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# Cotton

## FIELD DAY

Periodic showers dampened poster presentations, but not the enthusiasm of presenters or attendees at the Delta Research and Extension Center's 2003 Cotton Field Day.

Almost 200 producers and others were on hand for tours of the center's cotton research facilities, presentations on current research and discussions of research needs with MAFES and USDA/ARS scientists.

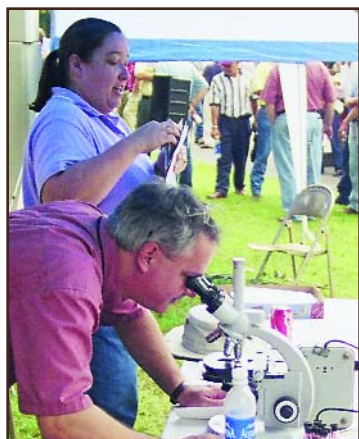
Cotton Field Day activities included a variety of reports:

- Fertility in cotton/corn rotations and spatial yield variability by agronomist Wayne Ebelhar.
- Evaluation of irrigation and tillage practices by agricultural engineer Lyle Pringle.
- Evaluation of spatial and remote sensing technologies used in integrated crop management by entomologist Aubrey Harris.
- Variety trials and developments in Delta Research and Extension Center lines by plant breeder John Hicks.
- Physiological consequences of drought stress by USDA/ARS cotton geneticist Joe Johnson.
- Weed management and harvest aid strategies by plant physiologist Charles Snipes
- Evaluation of chemical and cultural control of cotton insects by entomologist Jim Robbins.
- Evaluation of row spacing and plant patterns by agronomist Steve Nichols.

Also on hand for both Cotton Field Day and Rice and Soybean Field Day were an application technology exhibit by USDA/ARS agricultural engineer James Hanks and agricultural weather exhibits manned by MSU Extension Service weather technician Mark Silva and USDA World Agricultural Outlook Board scientists Nancy Lopez and Bart Freeland.



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