test previously grown near Frailey and was not irrigated during the year. Stands were, on the average, similar to those at the other two locations, but crop development was less as indicated by an average plant height of only 22 inches. Total lint yield ranged from 261 to 561 pounds per acre with an average of 475 (Table 3).

Senath: The soil at this location is a deep loam soil. The availability $\overline{\text{of}}$ water was very low at this site in 1980. Extreme heat caused some sterilization. This trial was not irrigated. Total lint yield averaged 552 pounds per acre (53% of the 1979 yield level) with a range of from 385 to 682 pounds per acre (Table 5).

Average performance of 16 varieties over all tests is given in Table 7. There was a tendency for those varieties which did well in past years to do poorly this season. The stress conditions experienced may have prevented those varieties with the highest yield potential to express their yielding ability. Further, poor weather conditions of the season prevented satisfactory separation of the varieties tested on the basis of yield. Even though experimental conditions were quite uniform, differences between varieties were much smaller than would normally be expected.

Several quality characteristics were affacted by the growing conditions of 1980. Lint percentage and fiber elongation were reduced as compared to previous years and micronaire was increased. Average staple length and fiber strength were similar to those recorded in 1979. Data on fiber characteristics are summarized in Tables 2 (Clarkton), 4 (Delta Research Center), and 6 (Senath).



FIG. 1, TEST SITE LOCATIONS

TABLE 1. YIELD PERFORMANCE OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN NEAR CLARKTON, MISSOURI IN 1978-80. PLANTED: 7 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 23 OCTOBER AND 10 NOVEMBER 1980.

	STAND	LOD- GING	VIGOR	HGT.	LINT	T (OTAL LIN LBS/ACRE	IT :)
BRAND/VARIETY	(PL/A)	(1-5)	(1-5)	(IN)	(%)	1980	1979	1978
MO73-1203 DELTAPINE 41 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 55 QUAL. SEED 137 M063-2771B COKER 310 COKER 3113 COKER 304 BRYCO BRYCOT 155 M075-711 M071-1125 STONEVILLE 213 COKER 315 BRYCO VAIL 7 DELTAPINE 61	40794 374862 374862 374862 374865 37725 37725 37725 37725 377866 37787 3788694 37687	2	1.35 2.00 1.83 2.00 1.55 2.1.3 1.55 2.1.3	3452558356356664 	0000500505055050 5057575625555654 34333333333333333	74 72 72 71 72 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71 71	 327 380* 415* 384* 288 338 275 348	 607 689 686 552 562 705*
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	38397 NS 7.4	1.8 0.7 29.0	1.6 0.7 33.2	35 NS 7.8	35.6 2.9 3.5	653 161 17.3	350 64 13.1	636 111 15.1

⁻⁻ DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

^{**} HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

VARIETY WHICH DID NOT YIELD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 2. FIBER CHARACTERISTICS OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN NEAR CLARKTON, MISSOURI IN 1980. PLANTED: 7 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 23 OCTOBER AND 10 NOVEMBER 1980.

	MICRO-		LENGTH		STRENGTH
BRAND/VARIETY	NAIRE	(50%)	(2.5%)	(%)	(G/TEX)
BRYCO BRYCOT 155 BRYCO VAIL 7 COKER 304 COKER 310 COKER 315 COKER 3113 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 41 DELTAPINE 55 DELTAPINE 61 M063-2771B M071-1125 M073-1203 M075-711 QUAL. SEED QS-137 STONEVILLE 213	5.400 0.6400 0.300 0.0000 0.00	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	1.17 1.21 1.16 1.18 1.12 1.14 1.15 1.17 1.18 1.17 1.18 1.16	7.883555508888888888888888888888888888888	22.8 22.2 23.0 22.3 22.3 22.3 22.3 22.3 22.3
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	4.29 0.37 5.76	0.55 NS 2.26	1.17 0.02 1.07	6.68 0.58 5.78	22.7 1.7 4.9

NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 3. YIELD PERFORMANCE OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN ON THE DELTA RESEARCH CENTER NEAR PORTAGEVILLE IN 1980 AND NEAR FRAILEY IN 1978-79. PLANTED: 6 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 6 NOVEMBER 1980.

	STAND	LOD- GING	VIGOR	HGT.	LINT	T (OTAL LIN LBS/ACRE	IT
BRAND/VARIETY	(PL/A)	(1-5)	(1-5)	(IN)	(%)	1980	1979	1978
COKER 3113 COKER 310 DELCOT 311 COKER 304 M075-711 STONEVILLE 213 DELTAPINE 61 DELTAPINE 41 DELTAPINE 55 COKER 315 QUAL. SEED QS-137 BRYCO VAIL 7 M063-2771B BRYCO BRYCOT 155 M071-1125 M073-1203	4232 32376 323776 4552447 369756 410089 3697560 3770746 3697560 37169	1.5 1.0 1.3 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.3 1.0 1.0 1.0	1.3 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.0 1.0	21 227 225 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 221	5008055550500500 1876988189888785 3333343333333333	5425 5425 55227 55227 55227 55227 5526 55207 552	328 493* 196 226 252 352 	 624 739* 765* 478 656
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	38895 5821 10.5	1.1 NS 26.7	1.2 NS 12.0	22 1.3 2.3	38.3 NS 32.8	475 99 14.5	320 64 14.3	695 238 24.2

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NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 4. FIBER CHARACTERISTICS OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN ON THE DELTA RESEARCH CENTER NEAR PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI IN 1980. PLANTED: 6 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 6 NOVEMBER 1980.

BRAND/VARIETY	MICRO- NAIRE		LENGTH (2.5%)	ELONGATION (%)	STRENGTH (G/TEX)
BRYCO BRYCOT 155 BRYCO VAIL 7 COKER 304 COKER 315 COKER 3113 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 41 DELTAPINE 55 DELTAPINE 61 M063-2771B M071-1125 M073-1203 M075-711 QUAL. SEED QS-137 STONEVILLE 213	5.20 5.27 5.27 5.27 5.27 5.27 5.27 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20 5.20	6353474334549442 0000000000000000000000000000000000	1.15 1.14 1.19 1.17 1.18 1.16 1.12 1.15 1.15 1.15 1.15 1.114 1.20 1.14	8.00 5.50 5.375 5.355 5.725 6.375 6.375 6.1675 6.1675 6.1675 6.1675 6.1675 6.1675	22.4 19.1 23.3 223.0 223.8 219.0 223.8 219.0 222.3 219.0 222.3 219.0
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	4.99 0.24 3.22	0.54 NS 3.21	1.15 0.03 1.59	6.57 0.66 6.75	22.1 1.7 5.1

NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 5. YIELD PERFORMANCE OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN NEAR SENATH, MISSOURI IN 1979-80.
PLANTED: 7 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 6 OCTOBER 1980.

BRAND/VARIETY	STAND (PL/A)	LOD- GING (1-5)	VIGOR 	HGT. (IN)	LINT (%)		OTAL LIN LBS/ACRE	
BRYCO VAIL 7 DELTAPINE 41 COKER 310 COKER 315 DELTAPINE 55 STONEVILLE 213 DELTAPINE 61 COKER 304 DELCOT 311 QUAL. SEED 137 BRYCO BRYCOT 155 M063-2771B COKER 3113 M073-1203 M071-1125 M075-711	41017 40021 3844 356336 403366 420157 368734 4376186 4376186 407736	1.08 1.08 1.53 1.05 1.30 1.53 1.05 1.30 1.53	1.3 1.50 1.0 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3	31443232372032252 33333333333333333333333333333333	05555050000500055 11466666453569553 44333333333333333333333333333333333	682** 6783** 66176** 59879** 557785 551129 551129 683	828 1067 1151* 1030 1079 1032 1099 1217*	
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	40143 NS 3.0	1.5 0.7 32.6	1.3 NS 33.3	33 3.3 7.1	36.2 1.8 2.8	552 143 18.4	1035 128 8.7	

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^{**} HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

^{*} VARIETY WHICH DID NOT YIELD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 6. FIBER CHARACTERISTICS OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN NEAR SENATH, MISSOURI IN 1980. PLANTED: 7 MAY 1980. HARVESTED: 6 OCTOBER 1980.

	MICRO-	STAPLE	LENGTH	ELONGATION	STRENGTH
BRAND/VARIETY	NAIRE	(50%)	(2.5%)	(%)	(G/TEX)
BRYCO BRYCOT 155 BRYCO VAIL 7 COKER 304 COKER 310 COKER 315 COKER 3113 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 41 DELTAPINE 55 DELTAPINE 61 M063-2771B M071-1125 M073-1203 M075-711 QUAL. SEED QS-137 STONEVILLE 213	05555005555044444445544444455	4332346234547332 55555555555555555555555555555555555	1.16 1.13 1.15 1.15 1.17 1.17 1.14 1.17 1.16 1.17 1.16 1.17	83035380505555038 20727555038 20727555038	21.5 220.4 221.4 221.8 221.4 221.6 221.6 223.5 221.6
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	4.46 0.48 7.14	0.54 NS 2.71	1.16 NS 1.68	6.45 NS 10.29	22.2 1.3 4.0

NS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES FOR A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE 5% LEVEL.

TABLE 7. YIELD PERFORMANCE OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN AT 3 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LOCATIONS (CLARKTON, PORTAGEVILLE, AND SENATH) IN 1980.

	1980	3 L	OCATION	AVERA	GE				
	STAND	LOD- GING	VIGOR	HGT.	LINT		TOTAL (LBS/	LINT ACRE)	
BRAND/VARIETY	(PL/A)	(1-5)	(1-5)	(IN)	(%)	CLARK	PORTE	SENTH	MEAN
DELTAPINE 41 COKER 310 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 55 COKER 304 COKER 3113 BRYCO VAIL 7 QUAL. SEED QS-137 STONEVILLE 213 COKER 315 M063-2771B DELTAPINE 61 BRYCO BRYCOT 155 M075-711 M073-1203 M071-1125	33747670 9277670 9277670 9277670 3396882 418935777561 43895777561 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802 43802	1.2 1.4 1.6 1.3 1.2 1.2 1.9 1.7 1.7 1.3	1.3 1.67 1.05 1.545 1.45 1.45 1.45 1.32 1.32	923809099099091 23323232355223523	0872302782022803 45557498567.022803 353333333333333333333333333333333333	725* 658* 717* 655* 6554 704* 6570* 6570* 6533* 7674*	4558 588 588 588 588 588 588 588	638* 638* 5738* 5738* 5722 * * 51838877 * 5183877 * 51793 51793 5192	
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	39145 2901 9.3	1.4 0.5 43.6	1.4 0.4 36.8	30 2.0 8.0	36.7 2.1 6.9	653 161 17.3	475 99 14.5	552 143 18.4	560 77 16.0

^{**} HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

^{*} VARIETY WHICH DID NOT YIELD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE HIGHEST YIELDING VARIETY IN THE TEST.

TABLE 8. SUMMARY PERFORMANCE OF COTTON VARIETIES GROWN AT THREE MISSOURI LOCATIONS (CLARKTON, PORTAGEVILLE, AND SENATH) IN 1980.

	THREE LOCATION AVERAGE					
	MICDO	STAPLE	LENGTH	ELONGATION	STRENGTH	
BRAND/VARIETY	MICRO- NAIRE	(50%)	(2.5%)	(%)	(G/TEX)	
BRYCO BRYCOT 155 BRYCO VAIL 7 COKER 304 COKER 310 COKER 315 COKER 3113 DELCOT 311 DELTAPINE 41 DELTAPINE 55 DELTAPINE 61 M063-2771B M071-1125 M073-1203 M075-711 QUAL. SEED QS-137 STONEVILLE 213	5.98 6.30 6.30 6.30 6.30 6.30 6.30 6.30 6.30	5353445234548443 0000000000000000000000000000000000	1.16 1.18 1.16 1.17 1.14 1.14 1.16 1.17 1.17 1.15 1.15 1.16	7.58 5.488 7.788 7.788 7.21 6.5383 6796 6796 6966	22.2 19.8 22.6 22.6 21.9 24.1 22.1 22.1 22.3 22.3 22.1 23.8 20.8 21.2	
MEAN LSD.05 C.V. %	4.58 0.38 7.10	0.54 0.02 2.68	1.16 0.03 2.00	6.57 0.53 6.82	22.3 1.1 4.1	

TABLE 9. NAME OF COTTON ENTRIES AND SEED SOURCE EVALUATED IN 1980.

BRAND	VARIETY	SEED SOURCE
BRYCO	BRYCOT 4, VAIL 7	BRYCO, P.O. BOX C, LEACHVILLE AR. 72438
COKER	304, 310, 315, 3113	COKER PEDIGREE SEED CO., HARTS-VILLE, SC. 29550
DELTAPINE	41, 55, 61	DELTA & PINE LAND CO., SCOTT MS 38772
QUALITY SEED	QS-137	QUALITY SEED CO., PO BOX 13388 MEMPHIS, TN 38113
STONEVILLE	213	STONEVILLE PEDIGREED SEED CO., STONEVILLE, MS 38776
	DELCOT 311, M071-1125, M075-711, M073-1203, M063-277-1B	