

FM 9160B2F, A NEW MID-MATURING VARIETY FROM BAYER CROPSCIENCE

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Abstract

FM 9160B2F is a new, mid-maturity variety from Bayer CropScience that is primarily adapted to the Southwestern cotton growing regions of the U.S. It has a normal shaped, smooth leaf. Plant height can be categorized as medium to tall. Under high rainfall and/or full irrigation and good soil fertility, a moderately aggressive plant growth regulator program may be required. This variety begins fruiting somewhat higher than other varieties from Bayer, with the possible exception of FM 1880B2F. It has very good storm tolerance making it well suited for production on the High Plains. Verticillium wilt tolerance has been good in trials conducted by Texas AgriLife Research and Extension in 2008 and 2009. Fiber quality has been excellent, especially length, strength and uniformity. Yields have also been excellent with this variety, with the best performance being noted in the High Plains, Rolling Plains and Oklahoma. Limited quantities of FM 9160B2F were available in 2009 and it is expected to be widely available in 2010.