

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Cotton Seed Industry Representatives

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SUBJECT: OSU Cotton Variety and Advanced Strains Testing Program in 2009

We are making plans for the 2009 Oklahoma State University cotton variety and advanced strains replicated testing programs on our experiment stations. For additional information and other changes this year, see attachment 1.

A fee will not be assessed for testing of varieties which are National or Regional Standards (see attachment 2) or for public varieties and strains (**limited to four per test** for each public breeder). **All other entries are \$125 per entry per test.** We plan to have one irrigated and two dryland variety tests and one irrigated and two dryland advanced strains experiments. **In addition to the standard tests, we will have an irrigated picker-harvested variety test on the Altus Research Station. There are no standards in the picker-harvested variety test, thus all entries will be paid entries.**

Irrigated experiments will be located at the Altus experiment station, and dryland experiments will be located at the Tipton and Chickasha experiment stations. Data provided to you will include lint yield in lbs./A., lint percentages, and HVI fiber properties. Plots will be 4 rows by 30 ft. with four reps in all tests.

Please let us know your wishes on the attached forms (one form for each kind of test) as soon as possible so we can plan the experiments. For each entry in the **variety tests** we will need at least **5.0 pounds of seed for the initial test and 2.5 pounds of seed for each additional test.** For each entry in the advanced **strains tests**, we will need at least **2.5 pounds** of seed for each entry per test. Please indicate on the forms in which tests you wish to place your entries. It is also requested that each entry entered be classified as to whether it is a **picker or stripper-type cotton.** We would appreciate having your request and seed on hand by **April 17** to facilitate packaging and planting in a timely manner. Checks should be made payable to "OSU Department of Plant and Soil Sciences" and sent at time of entry to the following address:

OSU Southwest Research & Extension Center
16721 US HWY 283
3 miles South of Altus
Altus, OK 73521

We appreciate your participation in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of us at the above phone numbers.

