

**MINUTES FROM THE 2006 COTTON DISEASE COUNCIL MEETING - SAN ANTONIO, TX**  
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The 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the cotton disease council was call to order by Chip Graham at 4:50 pm January 6, 2006. Approximately thirty members were in attendance. A motion was made by Kathy Lawrence and seconded by Don Blasingame to accept the minutes from last years meeting and to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2005 business meeting.

**Old Business**

Chip Graham thanked Terry Wheeler for organizing the symposium on disease resistance in cotton through genetic markers and gene mapping. He also thanked Kathy and Gary Lawrence for organizing the plant pathology application technology update on remote sensing, variable rate applications, GPS, and seed specific applications. Chip noted that 250 people were in attendance, including growers, consultants and university researchers. Chip thanked all the speakers for their participation and excellent presentations. It was also noted that the final manuscript deadline for this years meeting is Jan. 6, 2005. Chip noted all bugs had been worked out of the computerized system and there were no significant problems this year.

**Committee reports**

Cotton Disease Loss Estimates Committee: Copies of the 2005 Cotton Disease Loss Estimates Committee report compiled by Don Blasingame were distributed to the members in attendance. Don stated the average disease loss was down 0.23% from last year's average. Don thanked all the participant researches for contributing their information.

Education committee: Pat Colyer was not able to attend the cotton disease council business meeting. Chip reported on Pat's behalf that progress was being made developing the library of cotton disease slides and photographs.

Nematode committee: Bob Kemerait reported that they are moving slowly to the goal of securing a grant through Cotton Inc. to support a root-knot nematode nursery. Terry Wheeler mentioned she has a nursery and space is available for a small number of entries.

Cottonseed treatment committee: Copies for the 2005 report of the cottonseed treatment committee complied by Craig Rothrock were distributed. It was agreed that DPL 445Bg/RR would be used in 2006 and that Gaucho Grande will be added as an early season insecticide. Gabe Sciumbato requested a Fusarium check seed treatment be included in the 2006 test. Craig reported 90% of the sites reported an effect to the seed treatments. Seedling disease pressure was higher in 2005 than in the previous year. The

2006 national cotton seed treatment committee will evaluate 13 nominations and 5 controls for a total of 18 treatments.

### **New business**

Chip asked for any colloquiums or symposium topics for the 2006 meeting from the floor. Two nominations were discussed. A hands-on cotton disease diagnostic workshop including all current cotton diseases will be hosted by Craig Rothrock. A nematocide symposium discussing the evaluation of the new seed treatment nematocides will be hosted by Bob Kemeraite and Terry Wheeler with Bob coordinating the event. Craig Rothrock asked to have the symposium begin the cotton disease council session on Thursday morning.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Albert Chambers, longtime participant in the Cotton Disease Council. A few words were spoken on Albert's behalf, by Dr. Melvin Newman.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kathy Lawrence  
Secretary  
Cotton Disease Council