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Subject: 2025 University of Georgia Official Cotton Variety Trials

This letter is to solicit your interest in testing cotton varieties (OVT) or strains (OST) in the 2025 trials.

General Information - All maturities are evaluated together in single tests. Both irrigated and dryland tests are conducted. Some locations will be treated with Telone II, depending on nematode pressure. A seeding rate of 2.25 seeds/ft will be used. At most locations, gin turnout will be assessed using table-top gins. The Tifton irrigated test will instead utilize a microgin. Samples will be sent to the USDA classing office for fiber analysis.

Seed Treatment – Commercial seed treatments are encouraged, and fungicidal, insecticidal, and nematicidal components are acceptable. The seed treatments used will be disclosed to readers. Please ensure seed is properly labeled.

Testing Options –

OVT – Irrigated and dryland tests are performed in Midville, Plains, Tifton, and Attapulgus. Any varieties entered must be glyphosate tolerant.

Strains – Irrigated tests will be conducted at Midville, Plains and Tifton. These tests are a lower-cost bundle option for experimental varieties, but released varieties are accepted too. Multi-year averages are not reported. All herbicide trait types and conventional lines are accepted, and a conventional herbicide program will be used.

Testing Fees – The fee for the Georgia Official Variety Trials is \$1,000 for the OVT and \$375 for the strains test. Invoices will be sent from Griffin campus. No refunds will be issued in the event that a test is lost due to weather or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of OVT.

Deadlines – Applications are due March 5, 2025. Please send seed as soon as possible, preferably no later than April 2.



Seed Required – Please send a minimum of 7,841 seeds for the OVT or 3,089 seeds for the Strains test. Larger quantities are fine.

Shipping Instructions – Please choose the address based on your preferred shipper.

FedEx or UPS (Preferred):

Daniel Mailhot
UGA-Variety Testing
1655 GA 16 West
Griffin, GA 30223-2091

US Postal Service:

Daniel Mailhot
UGA-Redding Building
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1731

If you have any questions or for some reason cannot send the seed by the specified date, please contact Daniel at 678-572-3015, or by e-mail at daniel.mailhot@uga.edu. Thank you for your cooperation.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE GEORGIA
STATEWIDE COTTON PERFORMANCE TRIALS**

1. A fee will be assessed for each entry submitted by private companies for evaluation in each test. An invoice will be sent. Payment is due 60 days from the invoice date.
2. Entry fees for tests lost due to weather or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of OVT will not be refunded.
3. Do not submit any seed containing regulated or stewarded biotechnology traits.
4. Excess seed will be blended and bulk planted for buffer.
5. Participants retain full rights to their intellectual property. Please send any desired Material Transfer Agreements (MTA's) to UGA Innovation Gateway Contracts Manager (igcontracts@uga.edu). MTA's are only valid if signed by an authorized representative of the UGA Research Foundation, Inc. Please allow adequate lead time if your application involves a MTA for submission of entries.
6. Results will be published in an annual report. Individual plot data is not provided to participants.
7. The Program Director, in concert with the Associate Dean for Research, reserves the right to close a test due to a lack of entries or to limit the number of entries in any given test.