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The Mississippi cotton variety testing program is a continuous evaluation of cotton varieties available from private companies and state agricultural experiment stations. The tests are conducted in the delta and hill areas of Mississippi to determine the relative performance of available varieties and to provide a guide to producers and other agricultural workers in selecting the best adapted varieties with the highest yield potential, earliness and fiber quality for their area. The 1979 trials were conducted in four delta environments

(Sumner, Tunica, and two test sites at Stoneville) and three hill area environments (Holly Springs, Verona and Mississippi State).

Each entry was randomized and replicated six times. Yield determinations were based on the weight of cotton harvested from two-row plots. Determinations of lint percentage, boll size, seed index and fiber properties were made from hand-picked samples. Fiber property evaluations were made in the USDA Cotton Fiber Laboratory at Knoxville, Tennessee and the MAFES Cotton

Fiber Laboratory at Stoneville, Mississippi.

The same 17 varieties were evaluated in all delta tests, and two other varieties, Acala SJ-5 and Paymaster 303, were included in one Stoneville test and the Tunica test because they are part of a cooperative regional variety testing program. DES 422, HAS 7193, Deltapine 70, and Stoneville 506 were evaluated for the first time. Deltapine 41 previously was tested as Deltapine 7141.

## Results

### Delta, 1979

The Stoneville test on a Bosket very fine sandy loam soil was planted May 7. Excessive rain and cool temperatures after planting resulted in slow stand establishment. Excessive rain prevailed throughout the growing season and a major portion of the crop was set in August. The test was harvested twice and lint yields ranged from 217 to 1,252 lbs/acre (Table 1). Maturity at first harvest on October 8 ranged from 50 to 81%, and the earlier varieties generally produced the highest lint yields. This occurred because the crop matured later than usual, and the major portion of the crop was set in a short period of time.

The Sumner test was planted May 1 on a Dubbs sandy loam soil. This test was harvested twice, and earliness at first harvest on Oc-

tober 8 ranged from 64 to 78%. Lint yields ranged from 1,084 to 1,279 lbs/acre (Table 2). Varieties at this location were less vegetative than at Stoneville and Tunica. Yield at Sumner was not as closely associated with maturity as at the other locations.

Planting of the test at Tunica on a Dundee silt loam soil was delayed until May 16 because of excessive soil moisture and low temperatures. Good stands were obtained, but the crop matured very slowly and was harvested only once after a freeze on November 14. Lint yields ranged from 85 to 615 lbs/acre, with the earlier varieties generally producing the highest lint yields (Table 3). Many small immature bolls were destroyed by the freeze, particularly on the later-maturing varieties.

The test at Stoneville on a mixed soil was planted on April 18. Growing conditions were poor and a considerable amount of spot planting was done to secure good stands. This test was harvested twice, and earliness at first harvest on October 15 ranged from 81 to 87%. Lint yields ranged from 713 to 900 lbs/acre (Table 4). Maturity differences between varieties were less obvious than in other tests, but the earlier varieties tended to produce the highest lint yields.

Average yield of the 17 varieties that were tested in the four environments in 1979 ranged from 779 to 1,002 lbs/acre, and earliness at first harvest ranged from 71 to 82%. With one exception, the lowest lint yields were obtained from the latest-maturing varieties (Table 5).

### Delta, Two-Year and Three-Year Averages

Average lint yields of the 13 varieties that have been grown in seven Delta environments over the two-year period (1978-79) ranged from 892 to 1,035 lbs/acre.

Earliness at first harvest ranged from 73 to 83% (Table 6). Average lint yield of the ten varieties that have been tested in 11 Delta environments for three years (1977-

1979) ranged from 946 to 1,048 lbs/acre, and maturity at first pick ranged from 76 to 84% (Table 7).

## Hill Area, 1979

The test on a Leeper fine sandy loam at Mississippi State was planted on May 8. This test was harvested once on November 1, and lint yields ranged from 784 to 994 lbs/acre. (Table 8).

Planting on a Catalapa silty clay loam soil at Verona was delayed until May 17 due to unfavorable weather. This test was harvested once on November 5, and lint yields ranged from 287 to 457 lbs/acre

### Holly Springs, Two-Year and Three-Year Averages

Average lint yield and earliness of the 11 varieties that have been grown for two years (1978-1979) and the seven varieties that have been grown for three years at Holly

(Table 9). This test received eight insecticide applications.

The test at Holly Springs on a Grenada silt loam soil was planted on May 11. This test was harvested twice, and maturity at first harvest on October 24 ranged from 61 to 76%. Lint yields ranged from 486 to 744 lbs/acre (Table 10). A killing frost on October 14 reduced yields by damaging many unopened bolls. The test was sprayed once for

thrips, once for fleahoppers and plant bugs and five times for worms. There appeared to be considerable plant bug and fleahopper damage but no worm or weevil damage.

Average lint yields of the 14 varieties grown in the three hill environments in 1979 ranged from 555 to 732 lbs/acre (Table 11).

Springs (1977-1979) are presented in Table 12. Lint yields of the 11 varieties over the two-year period ranged from 724 to 819 lbs/acre, and maturity at first harvest rang-

ed from 53 to 68%. Lint yields of the seven varieties over the three-year period ranged from 700 to 782 lbs/acre, and maturity at first harvest ranged from 60 to 70%.

**Table 1. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Bosket very fine sandy loam soil at Stoneville, Miss.**

|                | Lint Per Acre |               |               |                 | Boll<br>size<br>grams | Fiber Properties |               |                   |                 |                 |     |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
|                | Percent       |               | Seed<br>index | Lint<br>percent |                       | Length<br>2.5%   | Length<br>50% | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |     |
|                | Total         | First<br>pick |               |                 |                       |                  |               |                   |                 |                 |     |
| DES 422        | 1252          | 1006          | 80            | 39.4            | 10.0                  | 5.17             | 1.18          | .57               | 18.64           | 8.8             | 4.1 |
| Deltapine 41   | 1240          | 926           | 75            | 42.0            | 9.7                   | 5.53             | 1.15          | .58               | 20.02           | 8.8             | 4.5 |
| Stoneville 506 | 1215          | 979           | 81            | 38.4            | 11.0                  | 5.41             | 1.11          | .55               | 18.97           | 10.1            | 4.2 |
| DES 56         | 1171          | 922           | 79            | 38.7            | 10.2                  | 5.20             | 1.14          | .59               | 19.93           | 8.5             | 4.3 |
| Deltapine 55   | 1161          | 882           | 76            | 40.8            | 10.1                  | 5.50             | 1.13          | .54               | 18.41           | 8.7             | 4.2 |
| Stoneville 825 | 1144          | 824           | 72            | 38.3            | 10.9                  | 5.34             | 1.13          | .56               | 19.12           | 8.1             | 4.6 |
| DES 24         | 1066          | 809           | 76            | 38.0            | 11.4                  | 5.49             | 1.16          | .57               | 19.54           | 9.2             | 4.3 |
| Coker 315      | 1065          | 726           | 68            | 40.2            | 10.4                  | 5.55             | 1.18          | .59               | 20.22           | 7.7             | 4.4 |
| McNair 235     | 1063          | 823           | 77            | 39.3            | 10.5                  | 5.41             | 1.12          | .56               | 19.94           | 7.8             | 4.4 |
| Deltapine 26   | 1054          | 711           | 67            | 41.7            | 9.7                   | 5.27             | 1.10          | .56               | 19.71           | 9.2             | 4.7 |
| Coker 310      | 1036          | 775           | 75            | 39.6            | 11.2                  | 5.49             | 1.17          | .57               | 19.94           | 8.0             | 4.5 |
| Deltapine 61   | 1030          | 662           | 64            | 39.8            | 10.4                  | 5.74             | 1.13          | .56               | 19.83           | 9.3             | 4.6 |
| HAS 7193       | 1028          | 738           | 72            | 39.2            | 11.7                  | 5.58             | 1.17          | .60               | 21.00           | 9.3             | 4.4 |
| Stoneville 213 | 1027          | 739           | 72            | 37.7            | 10.9                  | 5.46             | 1.13          | .58               | 18.15           | 9.3             | 4.5 |
| Coker 304      | 1021          | 701           | 69            | 39.3            | 10.4                  | 5.52             | 1.18          | .60               | 19.95           | 7.2             | 4.3 |
| Stoneville 256 | 1008          | 651           | 65            | 38.6            | 10.8                  | 5.53             | 1.13          | .57               | 19.44           | 7.9             | 4.8 |
| Deltapine 70   | 1005          | 711           | 71            | 40.1            | 9.5                   | 4.97             | 1.13          | .57               | 20.09           | 8.4             | 4.4 |
| Paymaster 303  | 728           | 485           | 67            | 37.0            | 11.9                  | 5.81             | 1.08          | .53               | 20.41           | 8.6             | 4.1 |
| Acala SJ-5     | 217           | 108           | 50            | 37.1            | 11.6                  | 5.31             | 1.13          | .57               | 22.79           | 7.2             | 4.1 |
| LSD .05        |               | 90            |               |                 |                       |                  |               |                   |                 |                 |     |
| C.V.           |               | 7.2           |               |                 |                       |                  |               |                   |                 |                 |     |

Planted: May 7, 1979

Harvested: October 8 and November 5, 1979

**Table 2. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Dubbs sandy loam soil at Sumner, Miss.**

|                | Lint Per Acre  |      |      |               | Boll<br>size | Fiber Properties |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
|----------------|----------------|------|------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
|                | Percent        |      | Lint | Seed<br>index |              | Length           |      | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |     |
|                | First<br>Total | pick |      |               |              | 2.5%             | 50%  |                   |                 |                 |     |
| Deltapine 41   | 1279           | 908  | 71   | 41.0          | 9.5          | 5.37             | 1.15 | .58               | 19.63           | 7.6             | 4.6 |
| Coker 315      | 1268           | 909  | 72   | 39.4          | 10.8         | 5.80             | 1.23 | .61               | 20.21           | 7.5             | 4.5 |
| McNair 235     | 1261           | 940  | 74   | 38.5          | 11.3         | 5.35             | 1.15 | .59               | 20.30           | 7.3             | 4.5 |
| Coker 304      | 1255           | 959  | 76   | 38.4          | 11.6         | 5.84             | 1.19 | .62               | 20.92           | 7.6             | 4.4 |
| DES 422        | 1245           | 967  | 78   | 39.8          | 10.4         | 5.17             | 1.16 | .59               | 19.25           | 8.7             | 4.4 |
| DES 56         | 1236           | 960  | 78   | 38.5          | 10.7         | 5.25             | 1.15 | .58               | 20.23           | 9.4             | 4.6 |
| Stoneville 825 | 1234           | 843  | 68   | 38.5          | 11.8         | 5.28             | 1.14 | .58               | 18.99           | 7.4             | 5.0 |
| Deltapine 55   | 1219           | 891  | 73   | 40.5          | 10.3         | 5.47             | 1.15 | .57               | 19.32           | 9.4             | 4.4 |
| Coker 310      | 1200           | 876  | 73   | 37.2          | 11.8         | 6.02             | 1.22 | .62               | 20.17           | 8.3             | 4.3 |
| Deltapine 61   | 1197           | 827  | 69   | 39.6          | 10.4         | 5.70             | 1.17 | .60               | 19.35           | 10.5            | 4.7 |
| Stoneville 213 | 1153           | 795  | 69   | 38.3          | 11.2         | 5.46             | 1.15 | .58               | 18.57           | 8.6             | 4.8 |
| Stoneville 506 | 1153           | 837  | 73   | 37.7          | 11.5         | 5.40             | 1.15 | .58               | 19.05           | 9.6             | 4.5 |
| Deltapine 26   | 1150           | 734  | 64   | 39.4          | 10.6         | 5.23             | 1.14 | .58               | 20.67           | 9.5             | 4.8 |
| Deltapine 70   | 1134           | 803  | 71   | 39.1          | 9.6          | 4.92             | 1.16 | .60               | 20.00           | 7.6             | 4.6 |
| DES 24         | 1130           | 787  | 70   | 37.7          | 12.0         | 5.63             | 1.20 | .61               | 20.50           | 8.4             | 4.6 |
| HAS 7193       | 1100           | 793  | 72   | 38.5          | 12.1         | 5.87             | 1.22 | .62               | 21.35           | 9.7             | 4.6 |
| Stoneville 256 | 1084           | 722  | 67   | 38.0          | 11.6         | 5.48             | 1.15 | .58               | 18.82           | 6.9             | 4.8 |
| LSD .05        |                | 85   |      |               |              |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
| C.V.           |                | 6.3  |      |               |              |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |

Planted: May 1, 1979

Harvested: October 8 and October 30, 1979

**Table 3. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Dundee sandy loam soil at Tunica, Miss.**

|                | Lint/         |                 |               | Boll<br>size | Fiber Properties |     |                   |                 |                 |  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                | Acre<br>Total | Lint<br>percent | Seed<br>index |              | Length           |     | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |  |
|                |               |                 |               |              | 2.5%             | 50% |                   |                 |                 |  |
| Stoneville 825 | 615           | 36.6            | 12.0          | 5.72         | 1.15             | .58 | 18.66             | 7.2             | 4.6             |  |
| DES 422        | 613           | 38.1            | 12.1          | 5.93         | 1.14             | .55 | 17.82             | 8.4             | 4.2             |  |
| DES 56         | 572           | 36.6            | 11.9          | 5.93         | 1.15             | .58 | 19.41             | 9.1             | 4.1             |  |
| HAS 7193       | 543           | 38.3            | 12.4          | 6.00         | 1.17             | .58 | 20.44             | 10.2            | 4.3             |  |
| Deltapine 41   | 540           | 40.7            | 10.3          | 5.72         | 1.15             | .57 | 19.66             | 9.1             | 4.1             |  |
| DES 24         | 539           | 37.4            | 12.6          | 6.21         | 1.19             | .59 | 19.04             | 8.9             | 4.6             |  |
| Stoneville 506 | 536           | 36.4            | 12.1          | 5.66         | 1.16             | .59 | 18.24             | 8.2             | 3.9             |  |
| McNair 235     | 453           | 36.5            | 12.0          | 5.93         | 1.16             | .60 | 18.90             | 7.1             | 4.3             |  |
| Deltapine 55   | 441           | 38.2            | 11.4          | 5.99         | 1.15             | .56 | 17.08             | 8.3             | 4.1             |  |
| Stoneville 213 | 417           | 36.3            | 11.8          | 6.03         | 1.13             | .56 | 17.83             | 8.8             | 4.4             |  |
| Deltapine 70   | 412           | 37.8            | 10.7          | 5.35         | 1.14             | .58 | 19.17             | 8.3             | 4.4             |  |
| Coker 310      | 403           | 37.1            | 12.1          | 6.40         | 1.20             | .60 | 19.63             | 7.2             | 4.2             |  |
| Coker 304      | 387           | 37.2            | 11.5          | 6.10         | 1.20             | .60 | 19.89             | 7.8             | 4.1             |  |
| Deltapine 26   | 340           | 37.9            | 11.1          | 5.51         | 1.13             | .56 | 17.94             | 8.9             | 4.1             |  |
| Coker 315      | 318           | 37.5            | 11.9          | 6.03         | 1.21             | .62 | 19.30             | 7.6             | 4.1             |  |
| Stoneville 256 | 312           | 35.5            | 11.6          | 5.91         | 1.14             | .55 | 17.32             | 7.2             | 4.2             |  |
| Deltapine 61   | 294           | 36.5            | 11.9          | 6.10         | 1.17             | .59 | 19.10             | 9.2             | 4.3             |  |
| Paymaster 303  | 234           | 35.5            | 12.8          | 6.66         | 1.10             | .56 | 18.54             | 7.4             | 3.9             |  |
| Acala SJ-5     | 85            | 35.9            | 12.6          | 6.33         | 1.16             | .61 | 22.15             | 7.6             | 3.8             |  |
| LSD .05        |               | 83              |               |              |                  |     |                   |                 |                 |  |
| C.V.           |               | 16.0            |               |              |                  |     |                   |                 |                 |  |

Planted: May 16, 1979

Harvested: November 14, 1979

Table 4. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a mixed soil at Stoneville, Miss.

|                | Lint Per Acre  |      |               | Fiber Properties |               |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |
|----------------|----------------|------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                | Percent        |      | Boll          | Fiber Properties |               |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |
|                | First<br>Total | pick | first<br>pick | Lint<br>percent  | Seed<br>index | size<br>grams | Length<br>2.5% | Length<br>50% | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |
| DES 422        | 900            | 779  | 87            | 38.7             | 9.8           | 4.40          | 1.15           | .57           | 19.74             | 8.7             | 4.3             |
| Stoneville 506 | 896            | 781  | 87            | 37.3             | 10.5          | 4.91          | 1.12           | .56           | 18.57             | 8.2             | 4.5             |
| Stoneville 825 | 864            | 717  | 83            | 37.9             | 10.4          | 4.73          | 1.13           | .56           | 18.98             | 6.1             | 4.9             |
| DES 56         | 854            | 737  | 86            | 38.0             | 10.7          | 4.74          | 1.13           | .55           | 20.12             | 8.9             | 4.6             |
| DES 24         | 847            | 715  | 84            | 37.6             | 10.8          | 4.63          | 1.18           | .60           | 20.32             | 7.5             | 4.6             |
| Deltapine 55   | 820            | 700  | 85            | 39.2             | 9.9           | 4.90          | 1.12           | .54           | 17.96             | 7.8             | 4.3             |
| HAS 7193       | 815            | 674  | 83            | 37.4             | 11.2          | 5.35          | 1.14           | .57           | 20.26             | 9.2             | 4.4             |
| Deltapine 61   | 812            | 666  | 82            | 38.3             | 10.0          | 5.17          | 1.11           | .54           | 18.82             | 9.9             | 4.8             |
| Stoneville 213 | 804            | 667  | 83            | 37.1             | 10.6          | 5.07          | 1.14           | .56           | 19.40             | 8.9             | 4.7             |
| Coker 315      | 804            | 656  | 82            | 39.2             | 10.1          | 4.89          | 1.22           | .62           | 21.04             | 6.8             | 4.6             |
| McNair 235     | 798            | 672  | 84            | 37.9             | 10.5          | 5.03          | 1.11           | .56           | 19.46             | 6.6             | 4.6             |
| Deltapine 41   | 787            | 674  | 86            | 40.9             | 9.0           | 4.72          | 1.11           | .55           | 19.23             | 7.8             | 4.5             |
| Coker 310      | 782            | 652  | 83            | 37.1             | 10.8          | 5.25          | 1.22           | .62           | 20.99             | 7.5             | 4.2             |
| Deltapine 26   | 771            | 626  | 81            | 40.4             | 9.7           | 4.64          | 1.14           | .59           | 19.38             | 8.1             | 4.7             |
| Deltapine 70   | 755            | 623  | 82            | 38.5             | 9.0           | 4.28          | 1.14           | .59           | 20.40             | 8.2             | 4.4             |
| Coker 304      | 736            | 611  | 83            | 37.9             | 10.6          | 5.33          | 1.17           | .57           | 20.18             | 7.3             | 4.5             |
| Stoneville 256 | 713            | 584  | 82            | 37.9             | 10.6          | 5.06          | 1.12           | .56           | 18.45             | 8.0             | 4.8             |
| LSD .05        |                | 103  |               |                  |               |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |
| C.V.           |                | 14.0 |               |                  |               |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |

Planted: April 18, 1979

Harvested: October 15 and November 6, 1979

Table 5. Average performance of 17 cotton varieties grown in four Delta environments<sup>1</sup> in 1979.

|                | Lint Per Acre |               |                 | Fiber Properties |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |  |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                | Percent       |               | Boll            | Fiber Properties |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |  |
|                | Total         | first<br>pick | Lint<br>percent | Seed<br>index    | size<br>grams | Length<br>2.5% | Length<br>50% | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |  |
| DES 422        | 1002          | 82            | 39.0            | 10.5             | 5.17          | 1.14           | .57           | 18.86             | 8.6             | 4.3             |  |
| Stoneville 825 | 964           | 74            | 37.8            | 11.3             | 5.27          | 1.14           | .57           | 18.93             | 7.2             | 4.7             |  |
| Deltapine 41   | 961           | 77            | 41.1            | 9.6              | 5.33          | 1.14           | .57           | 19.63             | 8.3             | 4.4             |  |
| DES 56         | 958           | 81            | 37.9            | 10.9             | 5.28          | 1.14           | .57           | 19.92             | 9.0             | 4.4             |  |
| Stoneville 506 | 950           | 80            | 37.4            | 11.3             | 5.34          | 1.13           | .57           | 18.70             | 9.0             | 4.3             |  |
| Deltapine 55   | 910           | 78            | 39.7            | 10.4             | 5.46          | 1.14           | .55           | 18.19             | 8.5             | 4.3             |  |
| DES 24         | 896           | 77            | 37.7            | 11.7             | 5.49          | 1.18           | .59           | 19.85             | 8.5             | 4.5             |  |
| McNair 235     | 894           | 78            | 38.0            | 11.1             | 5.43          | 1.13           | .58           | 19.65             | 7.2             | 4.4             |  |
| HAS 7193       | 817           | 76            | 38.3            | 11.8             | 5.70          | 1.17           | .59           | 20.76             | 9.6             | 4.4             |  |
| Coker 315      | 864           | 74            | 39.0            | 10.8             | 5.57          | 1.21           | .61           | 20.19             | 7.4             | 4.4             |  |
| Coker 310      | 855           | 77            | 37.7            | 11.5             | 5.79          | 1.20           | .60           | 20.18             | 7.7             | 4.3             |  |
| Stoneville 213 | 850           | 74            | 37.3            | 11.1             | 5.50          | 1.14           | .57           | 18.49             | 8.9             | 4.6             |  |
| Coker 304      | 850           | 76            | 38.2            | 11.0             | 5.75          | 1.18           | .60           | 20.23             | 7.5             | 4.3             |  |
| Deltapine 61   | 833           | 72            | 38.5            | 10.7             | 5.68          | 1.14           | .57           | 19.27             | 9.7             | 4.6             |  |
| Deltapine 26   | 829           | 71            | 39.8            | 10.3             | 5.16          | 1.13           | .57           | 19.42             | 8.9             | 4.6             |  |
| Deltapine 70   | 826           | 75            | 38.9            | 9.7              | 4.88          | 1.14           | .58           | 19.91             | 8.1             | 4.4             |  |
| Stoneville 256 | 779           | 71            | 37.5            | 11.1             | 5.49          | 1.13           | .56           | 18.51             | 7.5             | 4.6             |  |
| LSD .05        |               | 52            |                 |                  |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| C.V.           |               | 9.5           |                 |                  |               |                |               |                   |                 |                 |  |

<sup>1</sup>Four environments - Stoneville 2, Tunica, and Sumner.

**Table 6. Performance of 13 cotton varieties grown in seven Delta environments<sup>1</sup>, 1978-79 average.**

|                | Lint Per Acre |                          | Boll<br>Size<br>grams | Fiber Properties |        |      |                   |                 |                 |  |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                | Total         | Percent<br>first<br>pick |                       | Seed<br>index    | Length |      | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |  |
|                |               |                          |                       |                  | 2.5%   | 50%  |                   |                 |                 |  |
| DES 56         | 1035          | 83                       | 37.8                  | 10.9             | 5.19   | 1.15 | .58               | 19.66           | 8.6             |  |
| McNair 235     | 1031          | 80                       | 38.4                  | 11.1             | 5.41   | 1.14 | .58               | 19.49           | 7.1             |  |
| Deltapine 41   | 1030          | 79                       | 41.1                  | 9.5              | 5.23   | 1.15 | .57               | 19.74           | 8.0             |  |
| Stoneville 825 | 1010          | 78                       | 38.0                  | 11.2             | 5.25   | 1.14 | .57               | 18.73           | 6.9             |  |
| Deltapine 55   | 992           | 80                       | 39.5                  | 10.4             | 5.32   | 1.15 | .56               | 18.39           | 8.2             |  |
| DES 24         | 979           | 79                       | 37.6                  | 11.8             | 5.53   | 1.18 | .59               | 19.96           | 8.4             |  |
| Deltapine 26   | 978           | 73                       | 40.3                  | 10.3             | 5.16   | 1.13 | .57               | 19.46           | 8.5             |  |
| Coker 310      | 962           | 78                       | 37.7                  | 11.5             | 5.81   | 1.20 | .60               | 20.21           | 7.5             |  |
| Coker 315      | 958           | 77                       | 38.9                  | 10.9             | 5.48   | 1.21 | .60               | 20.18           | 7.6             |  |
| Stoneville 213 | 957           | 76                       | 37.2                  | 11.2             | 5.21   | 1.14 | .57               | 18.55           | 8.5             |  |
| Deltapine 61   | 946           | 74                       | 38.3                  | 10.7             | 5.64   | 1.15 | .58               | 19.56           | 9.7             |  |
| Coker 304      | 938           | 78                       | 37.9                  | 11.2             | 5.58   | 1.19 | .59               | 20.43           | 7.2             |  |
| Stoneville 256 | 892           | 74                       | 37.8                  | 11.0             | 5.43   | 1.14 | .56               | 18.37           | 7.0             |  |

<sup>1</sup>Seven environments - Stoneville 3, Sumner 2, Tunica 2.**Table 7. Performance of 10 cotton varieties grown in 11 Delta environments<sup>1</sup>, 1977-79 average.**

|                | Lint Per Acre |                          | Boll<br>size<br>grams | Fiber Properties |        |      |                   |                 |                 |  |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                | Total         | Percent<br>first<br>pick |                       | Seed<br>index    | Length |      | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |  |
|                |               |                          |                       |                  | 2.5%   | 50%  |                   |                 |                 |  |
| DES 56         | 1048          | 84                       | 37.5                  | 11.0             | 5.03   | 1.15 | .57               | 19.16           | 8.1             |  |
| Stoneville 825 | 1038          | 80                       | 37.8                  | 11.3             | 5.14   | 1.14 | .56               | 18.51           | 6.7             |  |
| Deltapine 26   | 1010          | 76                       | 40.2                  | 10.4             | 5.07   | 1.13 | .56               | 19.50           | 7.9             |  |
| DES 24         | 1009          | 81                       | 37.4                  | 11.8             | 5.45   | 1.18 | .58               | 20.14           | 8.2             |  |
| Deltapine 55   | 1005          | 82                       | 39.4                  | 10.2             | 5.17   | 1.15 | .55               | 18.47           | 7.9             |  |
| Coker 310      | 999           | 80                       | 37.4                  | 11.6             | 5.75   | 1.20 | .59               | 19.94           | 7.2             |  |
| Stoneville 213 | 979           | 79                       | 37.1                  | 11.2             | 5.20   | 1.14 | .56               | 18.46           | 8.2             |  |
| Deltapine 61   | 975           | 77                       | 38.2                  | 10.7             | 5.53   | 1.15 | .57               | 19.63           | 9.4             |  |
| Coker 304      | 956           | 80                       | 37.7                  | 11.4             | 5.51   | 1.19 | .59               | 20.16           | 7.0             |  |
| Stoneville 256 | 946           | 76                       | 37.7                  | 11.2             | 5.33   | 1.14 | .55               | 18.36           | 6.7             |  |

<sup>1</sup>Eleven environments - Stoneville 5, Sumner 3, Tunica 3.

**Table 8. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Leeper fine sandy loam soil at Mississippi State, Miss.**

| Acre           | Lint/<br>percent | Boll<br>size<br>grams | Fiber Properties |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
|                |                  |                       | Length           |      | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |     |
|                |                  |                       | 2.5%             | 50%  |                   |                 |                 |     |
| Total          |                  |                       |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
| McNair 235     | 994              | 41.8                  | 5.0              | 1.11 | .56               | 22.84           | 6.6             | 4.6 |
| Deltapine 26   | 992              | 44.5                  | 5.0              | 1.09 | .55               | 21.75           | 7.1             | 4.9 |
| Stoneville 825 | 975              | 41.4                  | 4.7              | 1.11 | .54               | 21.31           | 6.7             | 4.6 |
| DES 56         | 944              | 41.0                  | 4.6              | 1.14 | .57               | 22.55           | 7.6             | 4.7 |
| DES 24         | 933              | 40.4                  | 5.2              | 1.15 | .56               | 23.20           | 8.1             | 4.6 |
| Coker 315      | 916              | 41.1                  | 5.4              | 1.17 | .58               | 22.62           | 7.1             | 4.7 |
| Stoneville 256 | 894              | 41.0                  | 5.1              | 1.12 | .56               | 21.31           | 7.0             | 4.9 |
| Deltapine 55   | 872              | 42.6                  | 4.9              | 1.14 | .57               | 21.89           | 7.5             | 4.6 |
| Deltapine 41   | 869              | 44.0                  | 4.9              | 1.13 | .55               | 21.82           | 7.7             | 4.5 |
| Deltapine 61   | 865              | 41.6                  | 5.2              | 1.12 | .57               | 21.31           | 9.5             | 4.8 |
| HAS 7193       | 847              | 41.6                  | 5.2              | 1.15 | .56               | 22.98           | 8.7             | 4.4 |
| Stoneville 213 | 842              | 40.2                  | 4.9              | 1.10 | .54               | 20.15           | 7.8             | 4.7 |
| Coker 304      | 836              | 41.4                  | 5.2              | 1.18 | .58               | 22.84           | 7.0             | 4.2 |
| Coker 310      | 784              | 40.6                  | 5.6              | 1.15 | .55               | 22.84           | 6.5             | 4.6 |
| LSD .05        | 112              |                       |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |

Planted: May 8, 1979

Harvested: November 1, 1979

**Table 9. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Catalpa silty clay loam soil at Verona, Miss.**

| Acre           | Lint/<br>percent | Seed<br>index | Boll<br>size<br>grams | Fiber Properties |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
|                |                  |               |                       | Length           |      | Strength<br>g/tex | Elonga-<br>tion | Micro-<br>naire |     |
|                |                  |               |                       | 2.5%             | 50%  |                   |                 |                 |     |
| Total          |                  |               |                       |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
| McNair 235     | 457              | 41.3          | 10.6                  | 5.94             | 1.14 | .58               | 23.42           | 7.2             | 4.9 |
| DES 24         | 405              | 41.1          | 10.9                  | 5.71             | 1.18 | .60               | 22.84           | 8.1             | 4.8 |
| DES 56         | 389              | 40.6          | 10.5                  | 5.76             | 1.14 | .57               | 22.11           | 7.7             | 4.7 |
| Coker 304      | 383              | 41.3          | 10.7                  | 6.21             | 1.19 | .61               | 24.36           | 6.4             | 4.7 |
| Coker 310      | 354              | 40.0          | 10.3                  | 6.34             | 1.19 | .58               | 23.35           | 6.8             | 4.6 |
| Stoneville 213 | 353              | 40.0          | 10.6                  | 5.90             | 1.12 | .57               | 20.08           | 8.1             | 5.1 |
| Deltapine 26   | 345              | 41.8          | 10.4                  | 5.73             | 1.13 | .57               | 21.16           | 7.7             | 4.8 |
| Deltapine 55   | 332              | 42.0          | 10.4                  | 5.71             | 1.13 | .55               | 21.75           | 7.8             | 4.6 |
| Deltapine 41   | 315              | 44.4          | 8.9                   | 4.98             | 1.15 | .58               | 22.18           | 7.7             | 4.4 |
| Stoneville 825 | 312              | 40.4          | 11.3                  | 5.70             | 1.15 | .57               | 21.97           | 6.2             | 5.2 |
| Stoneville 256 | 300              | 41.0          | 10.8                  | 6.35             | 1.14 | .57               | 21.10           | 6.3             | 5.3 |
| Deltapine 61   | 294              | 39.7          | 11.4                  | 6.48             | 1.18 | .60               | 21.82           | 7.8             | 5.0 |
| HAS 7193       | 288              | 39.9          | 12.2                  | 6.34             | 1.19 | .60               | 23.27           | 8.9             | 5.1 |
| Coker 315      | 287              | 40.8          | 10.4                  | 6.32             | 1.22 | .61               | 23.79           | 6.7             | 4.7 |
| LSD .05        | 59               |               |                       |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |
| C.V.           | 13.4             |               |                       |                  |      |                   |                 |                 |     |

Planted: May 17, 1979

Harvested: November 5, 1979

**Table 10. Results of the 1979 Cotton Variety Test on a Grenada silt loam soil at Holly Springs, Miss.**

|                | Lint Per Acre |            |            | Boll         |            |            |        |     |          |      |            | Fiber Properties |  |  |  |
|----------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|-----|----------|------|------------|------------------|--|--|--|
|                | Total         | First pick | first pick | Lint percent | Seed index | size grams | Length |     | Strength |      | Elongation | Micro-naire      |  |  |  |
|                |               | First pick | first pick |              |            |            | 2.5%   | 50% | g/tex    |      |            |                  |  |  |  |
| McNair 235     | 744           | 568        | 76         | 39.4         | 10.8       | 5.98       | 1.12   | .61 | 20.24    | 8.0  | 4.3        |                  |  |  |  |
| HAS 7193       | 699           | 488        | 70         | 39.6         | 11.5       | 6.68       | 1.15   | .60 | 20.69    | 9.6  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| Coker 310      | 692           | 479        | 69         | 39.9         | 10.2       | 6.36       | 1.17   | .61 | 20.37    | 7.7  | 4.3        |                  |  |  |  |
| Coker 304      | 689           | 465        | 67         | 39.6         | 10.4       | 6.08       | 1.15   | .61 | 19.92    | 8.3  | 4.3        |                  |  |  |  |
| DES 24         | 686           | 449        | 65         | 38.7         | 11.3       | 6.19       | 1.14   | .58 | 20.21    | 9.2  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| DES 56         | 657           | 464        | 71         | 38.1         | 10.9       | 5.80       | 1.13   | .58 | 18.90    | 9.7  | 4.2        |                  |  |  |  |
| Deltapine 41   | 655           | 442        | 67         | 43.2         | 10.7       | 6.21       | 1.11   | .57 | 19.62    | 9.3  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| Coker 315      | 647           | 418        | 65         | 41.3         | 11.2       | 6.60       | 1.15   | .60 | 20.56    | 8.2  | 4.4        |                  |  |  |  |
| Stoneville 825 | 645           | 442        | 68         | 37.5         | 11.0       | 5.91       | 1.10   | .57 | 18.73    | 8.2  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| Deltapine 55   | 628           | 423        | 67         | 40.8         | 10.5       | 6.55       | 1.13   | .57 | 18.15    | 9.4  | 4.4        |                  |  |  |  |
| Stoneville 213 | 572           | 356        | 62         | 36.6         | 10.9       | 6.58       | 1.11   | .57 | 18.08    | 9.3  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| Stoneville 256 | 563           | 387        | 69         | 38.5         | 11.0       | 6.50       | 1.10   | .57 | 18.60    | 7.8  | 4.6        |                  |  |  |  |
| Deltapine 61   | 507           | 319        | 63         | 38.4         | 11.8       | 6.72       | 1.13   | .61 | 18.82    | 10.8 | 4.7        |                  |  |  |  |
| Deltapine 26   | 486           | 297        | 61         | 40.4         | 10.9       | 6.14       | 1.11   | .57 | 19.10    | 9.6  | 4.5        |                  |  |  |  |
| LSD .05        |               | 74         |            |              |            |            |        |     |          |      |            |                  |  |  |  |
| C.V.           |               | 15.0       |            |              |            |            |        |     |          |      |            |                  |  |  |  |

Planted: May 11, 1979

Harvested: October 24 and November 5, 1979

**Table 11. Average performance of 14 cotton varieties grown in three Hill environments<sup>1</sup> in 1979.**

|                | Lint/Acre |         |       | Boll |        |      |          | Fiber Properties |        |      |       |
|----------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|--------|------|----------|------------------|--------|------|-------|
|                | Total     | Lint    | Seed  | size | Length |      | Strength | Elonga-          | Micro- | tion | naire |
|                |           | percent | index |      | grams  | 2.5% | 50%      |                  |        |      |       |
| McNair 235     | 732       | 40.8    | 10.7  | 5.64 | 1.13   | .58  | 22.16    | 7.3              | 4.6    |      |       |
| DES 24         | 675       | 40.1    | 11.1  | 5.70 | 1.16   | .58  | 22.08    | 8.5              | 4.6    |      |       |
| DES 56         | 663       | 39.9    | 10.7  | 5.38 | 1.14   | .57  | 21.18    | 8.4              | 4.5    |      |       |
| Stoneville 825 | 644       | 39.8    | 11.1  | 5.40 | 1.12   | .56  | 20.67    | 7.0              | 4.8    |      |       |
| Coker 304      | 636       | 40.8    | 10.5  | 5.83 | 1.17   | .60  | 22.37    | 7.2              | 4.4    |      |       |
| Coker 315      | 617       | 41.0    | 10.8  | 6.11 | 1.18   | .60  | 22.32    | 7.3              | 4.6    |      |       |
| Deltapine 41   | 613       | 43.8    | 9.8   | 5.36 | 1.13   | .57  | 21.20    | 8.2              | 4.5    |      |       |
| HAS 7193       | 611       | 40.4    | 11.8  | 6.07 | 1.16   | .59  | 22.31    | 9.1              | 4.7    |      |       |
| Deltapine 55   | 611       | 41.8    | 10.4  | 5.72 | 1.13   | .56  | 20.59    | 8.2              | 4.5    |      |       |
| Coker 310      | 610       | 40.2    | 10.3  | 6.10 | 1.17   | .58  | 22.18    | 7.0              | 4.5    |      |       |
| Deltapine 26   | 608       | 42.2    | 10.6  | 5.62 | 1.11   | .56  | 20.67    | 8.1              | 4.7    |      |       |
| Stoneville 213 | 589       | 38.9    | 10.7  | 5.79 | 1.11   | .56  | 19.44    | 8.4              | 4.8    |      |       |
| Stoneville 256 | 586       | 40.1    | 10.9  | 5.98 | 1.12   | .57  | 20.34    | 7.0              | 4.9    |      |       |
| Deltapine 61   | 555       | 39.9    | 11.6  | 6.13 | 1.14   | .59  | 20.65    | 9.4              | 4.8    |      |       |

<sup>1</sup>Three environments - Holly Springs, Mississippi State, Verona.

**Table 12. Average lint yield and earliness of 11 cotton varieties at Holly Springs, Miss., 1977-79.**

|                | 1977          |                    | 1978          |                    | 1979          |                    | 2-yr ave 1978-79 |                    | 3-yr ave 1977-79 |                    |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                | Lint per acre | Percent first pick | Lint per acre | Percent first pick | Lint per acre | Percent first pick | Lint per acre    | Percent first pick | Lint per acre    | Percent first pick |
| DES 56         | 732           | 75                 | 958           | 64                 | 657           | 71                 | 807              | 68                 | 782              | 70                 |
| Coker 304      | 664           | 73                 | 948           | 54                 | 689           | 67                 | 819              | 61                 | 767              | 65                 |
| Deltapine 55   | 667           | 67                 | 991           | 53                 | 628           | 67                 | 810              | 60                 | 762              | 62                 |
| DES 24         | 680           | 69                 | 901           | 57                 | 686           | 65                 | 794              | 61                 | 756              | 64                 |
| Coker 310      | 640           | 74                 | 927           | 51                 | 692           | 69                 | 810              | 60                 | 753              | 65                 |
| Stoneville 213 | 668           | 69                 | 909           | 52                 | 572           | 62                 | 741              | 57                 | 716              | 61                 |
| Stoneville 256 | 652           | 63                 | 884           | 49                 | 563           | 69                 | 724              | 59                 | 700              | 60                 |
| Stoneville 825 | --            | --                 | 939           | 55                 | 645           | 68                 | 792              | 62                 | --               | --                 |
| Deltapine 41   | --            | --                 | 902           | 50                 | 655           | 67                 | 779              | 59                 | --               | --                 |
| Coker 315      | --            | --                 | 832           | 52                 | 647           | 65                 | 740              | 59                 | --               | --                 |
| Deltapine 26   | --            | --                 | 962           | 44                 | 486           | 61                 | 724              | 53                 | --               | --                 |

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