



College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department of Crop and Soil Sciences

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From: Daniel J. Mailhot

Subject: 2019 University of Georgia Official Cotton Variety Trials

This letter is to solicit your interest in testing cotton varieties (OVT) or strains (OST) in the 2019 trials.

General Information - Released, experimental, herbicide-tolerant, and conventional varieties are all tested together, utilizing a conventional herbicide management program. Varieties are separated by maturity at some locations, and combined together at others. Both irrigated and dryland tests are conducted. Some locations will be treated with Telone II, depending on nematode pressure. A seeding rate of 3 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 –

Short-Season Testing environments – Tests will be managed for short-season environments at Athens (dryland), Tifton (irrigated and dryland), and Plains (irrigated and dryland). These sites will have separate full-season tests as well. Depending on location, short and full-season tests will be either planted together and harvested separately, or planted separately but harvested together. The planting date separation will be 2-3 weeks.

Mid-Season Testing environments – Tests will be managed for mid-season environments at Bainbridge (irrigated) and Midville (irrigated and dryland) to the extent possible. The mid-season tests are bundled with the short or full-season tests to provide sufficient locations for statistical analysis.

Full-Season Testing environments – Tests will be managed for full-season environments at Athens (dryland), Tifton (irrigated and dryland), and Plains (irrigated and dryland).

Strains Tests – Three irrigated tests will be conducted and managed as full-season (Tifton, Plains) and mid-season (Midville) environments. These tests are a lower-cost bundle option for experimental varieties, but released varieties are accepted. Multi-year averages are not reported.

Testing Fees – The fee for the Georgia Official Cotton Variety Trials is \$100 per entry per test. Invoices will be sent between receipt of seed and planting. No refund 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 8, 2019. Please send seed as soon as possible, preferably no later than March 22nd.

Seed Required – The application form will calculate the number of seeds required for the tests you select. The maximum amount needed (OVT all + Strains) is 22,400 seeds.

Shipping Instructions:

Mail entry forms and checks to:

Daniel Mailhot
University of Georgia - Griffin Campus
Statewide Variety Testing
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1797

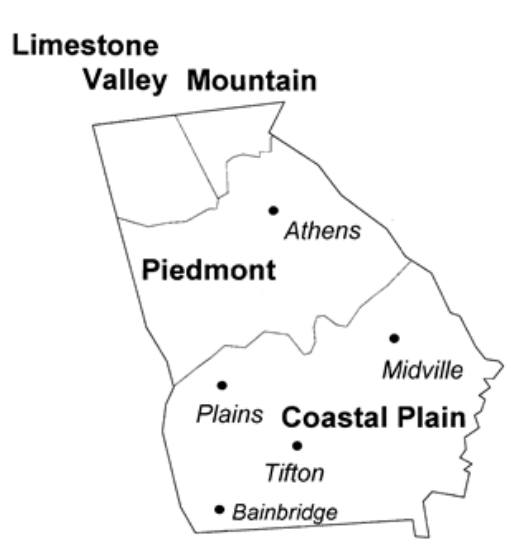
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1655 GA 16 West
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If you have any questions or for some reason cannot send the seed by the specified date, please contact Statewide Variety Testing at phone 770-233-5500 or cell phone 678-572-3015, by fax to 770 228-7344, or by e-mail to daniel.mailhot@uga.edu. Thank you for your cooperation.

Information on the 2018 performance tests of agronomic crops in Georgia is available at our website www.swvt.uga.edu.

TEST LOCATIONS





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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 30 days from the invoice date.
2. Entries submitted by public agencies, such as public universities or USDA, will not be charged a fee for inclusion in the trial(s).
3. Entry fees for tests lost due to weather or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of OVT will not be refunded.
4. Do not submit any seed containing regulated biotechnology traits.
5. Excess seed will be blended and bulk planted for buffer.
6. 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.
7. Results will be published in an annual report. Individual plot data is not provided to participants.
8. The Program Director, in concert with the Department Head, reserves the right to close a test due to a lack of entries or to limit the number of entries in any given test.