

ALL-TEX SEED COTTON VARIETY

ALL-TEX Top-Pick

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Abstract

ALL-TEX SEED INC., announces the addition of a new variety, Top-Pick to its already well known ALL-STAR LINE-UP. The ALL-STAR LINE-UP consists of ATLAS, EXCESS, MAX-9, VANTAGE, XPRESS and QUICKIE.

Introduction

ALL-TEX Top-Pick is a medium maturity variety, that has exhibited consistent yields and excellent fiber properties for the last three years of testing. In 1992 R.R. Bridge, Delta Research and Extension Center, Stoneville, Mississippi, released five non-commercial smoothleaf breeding lines of cotton designated as DES 333-15, DES 333-31, DES 333-38, DES 333-48 and DES 333-50. These lines originated from a cross between Deltapine 50 and DES 56-186. Top-Pick was an individual plant selection from this release.

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ALL-TEX Top-Pick has been planted in the Rio Grande Valley to the High Plains. The variety has been tested in the Mid-South and the Southeaster United States in all locations, Top-Pick has been a top producer with outstanding fiber properties.

Because of its consistent yield and fiber properties, Top-Pick is being recommended for normal planting dates from the Rio Grande Valley to the High Plains of Texas. The northern boundary for the High Plains of Texas will be the Lubbock county line. In 1995 Top-Pick was tested in several locations in Texas from Weslaco to as far north as Lubbock and as far west as Pecos. All the testing locations were Texas A&M University System test sites. Top-Pick was consistent in yield and fiber properties through out the state. (Table 1)

ALL-TEX Top-Pick has been tested in the Mid-South for the past two years. Again Top-Pick preform well with excellent yield and fiber properties. (Table 2) ALL-TEX plans to have Top-Pick for sale in the Mid-South and Southeast in 1997.

Limited data are available for 1996. The production fields have been harvested and are being processed. The yields are excellent for the year, with superior fiber. The fiber data for the locations are found in Table 3.

ALL-TEX Top-Pick is a unique variety in that harvest can be accomplished either by stripping or picking, both work great. It has been said that all cotton varieties look alike to a point. Yet Top-Pick can be noticed while traveling down the road at 40 mph. Top-Pick has a very distinct dark green color. As one approach's a field in which Top-Pick and another variety are planted, Top-Pick is easily recognized.

We believe that Top-Pick will be rapidly accepted by the growers throughout Texas, into the Mid-South and on to the Southeast, because of consistent yield and fiber traits.

TABLE 1 ALL-TEX Top-Pick performance at Texas A&M Test Sites during 1995.

Weslaco, TX				
Variety	Yield	Mic.	Staple	Strength
Top-Pick	521	4.3	1.07	22
DPL 50	521	3.8	1.14	26

Corpus Christi, Texas				
Variety	Yield	Mic.	Staple	Strength
Top-Pick	1111	4.1	1.12	28
DPX0227	1092	3.9	1.11	31

Pecos, TX				
Variety	Yield	Mic.	Staple	Strength
Top-Pick	1167	3.7	1.14	29
HS 26	1044	4.0	1.03	28

Lubbock, TX				
Variety	Yield	Mic.	Staple	Strength
Top-Pick	745	3.5	1.18	31
HS 26	681	4.0	1.07	30

TABLE 2. ALL-TEX Top-Pick performance in the Mid-South and Southeast during 1995.

Mississippi State, MS	
Variety	Yield
Top-Pick	833
Suregrow 125	856

LSU ST. Joseph, LA	
Variety	Yield
Top-Pick	800
DPX0227	819

USDA Mississippi State, MS	
Variety	Yield
Top-Pick	436
DPX0227	258

TABLE 3 ALL-TEX Top-Pick Fiber Data from production Blocks 1995

Hillsboro, TX Sinkule Farms			
Mic.	Staple	Strength	Grade
4.45	1.10	28	31

Hutto, TX Decker Farms			
Mic.	Staple	Strength	Grade
4.80	1.10	29	41

Levelland, TX Jackson Farms			
Mic.	Staple	Strength	Grade
3.49	1.17	29	21

Lubbock, TX ITC			
Mic.	Staple	Strength	Grade
3.27	1.16	29	21