



Crop Update and Harvest Aid Considerations

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Crop Update

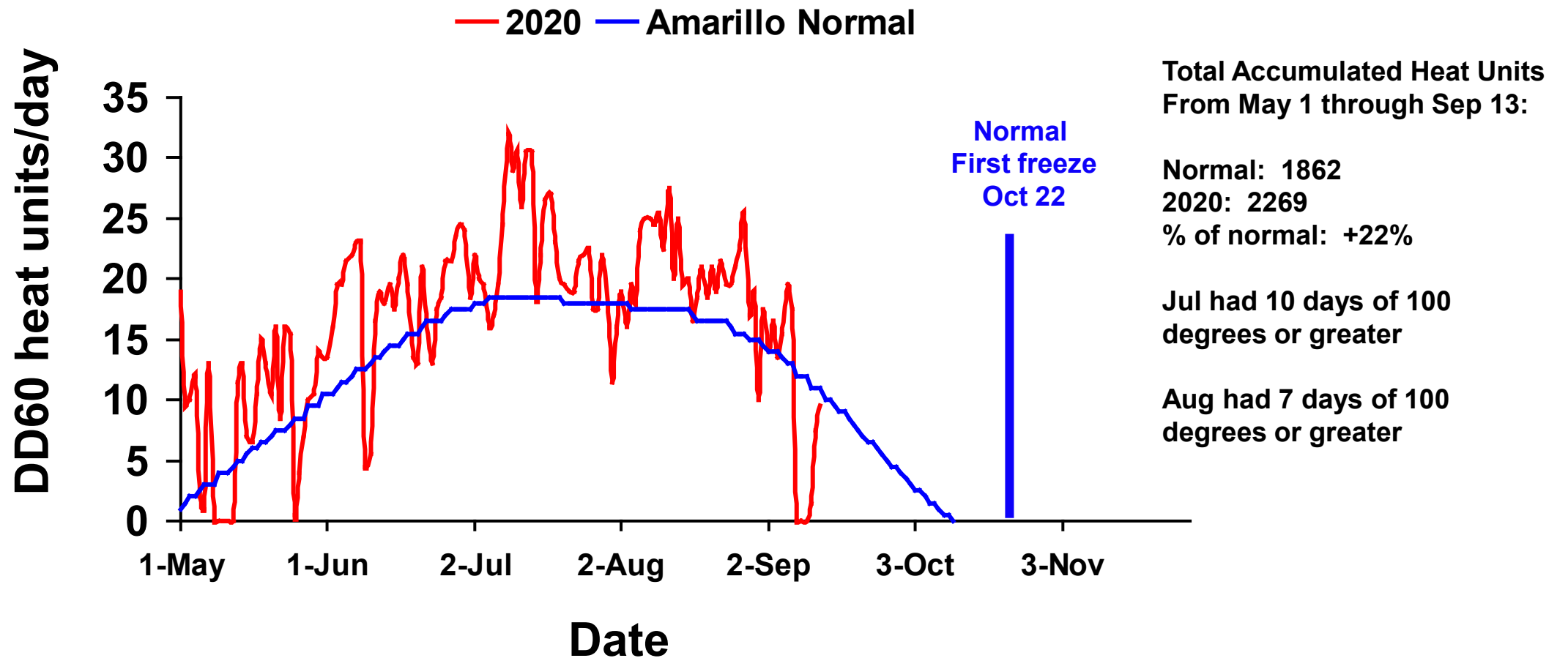
- **Record cold September low temperatures encountered in region**
- **4 days with essentially ZERO cotton heat units from Sep 8-11**
- **No freezes/frosts noted, but mid- to upper 30s likely have impacted fiber development**
- **Purpling of leaves showing up in many fields**
- **Some Alternaria leaf disease has resulted in defoliation**
- **Loss of photosynthetic factories will likely impact micronaire development**

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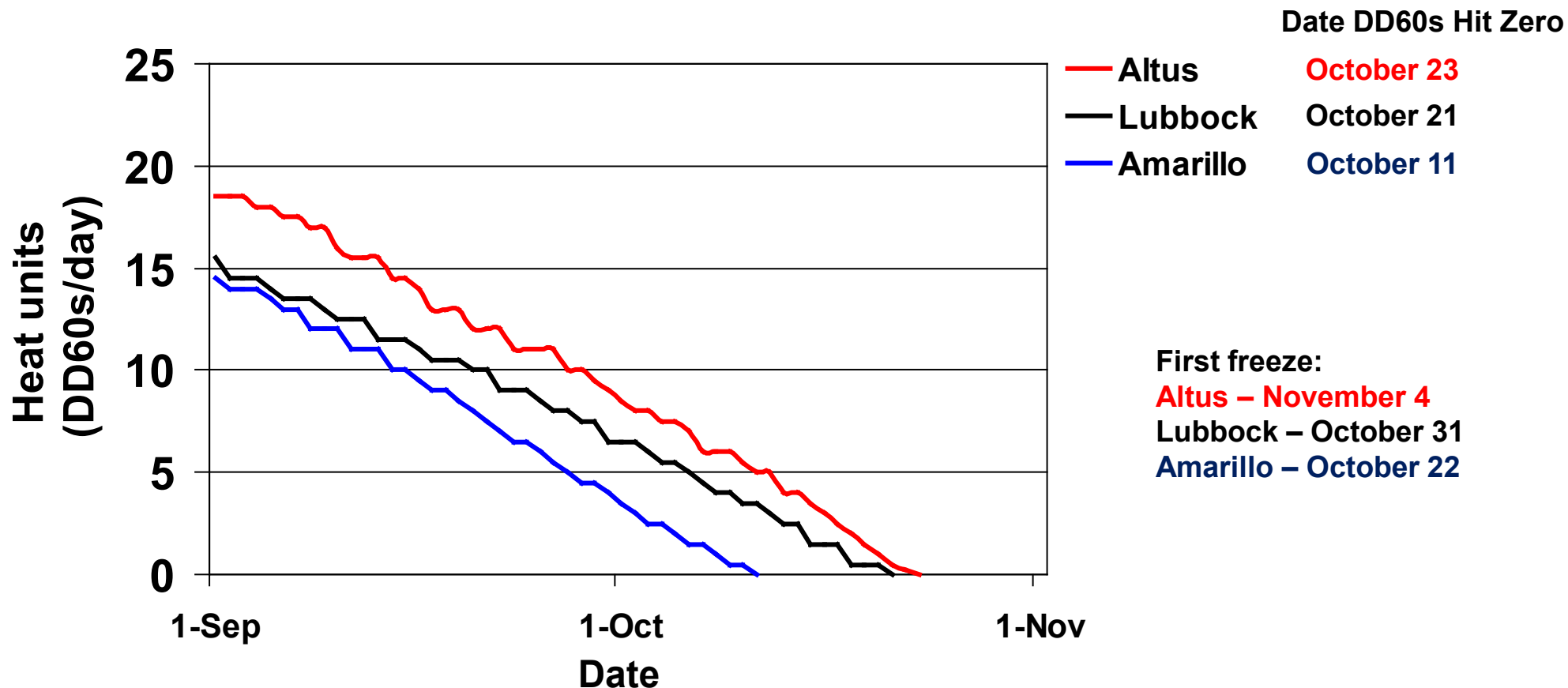
- **Carbohydrates from leaves drive cellulose deposition and fiber maturity (secondary wall development)**
- **Leaves manufacture carbohydrates (glucose and sucrose) which are transported to developing fiber and converted to cellulose via cellulose synthase enzyme systems**
- **Effects of sudden cold temperatures (above freezing but below around 40 degrees) are poorly understood by fiber physiologists**
- **Natural leaf senescence and Alternaria fungi are also impacting leaves**

Amarillo

30-Year Normal (1981-2010) and 2020 Daily Heat Units



Altus, Lubbock and Amarillo 30-Yr Normal Cotton Heat Unit Accumulation

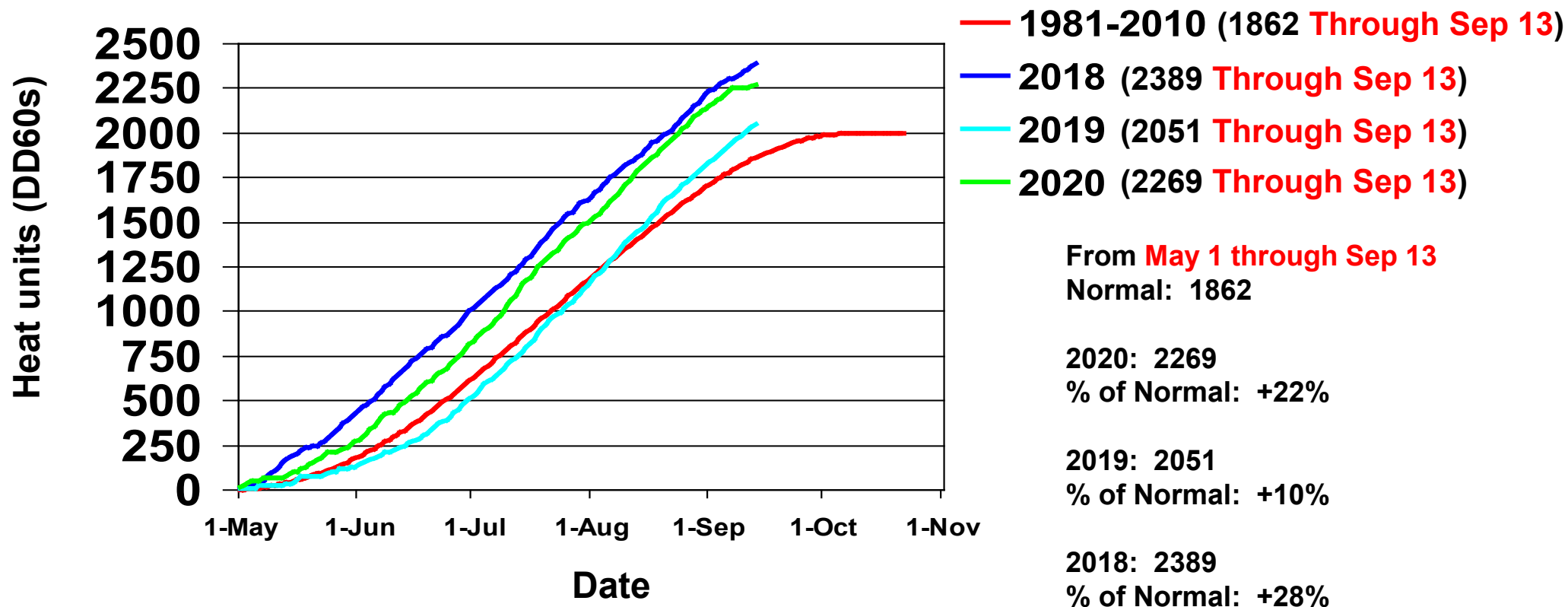


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Lubbock: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/?n=climate-firstfreeze>

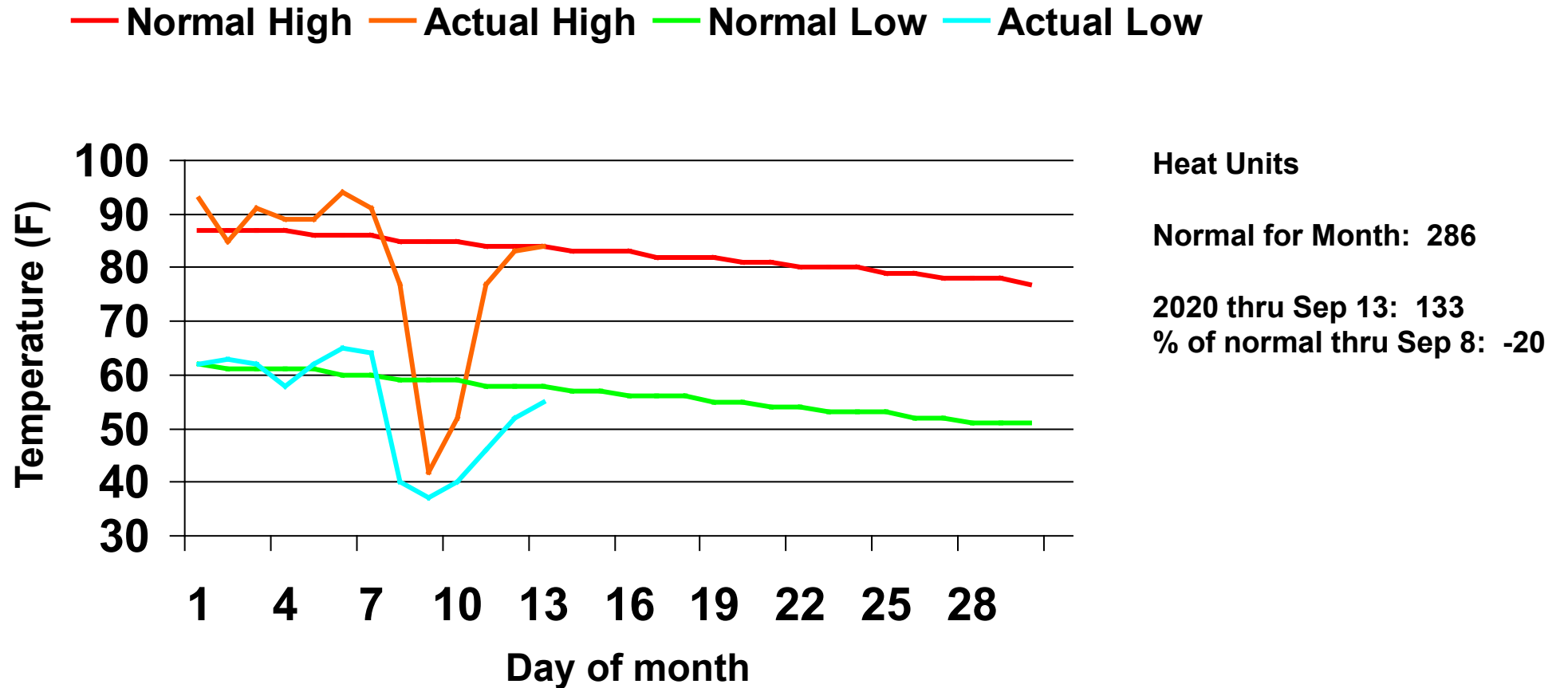
Amarillo: <https://w2.weather.gov/climate/index.php?wfo=ama>

Amarillo 30-Yr Normal (1981-2010) vs. 2018, 2019, and 2020 Cotton Heat Unit Accumulation for May 1 Through Sep 8



Amarillo

30-Yr Normal (1981-2010) and September 2020 Air Temperatures



Purpling Showing Up on Leaves (Anthocyanin Pigmentation) in Response to Cold Snap – Variety Differences



Plainview – Sep 15



Hart – Sep 15

Purpling in Canopy



Alternaria Leaf Spot - Field Observations



- **Associated with premature senescence**
 - Common in fields exhibiting drought stress, and early varieties
- **On older leaves there is a necrotic zone**
- **Typically found on desiccated leaves**
 - Prolific sporulation
- **Severe defoliation**

Courtesy Dr. Jason Woodward

Alternaria Leaf Spot - Field Observations



- **Recent problem due to a combination of factors**
 - **Rainfall, cooler temperatures, and natural leaf senescence**

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Alternaria macrospora - (Leaf spot)



- Often associated with ‘marginal’ cotton
 - On older leaves there is a necrotic zone
 - Appear sooty, due to prolific sporulation
 - Typically found on desiccated leaves

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When do I spray my harvest aids?

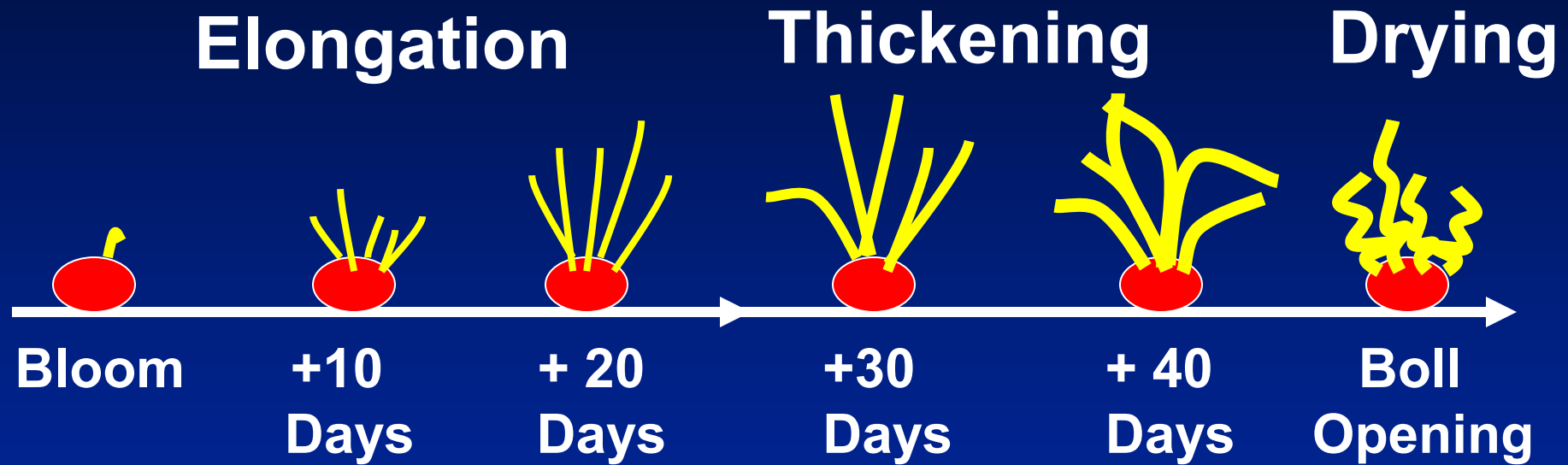
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What products should I use?

Fiber Development

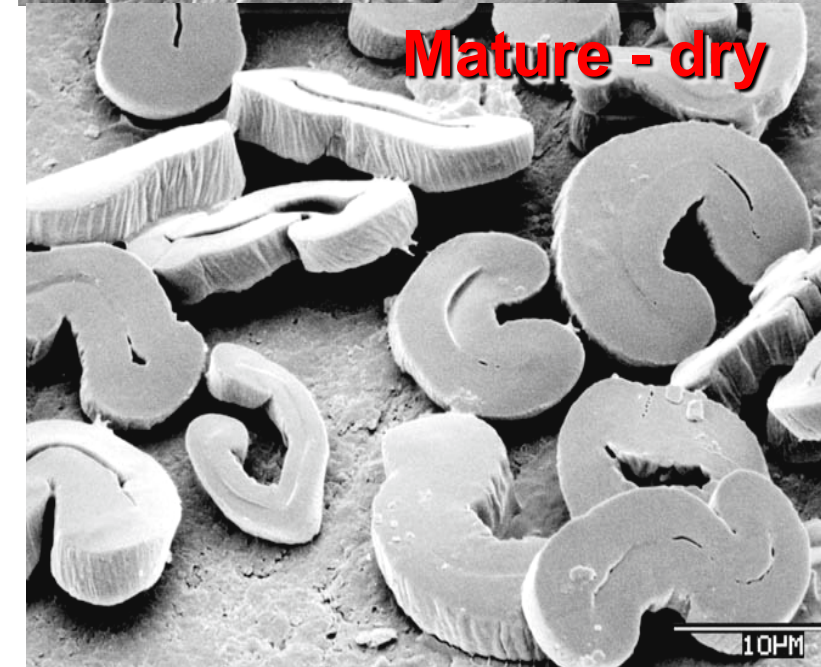
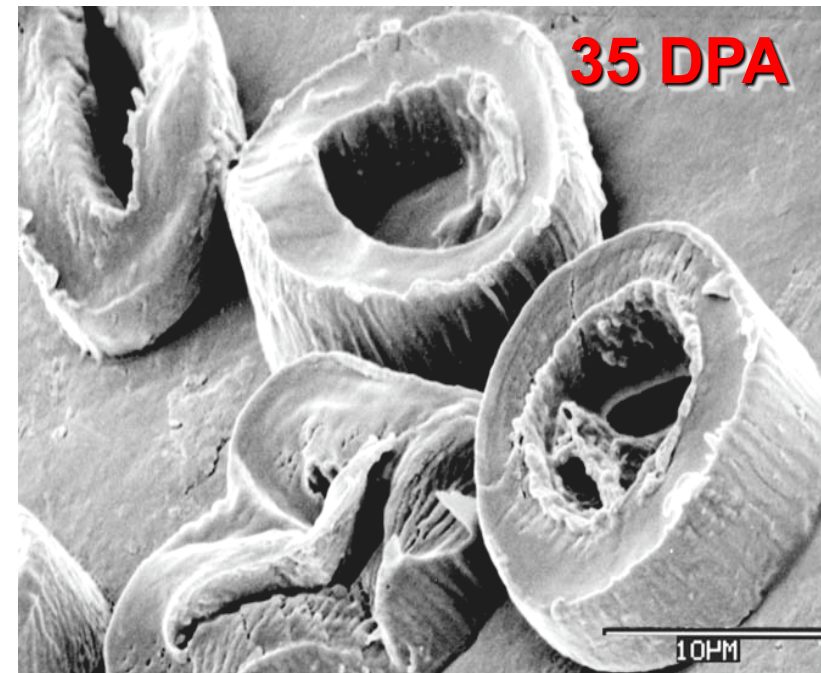
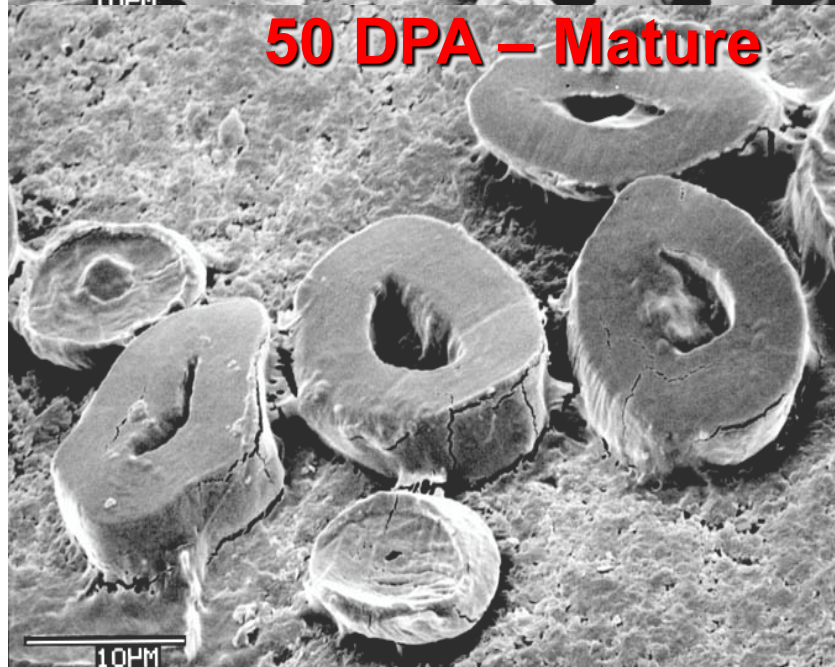
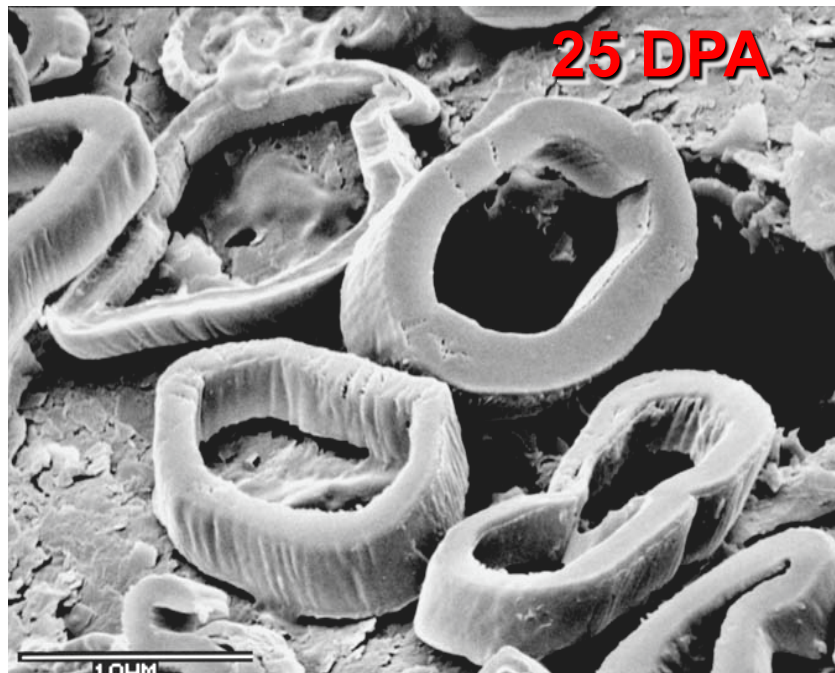
- The fiber is an extension of the cell wall of a cell on the seedcoat
- If you don't make seed, you can't make fiber
- It takes about 21-22 days for the fiber to elongate in a given boll (maximum boll VOLUME)
- After that, it takes another ~30-50 days (regionally dependent) depending upon temperatures, functional leaves, and healthy plants for the fiber to reach maturity (maximum boll WEIGHT)
- The inner part of the fiber is called the lumen.
- Concentric rings of cellulose are deposited on a diurnal basis

Fiber Development Timeline



Boll Size vs. Days after Pollination





USDA-ARS

How Do Harvest Aids Work ?



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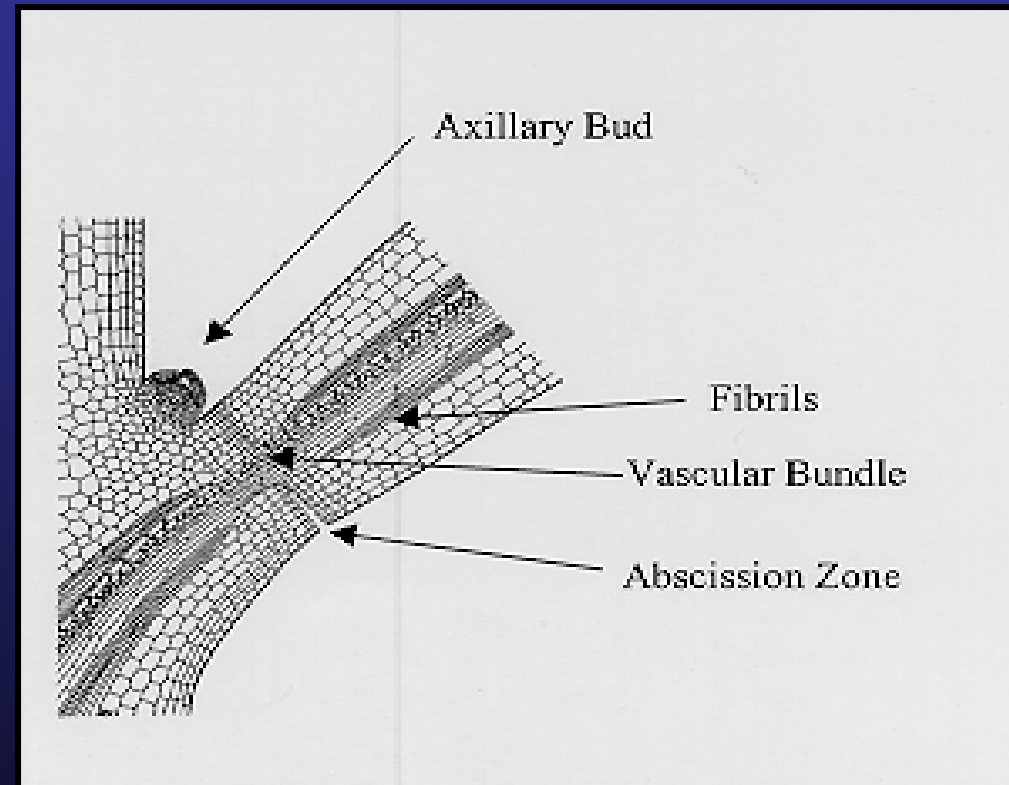
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Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
College Station, TX

How Do Harvest Aids Work?

- **Mimic 'Mother Nature'**
 - Senescence and abscission
 - Abscission zone formation
- **Types of Harvest Aids and Modes of Action**
 - Defoliants - (Hormonal and Herbicidal)
 - Desiccants - (Herbicidal)
 - Boll openers / Conditioners - (Hormonal)
 - Regrowth Inhibitors

Abscission Zone

- Located at the base of the petiole of a leaf where the petiole joins the stem
- Cells of the abscission zone are smaller and more densely filled with cytoplasm than cells in adjacent regions



Harvest Aid Program Considerations

- **There are a lot of ways to get to the desired end result**
 - **Can be considered “art rather than science” but “understanding the science is important to implement the art”**
- **Many times local conditions drive what is most effective.**

Think:

 - **Dry conditions vs. wet**
 - **Cool temperatures vs. warm**
 - **Some natural leaf senescence vs. very green cotton (September cold snap likely fixed that challenge)**
 - **Juvenile growth vs. none (may have this due to recent rainfall in many areas)**
- **Paraquat (or a terminating freeze) is typically the “great equalizer”**

Harvest Aid “Tool Chest”

- **Ethephon boll openers – hormonal**
- **Defoliants**
 - **Folex (tribufos) – herbicidal**
 - In my opinion, still effective under cooler conditions, especially in ethephon tank mixes
 - **Ginstar (thidiazuron plus diuron and special surfactants) – hormonal and herbicidal**
 - Likely not best suited under cooler conditions; rates must be increased under cooler conditions
 - **PPO inhibitors (ETX, Aim, Display, Sharpen) – herbicidal**
 - Must use adjuvants/additives required by label. Effective on juvenile growth in top of canopy; less effective on lower leaves, higher labeled rates generate more desiccation and potential “leaf stick”; lower labeled rates generally result in more defoliation
- **Etc.**

Harvest Aid “Tool Chest”

- **Sequential desiccants - herbicidal**
 - **Paraquat (Gramoxone SL 2.0, Firestorm, Parazone, Helmquat etc.)**
 - Watch small grains planted in field proximity (physical drift); or planted for cover
 - **PPO inhibitors at high rates**
 - Safe on small grains

Boll Openers – Ethylene Release



Boll Openers – Ethephon Products

- **Prep (brand name obsolete), SuperBoll, Boll'd, and others**
- **Enhanced or premium ethephons:**
 - **Finish 6 Pro (ethephon + cyclanilide)**
 - **FirstPick (ethephon + AMADS)**
- **All based on ethephon chemistry**
 - **converted to ethylene (a senescence phytohormone) to increase abscission rate in leaves and bolls**
- **Generally tank mixed with defoliant to enhance defoliation**
- **Higher ethephon rates can increase defoliation**
- **Applied at 40-70% open bolls or “when sufficient mature unopened bolls present to produce desired crop”**

Ethephon

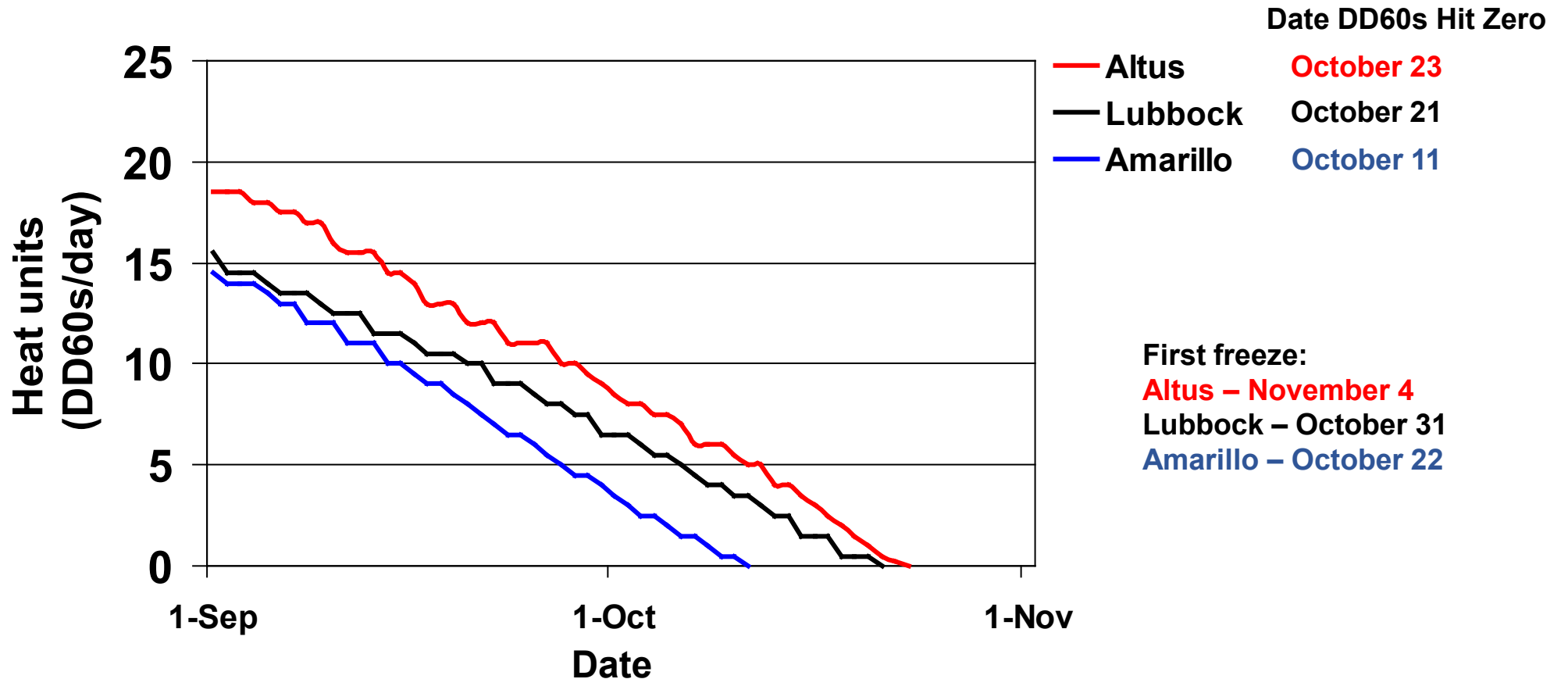
- For 6 lb/gallon products
- 21 oz/acre = 1 lb a.i./acre
- 42 oz/acre – 2 lb a.i./acre

- Maximum labeled rate is 42 oz/acre

Dilemma:

**What to do when the
“clock runs out”**

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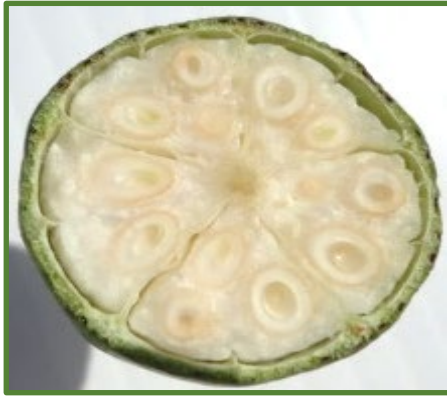
Doing Something Is Probably Better Than Doing Nothing

- **Sticky cotton is bad news**
- **Dr. Steven Hague's TAMU dissertation concerning physiological sugars and potential sticky cotton:**
 - **"the 1996 data suggests that cotton left until freeze is more likely to produce sticky fibers than cotton treated with harvest aids"**
 - **"fiber from the ethephon treatment at the middle and top fruiting positions was lower in physiological sugars than other treatments"**
 - **"this suggests a positive effect the ethephon treatments have towards reducing stickiness potential"**

What To Do When “the Clock Runs Out”

- Late maturing cotton will be susceptible to potential yield and quality losses if a hard freeze is encountered.
- Need to make a judgment call concerning harvest aid application 7-10 days before a freeze, not the day before a freeze is forecast
- Must have at least 70 degree temperatures for several days in order for ethephon to work. *It is ineffective AFTER a killing freeze!*
- Can apply at higher rates at least 7 days prior to killing freeze date in order to get some activity
- If a freeze is not encountered, ethephon treatment on immature cotton will potentially reduce yield and fiber maturity as measured by micronaire

Evaluating Boll Maturity Using the Knife Test



These bolls require considerably more heat units prior to ethephon application.

Note “watery” lint and “jelly” in seed



Requires more heat units prior to ethephon application. Ethephon will probably open this boll but it likely will not “fluff.” Still has “watery” lint, and “jelly” in seed.



Fully formed seed leaves (cotyledons), no “jelly” in seed, tan seedcoat ring forming, lint stringing out. Ready for ethephon application.



Fully mature, blackened seed coat, should open with paraquat.

Definitions: NACB and Percent Open Bolls

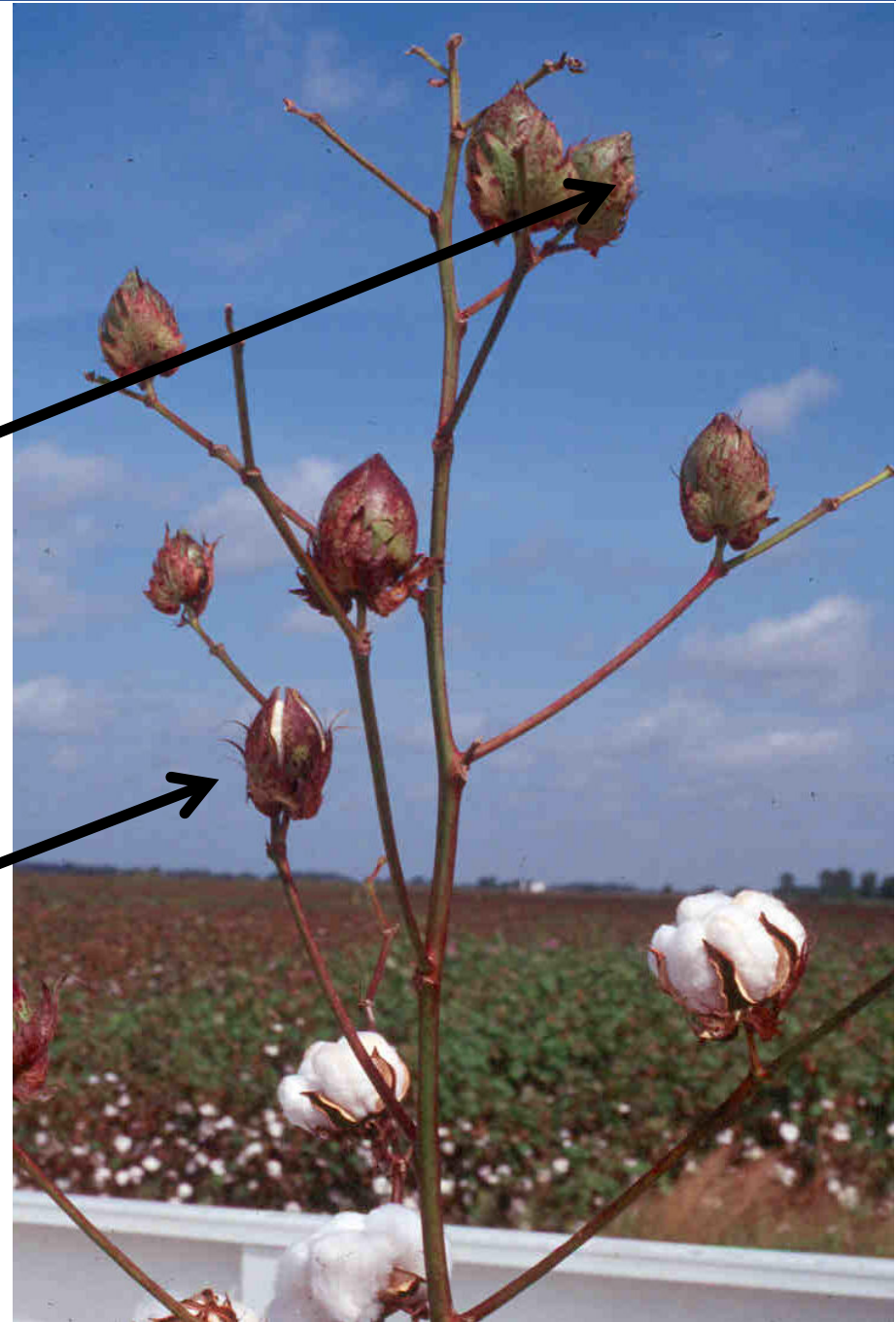
- **Nodes Above Cracked Boll (NACB)**
 - Number of nodes above the uppermost first position cracked (open) boll to the uppermost harvestable first position boll. Count the mainstem node of that fruiting branch as zero.
 - Then count the mainstem nodes to the uppermost harvestable first position boll (this is a judgement call and should be supported by the knife test for maturity and remaining season for that boll's likelihood of producing a fluffy, harvestable boll)
 - **Typical target is 4 NACB for boll opener/defoliant harvest aid application**
- **Percent Open Bolls**
 - The percentage of total bolls in a sample that are open.
 - Count total number of open bolls and green bolls in a given area. Calculate percent open bolls = open bolls divided by (open + green bolls) * 100.
 - **Typical target is 60% open bolls for boll opener/defoliant harvest aid application**

Nodes Above Cracked Boll (NACB)

Uppermost
First Position
Harvestable
Boll

Typical target is 4
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application

First Position
Cracked Boll

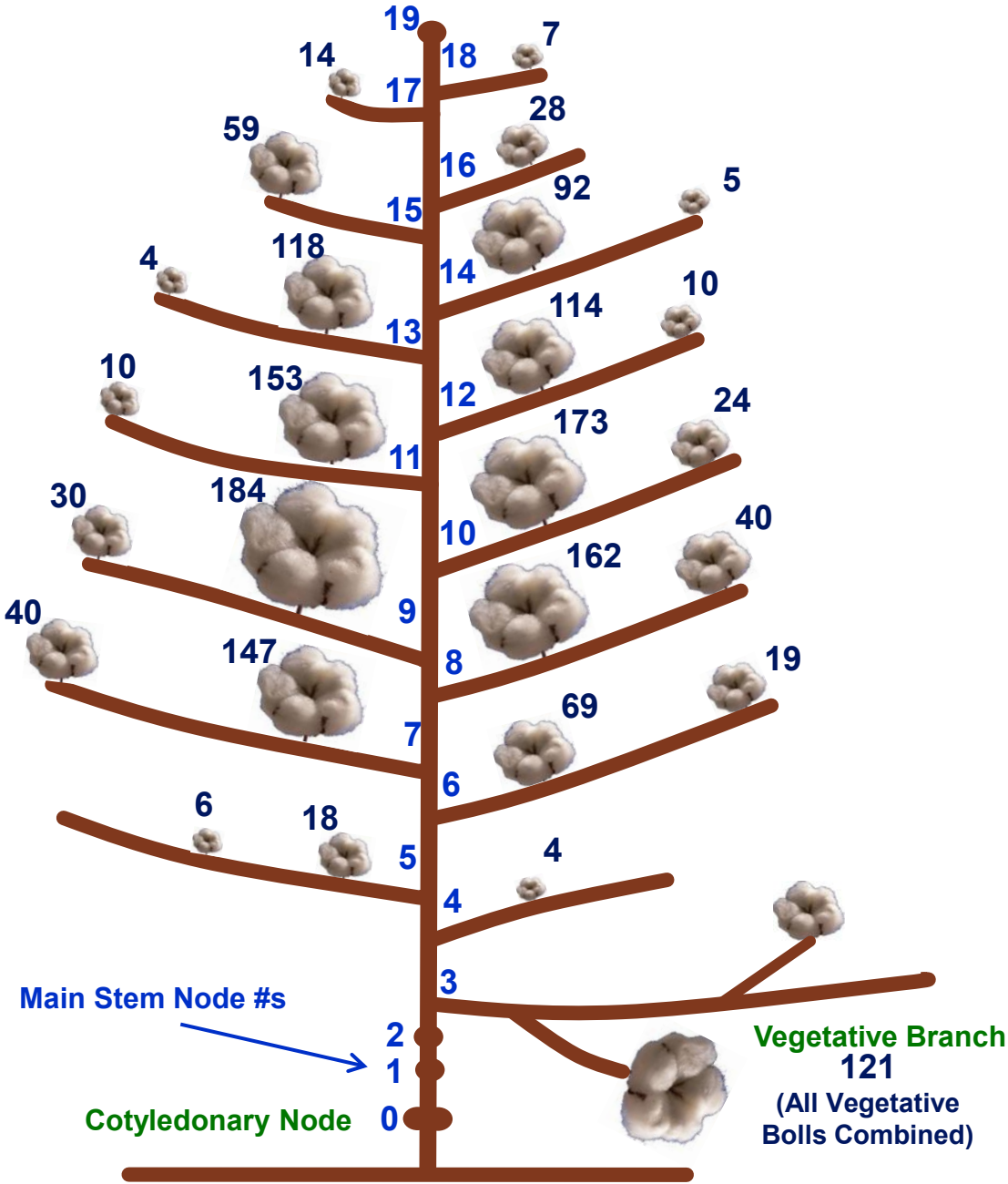


Contribution to Lint Yield by Fruiting Position (Lbs/Acre)

2009 - Lubbock
100% Open Bolls
FM 9180 B2F
Planted May 19
1st Flower July 19
2588 Total DD60s

Boll Location	Lint Yield (lb/ac)
1 st Position	1343 (81%)
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Vegetative	121 (7%)
Total yield	1652

Source: Wanjura – USDA-ARS Lubbock
Note: Sub-surface drip irrigation and ~55,000 plants/acre



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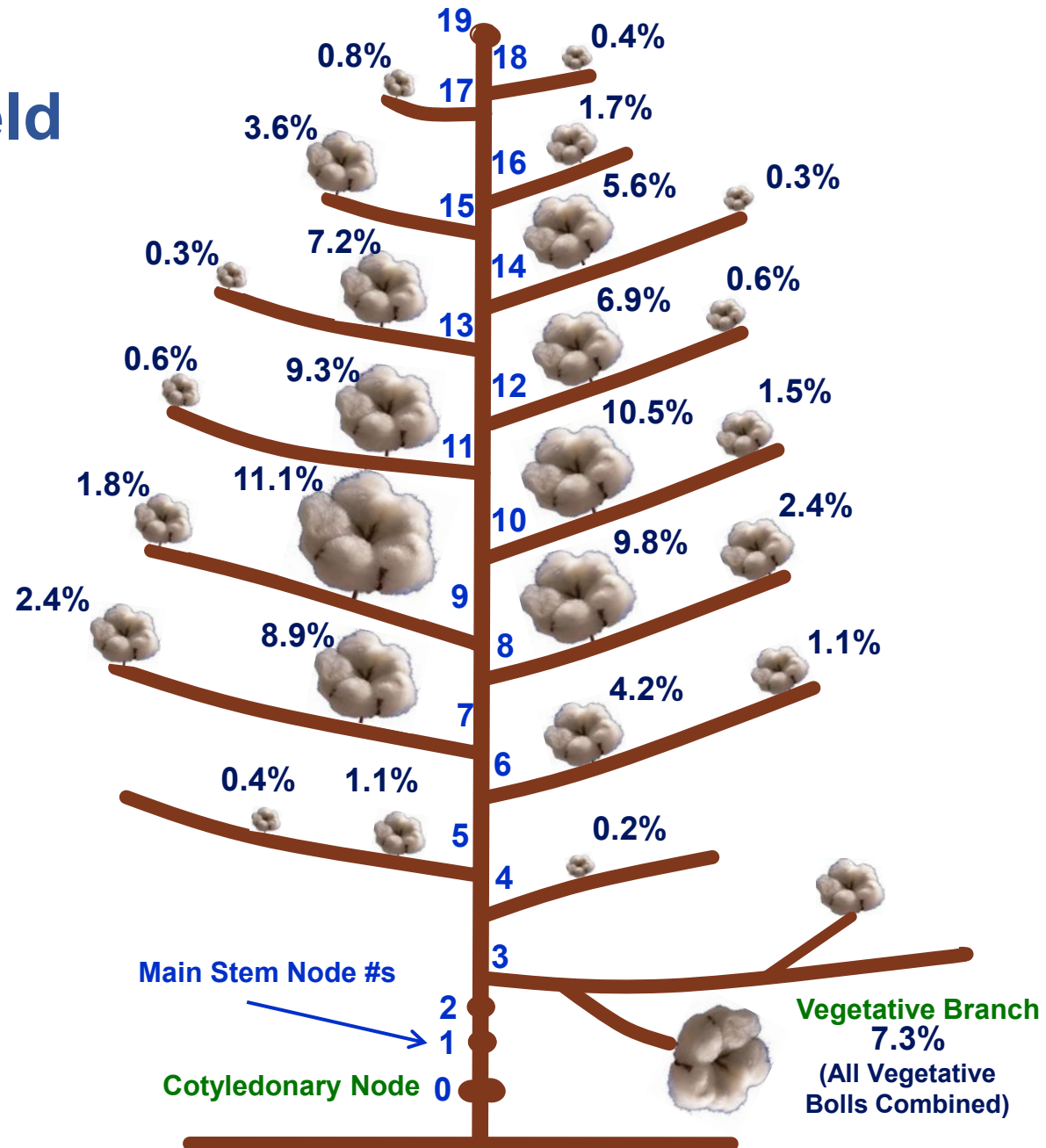
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Contribution to Lint Value by Fruiting Position Based on CCC Loan Value (\$/Acre)

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FM 9180 B2F

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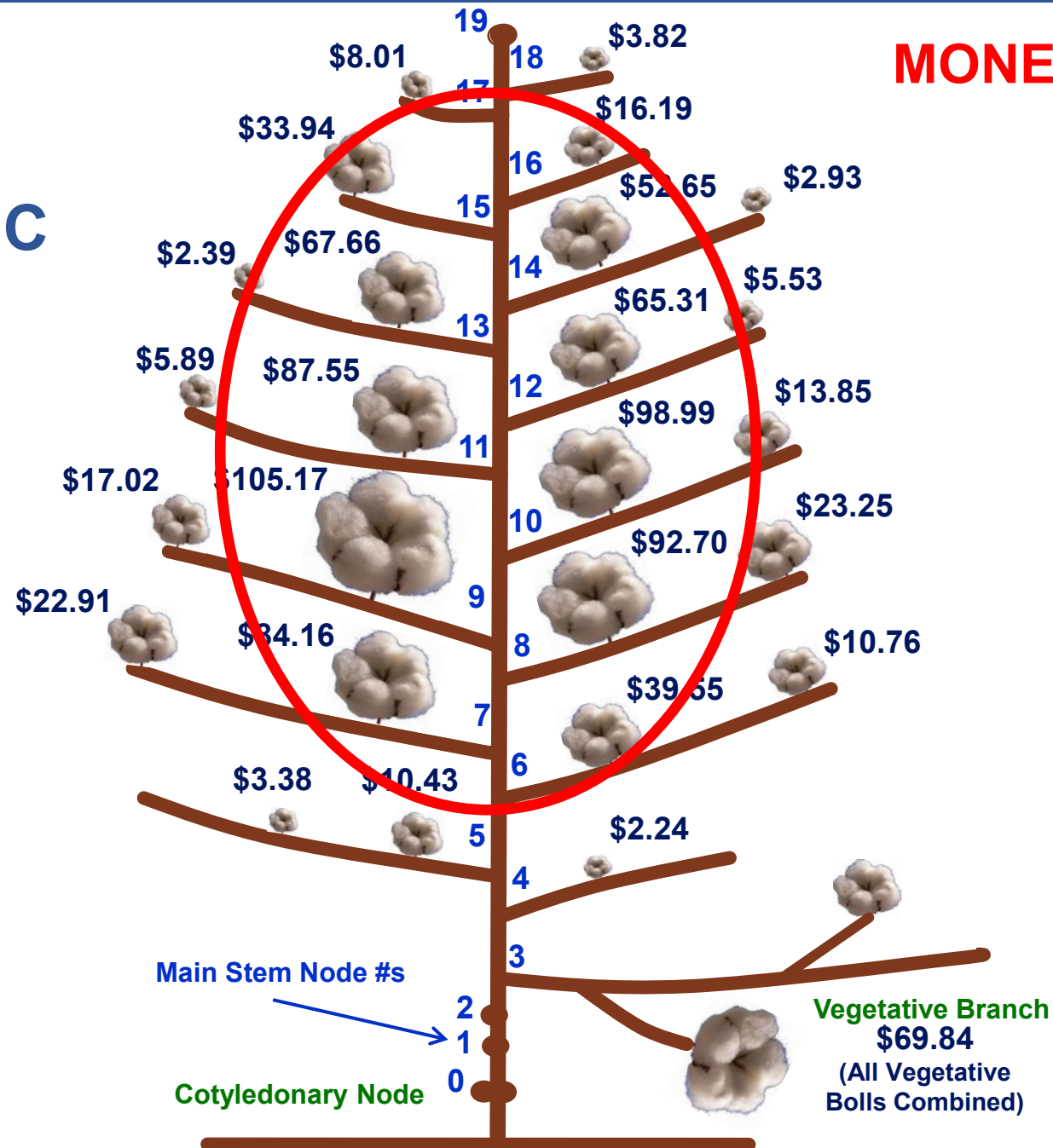
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Boll Location	Lint Yield (lb/ac)	Lint Value (\$/ac)
1 st Position	1343 (81%)	\$768.36 (81%)
2 nd Position	188 (12%)	\$107.91 (12%)
Vegetative	121 (7%)	\$69.84 (7%)
Total	1652	\$946.11

Source: Wanjura – USDA-ARS Lubbock

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MONEY BOLLS!



Influence of Genetics and Environment on Cotton Fiber Quality Variability

Fiber Property	Genetics %	Environment %
Staple	82	18
Micronaire	41	59
Color	21	79
Strength	90	10

Source: <http://www.cotton.org/tech/ace/growth-and-development.cfm>

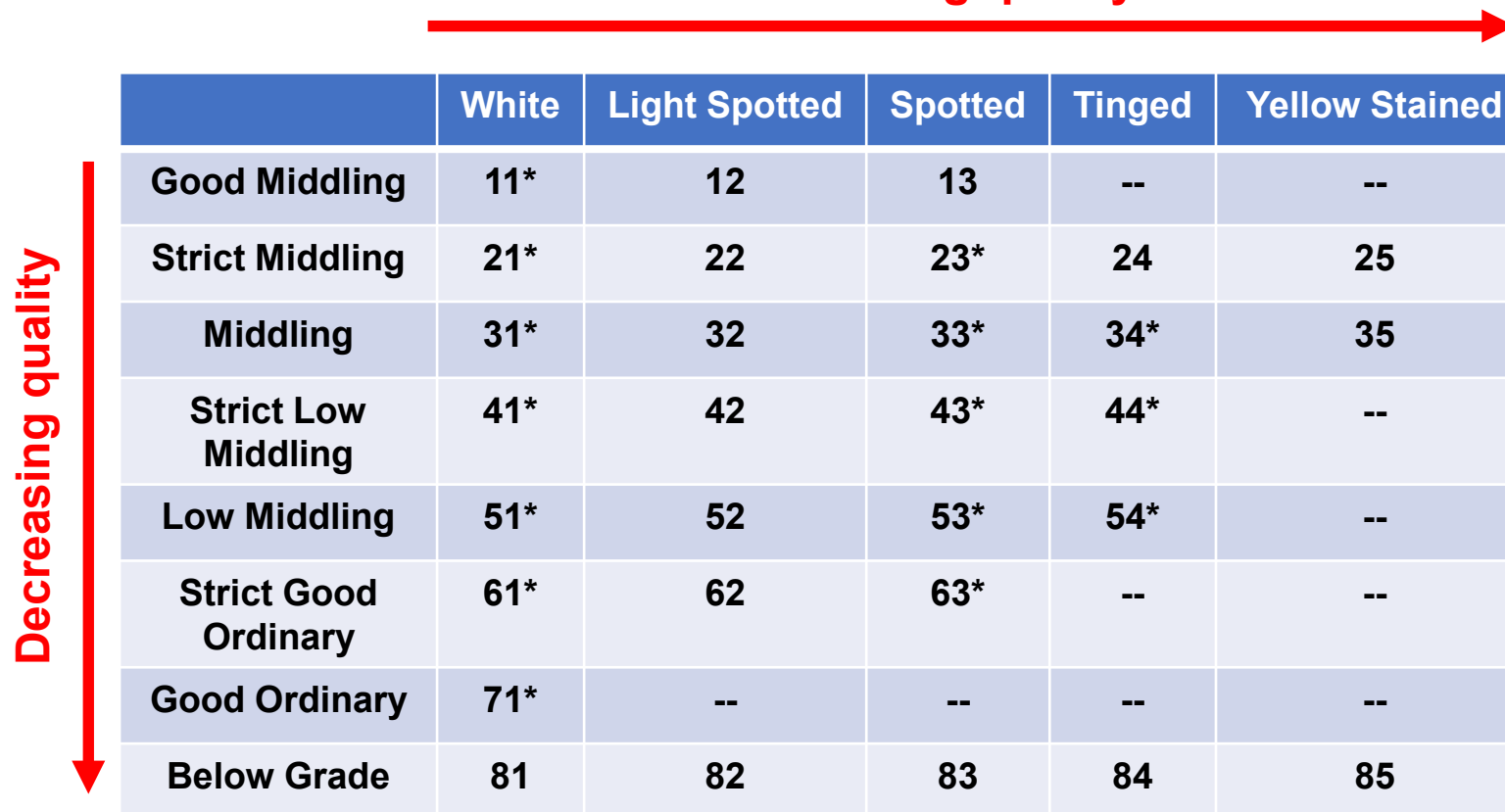
Summary

Cotton Incorporated Texas State Support Weathering Project 2000 Crop Year Data

- **Reductions in USDA-AMS fiber quality due to rainfall, biotic activity and photodegradation**
 - color grade – from 11 to 42/52
 - staple – loss of ~1/32nd
 - leaf grade – from 2 to 3
 - strength – loss of ~ 2 g/tex
 - uniformity – loss of 1.25%
 - bark – from 0 up to 100% incidence
- **\$ 0.44 Loan value before weather events to \$ 0.38**
 - **\$ 28.80 loss in Loan value per 480 bale**

Color Grades of Upland Cotton

Decreasing quality



	White	Light Spotted	Spotted	Tinged	Yellow Stained
Good Middling	11*	12	13	--	--
Strict Middling	21*	22	23*	24	25
Middling	31*	32	33*	34*	35
Strict Low Middling	41*	42	43*	44*	--
Low Middling	51*	52	53*	54*	--
Strict Good Ordinary	61*	62	63*	--	--
Good Ordinary	71*	--	--	--	--
Below Grade	81	82	83	84	85

Variety Watch

- **Some varieties have considerable leaf, stem and boll bract hair**
- **Sometimes even under the best of harvest aid response conditions we may encounter higher than normal leaf grades (lower quality)**
- **Some of these that we have planted in our area include:**
 - **NG 2982 B3XF (hairy)**
 - **FM 1621 GL (hairy)**
 - **PHY 394 W3FE (dense canopy)**
- **We need to endeavor to do a good job of defoliation on these types**

allenberg cotton co.

A Louis Dreyfus Company brand



CCC LOAN RATES

2020-21 CROP

NET WEIGHT

7255 Goodlett Farms Parkway

Cordova, TN 38016

901-383-5000

Fax: 901-383-5075

2002 N Gary Ave #2

Lubbock, TX 79415

806-747-7836 or 800-692-4609

Fax: 806-747-1991 or 800-962-1330

10656 Up River Rd

Corpus Christi, TX 78410

361-884-8591

Fax: 361-241-2619

WHITE

Color	Leaf	26-31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38+
SM & BETTER 11 & 21	1-2	* 4900	4975	5150	5345	5510	5630	5675	5690
	3	* 4835	4955	5130	5325	5455	5590	5630	5645
	4	* 4795	4930	5040	5275	5365	5500	5530	5530
	5	* 4700	4820	4915	5125	5255	5345	5355	5355
	6	* 4530	4665	4760	4915	4965	5015	5015	5015
	7	4455	4600	4660	4815	4865	4920	4920	4920
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MID 31	1-2	* 4785	4940	5110	5290	5450	5585	5640	5655
	3	* 4740	4930	5100	5290	5430	5565	5605	5620
	4	* 4675	4885	4985	5255	5325	5430	5455	5455
	5	* 4615	4770	4875	5075	5190	5265	5275	5275
	6	* 4455	4645	4740	4890	4915	4950	4955	4955
	7	4360	4555	4635	4795	4830	4860	4865	4865
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	4	* 4575	4820	4895	5200	5265	5340	5360	5370
	5	* 4500	4680	4765	4985	5085	5170	5175	5175
	6	* 4350	4560	4635	4780	4830	4905	4905	4905
	7	4235	4450	4510	4670	4730	4770	4770	4770
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COTTON NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LOAN INCLUDES BALES:

- MIX PACKED
- WATER PACKED
- WATER DAMAGED
- REGINNED
- FALSE PACKED
- REPACKED
- FIRE DAMAGED
- GIN CUT
- COTTON WEIGHING LESS THAN 325 LBS OR MORE THAN 600 LBS NET WEIGHT

LIGHT SPOTTED

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MICRONAIRE DIFFERENCES

MIC	MIC	PTS.
GRP	READING	
7	5.3 & above	-385
6	5.0 - 5.2	-235
5	4.3 - 4.9	0
*	3.7 - 4.2	+5
5	3.5 - 3.6	0
4	3.3 - 3.4	-465
3	3.0 - 3.2	-645
2	2.7 - 2.9	-905
1	2.5 - 2.6	-1395
0	2.4 & below	-1840

*MIC PREMIUMS APPLY ONLY TO THESE GRADES

STRENGTH DIFFERENCES

STRENGTH	PTS.
17.9 & below	-500
18.0 - 18.9	-395
19.0 - 19.9	-395
20.0 - 20.9	-390
21.0 - 21.9	-385
22.0 - 22.9	-345
23.0 - 23.9	-325
24.0 - 24.9	-320
25.0 - 25.9	-270
26.0 - 26.9	0
27.0 - 27.9	0
28.0 - 28.9	0
29.0 - 29.9	+5
30.0 - 30.9	+25
31.0 - 32.9	+45
33.0 & above	+50

UNIFORMITY DIFFERENCES

UNIFORMITY	PTS.
77.9 & below	-110
78.0 - 78.9	-60
79.0 - 79.9	-50
80.0 - 80.9	-5
81.0 - 81.9	0
82.0 - 82.9	0
83.0 - 83.9	+10
84.0 - 84.9	+15
85.0 - 85.9	+20
86.0 & above	+25

BARK AND EXTRANEIOUS DISCOUNTS

	LEVEL1	LEVEL2
TX-NM-OK-KS-BARK	-340	-525
OTHER BARK	-470	-705
EXTRANEIOUS	-1870	-2080
PREPARATION	-195	-660

COLOR GRADE LEAF GRADE STAPLE LOAN

COLOR	LEAF	STAPLE	LOAN
81	1-8	ALL	1200
82	1-8	ALL	1200
83	1-8	ALL	1200
84	1-8	ALL	1200
85	1-8	ALL	1200

Upcoming Tours

- **September 18, starts at 10:00 am – Top of Texas Gin. Steven and Billy will have a tour of the PhytoGen Innovation trial with the Gruhlkey Brothers. After the variety tour, a lunch will be provided.**
- **September 22, starts with lunch at 12:00 noon – Adobe Walls Gin. Jerrell and Doug are planning to do lunch then tour the XtendFlex variety trial with Travis Patterson.**
- **September 23, starts at 11:00 am at the PhytoGen Innovation trial with Lance Williams near Panhandle. After the variety trial tour, lunch will be served in Lance's barn. After lunch we will tour the PhytoGen 250 W3FE N rate trial that we have with Lance.**

Questions?

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