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Information contained herein is available to all persons regardless
of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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INTRODUCTION

Grain sorghum performance tests are conducted annually throughout Alabama by the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station. These tests give a comparison of hybrid performance under the conditions at a particular location. The locations used represent major soil and climatic areas of the State. The performance of hybrids varies with location. Therefore, this report should be carefully studied before a hybrid is selected.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Cultural practices were uniform for all hybrids within a given test. The experimental design for all tests was a randomized complete block with four replications. Test plots were two 36-inch rows, 20 or 30 feet in length. The target plant population was 60,000 plants per acre, with a seeding rate 25 percent higher to ensure a good stand. Test cultural practices are listed in table 1.

Grain yields were obtained by harvesting the whole test plot with a plot combine, and adjusting harvested grain weight and moisture to a standard 14 percent moisture and 56 pounds per bushel.

Lodging is given as the percentage of plants broken or leaning at an angle of more than 45 degrees. The seedheads of lodged plants were not included in the yields reported.

Time (days) to mid-bloom is one measure of relative maturity. This is taken as days from planting to the date when approximately one-half of the heads in the plot are in bloom.

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The preliminary grain sorghum hybrid tests, tables 6 and 10, are used to evaluate new hybrids and experimental lines. If a new hybrid does well in the preliminary test, it is planted in the regular test the next year.

Bird damage was heavy and relatively uniform at the following locations: Sand Mountain Substation, Crossville; Prattville Experiment Field, Prattville; and Gulf Coast Substation, Fairhope. Damage was also heavy at Tennessee Valley Substation, Belle Mina, on the preliminary test. Damage was light at the following locations: Tennessee Valley Substation, Belle Mina; Upper Coastal Plain Substation, Winfield; E.V. Smith Research Center, Shorter; Monroeville Experiment Field, Monroeville; and Wiregrass Substation, Headland. Bird damage can be a problem in small fields. In selecting a hybrid, consideration should be given to bird populations; if damage is anticipated, bird-resistant hybrids should be used. Bird-resistant grain sorghum hybrids are sometimes difficult to market and may have lower feed value than the non-bird-resistant hybrids.

Two-year and 3-year average yields were severely reduced at the Wiregrass Substation, Headland, by a severe infestation of green-bugs in 1987 as the grain of most hybrids was maturing.

VARIETY COMPARISONS

The performance of hybrids varies among years and locations. Small yield differences among hybrids may be the result of slight environmental or cultural differences rather than differences in yield potential among hybrids. To aid in determining real differences, a statistical analysis of variance was performed on the data from each location. The L.S.D. (least significant difference) at the 5 percent level is reported to help determine real differences between hybrid yields for each location in 1988. If the yield difference is greater than L.S.D. value between two hybrids at a given

location, the two hybrids are considered to be significantly different in yield. The C.V. (coefficient of variation) is a measure of test variability. An increase in its value indicates a decrease in the precision of the test data.

The list of acceptable hybrids is based on 3-year-average grain yield and lodging data. The list is divided into three regions, north, central, and south. Since all acceptable hybrids are not equal in performance, a review of the data from several years at the test location similar to your situation is the most reliable method for selecting a hybrid best suited for your farming needs.

Anthracnose has become a major factor in grain sorghum production in Alabama, and there were sporadic outbreaks of this disease during the 1987 growing season, but none were observed in 1988. In years prior to 1987, however, grain sorghum in many northeast and west-central Alabama counties was devastated by anthracnose. Some fields yielded 50 to 75 percent less grain than expected. Feed quality of much of the harvested grain from diseased fields was also poor. Resistant grain sorghum hybrids have been the best defense against anthracnose. Of available adapted grain sorghum hybrids, Funk's G-1711 and Pioneer Brand 8333 have the best resistance to this disease. Other hybrids with some anthracnose resistance are DeKalb DK-64 and Pioneer Brand 8222. Good management plus use of disease-resistant grain sorghum hybrids are necessary to reduce losses to anthracnose.

There was not a second or ratoon crop of sorghum in 1988 at any location due to severe dry conditions at time of harvest of first crop.

Plant height of grain sorghum hybrids is reported as regional averages (central, northern, southern) and a single location of Fairhope, table 15.

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Table 1. Locations and Cultural Practices for the 1988 Grain Sorghum Hybrid Tests

Location	Planting date	Nitrogen ¹ rate	Plant population	Harvest date	Herbicides	Insecticides
Tennessee Valley Substation (Belle Mina)	May 25	85	60,000	September 15	Atrazine ²	None
Sand Mountain Substation (Crossville)	May 5	125	60,000	September 2	Atrazine	Furadan
Upper Coastal Plain Substation (Winfield)	April 28	80	60,000	August 30	None	None
E. V. Smith Research Center (Shorter)	May 4	120	60,000	August 25	Atrazine & Paraquat	Sevin
Prattville Experiment Field (Prattville)	May 14	120	60,000	August 22	Atrazine	Lorsban
Monroeville Experiment Field (Monroeville)	April 28	120	60,000	August 22 & 23	Atrazine	Lorsban
Wiregrass Substation (Headland)	April 14	121	60,000	August 22	Atrazine	Sevin
Gulf Coast Substation (Fairhope)	April 15	120	60,000	August 26	Dual 8E	None

¹Pounds per acre N. Lime, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, and sulfur were applied according to recommendation based on soil test.

²All Atrazine was applied broadcast when the sorghum was approximately 4 inches high.

TABLE 2. YIELD AND LODGING AVERAGES FOR NORTHERN ALABAMA,¹ 1986-88

BRAND-HYBRID	YIELD PER ACRE	LODGED STALKS
	BU.	PCT.
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	92	10.8
DEKALB M-565	84	8.8
SUMMIT HT-126DR	81	7.0
NEW NK 2660	80	8.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	80	6.9
NEW NK S9750	80	6.8
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	79	7.4
FUNK'S RA 787	77	6.8
FUNK'S G-522DR	77	5.0
CARGILL 5572	77	6.4
AGRATECH GK 712G	76	6.6
CARGILL R1090	76	11.5
PIONEER 8333	75	3.5
FFR 421 DR	74	5.8
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	74	9.1
FUNK'S G-522A	74	5.2
FUNK'S G-1711	73	6.3
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	73	12.2
DEKALB DK-64BR *	71	24.9
FFR 321	70	8.5
CARGILL 4462	70	12.3
DEKALB DK-64	68	7.2
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	68	5.2
AGRATECH GK 552G	59	6.8

¹BELLE MINA, CROSSVILLE, AND WINFIELD. WINFIELD DATA FOR 1987
NOT INCLUDED DUE TO POOR STAND.

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 3. CROSSVILLE GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1988				
		1987-88 2-YR. AV.	1986-88 3-YR. AV.	MID- BLOOM	BIRD DAMAGE	LODGED STALKS
	BU.	BU.	BU.	MO./DAY	PCT.	PCT.
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	85	96	87	7/25	1.3	0.0
DEKALB M-565	70	89	86	7/27	22.5	0.0
NEW NK 2660	60	80	80	7/29	25.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	58	82	80	7/27	22.5	0.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	60	78	77	7/28	21.3	0.0
FUNK'S G-522A	68	73	76	7/27	26.3	0.0
SUMMIT HT-126DR	59	80	76	7/28	33.8	0.0
CARGILL 5572	67	78	74	7/30	13.8	0.0
NEW NK S9750	52	74	74	7/28	20.0	0.0
AGRATECH GK 712G	59	71	73	7/27	18.8	0.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	60	75	73	7/29	12.5	0.0
FUNK'S G-1711	54	69	72	7/28	21.3	0.0
CARGILL R1090	62	73	72	7/27	23.8	0.0
FUNK'S RA 787	48	66	71	7/26	47.5	0.0
FFR 321	63	67	71	7/26	22.5	0.0
FFR 421 DR	35	68	71	7/24	42.5	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	43	64	70	7/28	45.0	0.0
DEKALB DK-64BR *	59	80	69	7/31	5.0	0.0
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	47	69	69	7/27	43.8	0.0
PIONEER 8333	52	70	69	7/29	31.3	0.0
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	56	64	67	7/27	16.3	0.0
CARGILL 4462	44	64	60	7/28	33.8	0.0
DEKALB DK-64	27	59	60	7/24	63.8	0.0
AGRATECH GK 552G	20	39	46	7/22	72.5	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	63	86	-	7/29	7.5	0.0
DEKALB DK-49	48	73	-	7/28	35.0	0.0
CARGILL DR1125	52	72	-	7/28	37.5	0.0
CARGILL 6670	53	70	-	7/27	17.5	0.0
FUNK'S G-1602	13	50	-	7/24	86.3	0.0
SUMMIT SS-69	66	-	-	7/30	12.5	0.0
PIONEER 8222	59	-	-	7/30	22.5	0.0
CAPEHART CONTENDER	56	-	-	7/27	32.5	0.0
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	55	-	-	7/30	18.8	0.0
FFR 331	55	-	-	7/27	28.8	0.0
AFC 861	50	-	-	7/29	33.8	0.0
FUNK'S HW 7380	45	-	-	7/30	33.8	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	36	-	-	7/28	53.8	0.0
CAPEHART CHAMPION	36	-	-	7/29	42.5	0.0
DEKALB X-732	13	-	-	8/1	87.5	0.0
TEST MEAN	51					
L. S. D. (.05)	26.3					
C. V. (%)	36.5					

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 4. BELLE MINA GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1988					
		BU.	BU.	BU.	MID-BLOOM MO./DAY	BIRD DAMAGE PCT.	LODGED STALKS PCT.
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	81	100	94	-	0.0	1.3	
FUNK'S RA 787	84	84	85	-	5.0	0.0	
NEW NK S9750	100	87	83	-	5.0	2.5	
AGRATECH GK 712G	80	83	82	-	6.3	1.0	
SUMMIT HT-126DR	78	84	82	-	8.8	0.5	
DEKALB M-565	82	82	81	-	7.5	1.3	
AGRATECH GK 802G	79	85	81	-	6.3	1.8	
NEW NK 2660	96	84	81	-	6.3	3.0	
PIONEER 8333	74	81	81	-	5.0	1.0	
FUNK'S G-522DR	60	72	80	-	7.5	0.5	
CARGILL R1090	61	76	79	-	7.5	6.0	
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	66	79	78	-	6.3	2.5	
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	70	76	76	-	6.3	3.3	
CARGILL 5572	87	76	76	-	7.5	0.5	
FFR 421 DR	63	76	74	-	8.8	2.5	
FUNK'S G-522A	58	70	73	-	8.8	1.8	
FUNK'S G-1711	75	75	71	-	6.3	1.3	
DEKALB DK-64	78	77	71	-	10.0	4.5	
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	67	63	70	-	6.3	1.3	
DEKALB DK-64BR *	49	66	70	-	6.3	7.0	
CARGILL 4462	54	71	69	-	11.3	4.0	
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	71	70	68	-	8.8	0.0	
FFR 321	69	60	67	-	6.3	1.8	
AGRATECH GK 552G	54	64	67	-	16.3	0.0	
CARGILL 6670	102	92	-	-	3.8	1.0	
DEKALB DK-49	85	85	-	-	7.5	1.8	
CARGILL DR1125	87	83	-	-	6.3	3.0	
FUNK'S G-1602	58	82	-	-	5.0	4.3	
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	80	82	-	-	7.5	1.3	
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	94	-	-	-	5.0	3.0	
SUMMIT SS-69	93	-	-	-	5.0	1.8	
DEKALB X-732	92	-	-	-	2.5	1.8	
FUNK'S HW 7380	85	-	-	-	3.8	0.0	
PIONEER 8222	85	-	-	-	6.3	0.5	
AFC 861	74	-	-	-	6.3	1.8	
CAPEHART CHAMPION	73	-	-	-	6.3	2.3	
CAPEHART CONTENDER	69	-	-	-	10.0	1.5	
FFR 331	61	-	-	-	6.3	2.0	
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	56	-	-	-	7.5	3.0	
TEST MEAN	75						
L. S. D. (.05)	22.9						
C.V. (%)	21.8						

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 5. WINFIELD GRAIN-SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1986-88 2-YR. AV.	1988		
			MID-BLOOM	BIRD MO./DAY	LODGED PCT.
	BU.	BU.	PCT.	PCT.	
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	120	84	7/13	0.0	0.0
CARGILL 5572	111	82	7/18	0.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	118	82	7/14	0.0	0.0
NEW NK S9750	121	81	7/14	0.0	0.0
DEKALB M-565	100	79	7/14	0.0	0.0
FFR 321	99	79	7/14	0.0	0.0
SUMMIT HT-126DR	100	78	7/15	0.0	0.0
NEW NK 2660	105	77	7/15	0.0	0.0
FFR 331	106	77	7/14	0.0	0.0
CARGILL 4462	114	76	7/11	0.0	0.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	97	76	7/14	0.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	94	75	7/13	0.0	0.0
PIONEER 8222	96	75	7/15	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S G-1711	101	74	7/18	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	90	73	7/15	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S RA 787	93	73	7/15	0.0	0.0
CARGILL R1090	102	71	7/14	0.0	0.0
FFR 421 DR	86	70	7/12	0.0	0.0
DEKALB DK-64	100	69	7/13	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S G-522A	97	68	7/17	0.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	88	68	7/11	0.0	0.0
DEKALB DK-64BR *	98	66	7/11	0.0	0.0
PIONEER 8333	81	66	7/11	0.0	0.0
AGRATECH GK 712G	78	65	7/11	0.0	0.0
AGRATECH GK 552G	86	65	7/11	0.0	0.0
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	80	65	7/14	0.0	0.0
AFC 861	123	-	7/15	0.0	0.0
CARGILL 6670	120	-	7/21	0.0	0.0
CAPEHART CHAMPION	118	-	7/21	0.0	0.0
SUMMIT SS-69	112	-	7/15	0.0	0.0
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	110	-	7/21	0.0	0.0
CAPEHART CONTENDER	106	-	7/20	0.0	0.0
CARGILL DR1125	104	-	7/15	0.0	0.0
DEKALB DK-49	102	-	7/21	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S HW 7380	102	-	7/18	0.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	97	-	7/18	0.0	0.0
DEKALB X-732	95	-	7/18	0.0	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	93	-	7/15	0.0	0.0
FUNK'S G-1602	88	-	7/21	0.0	0.0
TEST MEAN	101				
L. S. D. (.05)	18.2				
C. V. (%)	12.9				

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 6. PRELIMINARY GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, BELLE MINA, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1987-88 2-YR. AV.	1988		
			BU.	BU.	MID-BLOOM MO./DAY
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	65	83	-	3.8	0.5
DEKALB DK-64BR *	45	64	-	7.5	3.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	13	55	-	56.3	0.3
PIONEER 8333	19	53	-	36.3	0.0
NEW NK X8539	34	-	-	32.5	0.0
TRIUMPH TWO 70-D	30	-	-	33.8	0.5
NEW NK X8641	24	-	-	42.5	0.5
TRIUMPH TWO 80-D	24	-	-	47.5	0.0
CAPEHART CREAM	22	-	-	50.0	0.0
TRIUMPH TWO 66YG	22	-	-	38.8	0.8
PIONEER 8230	21	-	-	56.3	3.3
SUMMIT XT-6770	21	-	-	38.8	0.0
DEKALB DK-66	20	-	-	45.0	3.3
SUMMIT XS-7711	20	-	-	50.0	0.3
DEKALB DK-64	18	-	-	52.5	0.3
AFC 471	16	-	-	56.3	0.3
TRIUMPH TR 74CR	11	-	-	62.5	3.0
DEKALB DK-50	10	-	-	68.8	0.0
AFC 402	6	-	-	55.0	0.0
CAPEHART CHARGER II	2	-	-	83.8	0.3
CAPEHART CHAMPION II	2	-	-	86.3	0.5
TEST MEAN	21				
L. S. D. (.05)	23.0				
C. V. (%)	76.5				

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 7. YIELD AND LODGING AVERAGES FOR CENTRAL ALABAMA,¹ 1986-88

BRAND-HYBRID	YIELD PER ACRE	LODGED STALKS	
		BU.	PCT.
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	51		3.2
DEKALB DK-64BR *	50		14.4
PIONEER 8333	48		0.9
AGRATECH GK 712G	47		0.8
FUNK'S G-522A	46		1.7
FUNK'S RA 787	46		1.3
FUNK'S G-1711	45		4.1
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	45		3.1
FUNK'S G-522DR	45		4.2
FFR 421 DR	44		1.1
NEW NK S9750	44		4.2
SUMMIT HT-126DR	44		2.2
DEKALB M-565	44		3.6
CARGILL R1090	43		4.8
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	42		4.9
NEW NK 2660	42		4.0
FFR 321	42		3.8
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	41		1.6
CARGILL 5572	41		2.3
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	40		0.8
CARGILL 4462	40		12.4
AGRATECH GK 802G	39		3.8
DEKALB DK-64	39		6.7
AGRATECH GK 552G	34		3.2

¹ SHORTER AND PRATTVILLE. MARION JUNCTION DATA NOT INCLUDED
DUE TO HEAVY SORGHUM MIDGE DAMAGE.
* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 8. PRATTVILLE GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD BU.	1987-88 2-YR. AV. BU.	1986-88 3-YR. AV. BU.	1988		
				MID-BLOOM MO./DAY	BIRD DAMAGE PCT.	LODGED STALKS PCT.
PIONEER 8333	31	48	46	6/24	35.0	0.0
DEKALB DK-64BR *	45	50	46	6/25	21.3	0.0
FUNK'S G-522A	33	46	43	6/21	37.5	0.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	36	44	42	6/24	43.8	0.0
AGRATECH GK 712G	29	43	42	6/22	27.5	0.0
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	44	45	42	6/21	16.3	0.0
FUNK'S RA 787	31	43	42	6/21	42.5	0.0
NEW NK 2660	33	41	42	6/22	35.0	0.0
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	31	39	40	6/23	42.5	0.0
FFR 421 DR	30	38	40	6/21	35.0	0.0
SUMMIT HT-126DR	31	40	40	6/22	43.8	0.0
NEW NK S9750	34	41	39	6/23	33.8	0.0
CARGILL R1090	38	38	39	6/21	40.0	0.0
FFR 321	36	36	38	6/23	40.0	0.0
CARGILL 5572	26	37	38	6/22	42.5	0.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	24	35	37	6/23	41.3	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	29	34	36	6/23	38.8	0.0
CARGILL 4462	31	32	36	6/21	42.5	0.0
DEKALB M-565	36	37	35	6/23	32.5	0.0
FUNK'S G-1711	28	35	35	6/24	41.3	0.0
AGRATECH GK 552G	25	34	34	6/19	43.8	0.0
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	30	32	34	6/23	32.5	0.0
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	25	30	33	6/22	41.3	0.0
DEKALB DK-64	20	28	31	6/20	73.8	0.0
FUNK'S G-1602	27	40	-	6/20	48.8	0.0
CARGILL DR1125	23	38	-	6/23	49.0	0.0
CARGILL 6670	30	35	-	6/23	37.5	0.0
DEKALB DK-49	31	34	-	6/24	32.5	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	29	32	-	6/24	35.0	0.0
CAPEHART CHAMPION	35	-	-	6/23	30.0	0.0
CAPEHART CONTENDER	35	-	-	6/23	30.0	0.0
FFR 331	33	-	-	6/23	33.8	0.0
SUMMIT SS-69	32	-	-	6/24	38.8	0.0
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	30	-	-	6/23	38.8	0.0
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	29	-	-	6/23	32.5	0.0
AFC 861	29	-	-	6/24	31.3	0.0
PIONEER 8222	28	-	-	6/25	30.0	0.0
FUNK'S HW 7380	26	-	-	6/28	23.8	0.0
DEKALB X-732	25	-	-	6/24	40.0	0.0
TEST MEAN	31					
L. S. D. (.05)	10.2					
C. V. (%)	23.6					

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 9. SHORTER GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1988					
		BU.	BU.	BU.	MID- BLOOM	BIRD DAMAGE	LODGED STALKS
			MO./DAY	PCT.	PCT.		
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	64	69	59	7/16	0.0	12.3	
PIONEER 8333	66	59	52	7/16	0.0	1.0	
AGRATECH GK 712G	62	59	52	7/16	0.0	3.8	
FUNK'S G-1711	59	57	50	7/17	0.3	18.0	
DEKALB DK-64BR *	39	51	50	7/19	0.0	35.3	
DEKALB M-565	57	57	48	7/14	0.0	11.8	
FUNK'S G-522A	58	56	46	7/15	0.0	7.8	
FFR 421 DR	53	54	46	7/13	0.0	3.0	
FUNK'S RA 787	49	52	45	7/15	0.3	4.5	
NEW NK 89750	42	52	45	7/18	0.0	21.8	
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	51	49	45	7/17	0.0	4.0	
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	61	54	44	7/15	0.0	4.0	
SUMMIT HT-126DR	55	56	44	7/14	0.0	7.5	
CARGILL 4462	41	46	43	7/13	0.0	43.8	
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	54	53	42	7/15	0.3	7.5	
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	44	49	42	7/18	0.0	19.5	
CARGILL R1090	54	49	41	7/13	0.0	9.0	
FUNK'S G-522DR	49	50	41	7/17	0.3	17.5	
NEW NK 2660	37	44	39	7/17	0.3	20.0	
FFR 321	53	49	39	7/14	3.8	11.3	
AGRATECH GK 802G	43	44	38	7/17	0.0	13.3	
CARGILL 5572	48	48	38	7/15	0.0	11.8	
DEKALB DK-64	38	36	37	7/13	0.5	32.5	
AGRATECH GK 552G	34	35	31	7/10	0.0	8.3	
DEKALB DK-49	57	57	-	7/18	0.0	13.3	
CARGILL 6670	52	54	-	7/15	0.0	20.8	
FUNK'S G-1602	46	53	-	7/11	0.0	6.8	
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	49	51	-	7/18	0.3	18.8	
CARGILL DR1125	49	47	-	7/15	0.0	16.3	
DEKALB X-732	72	-	-	7/20	0.0	3.3	
PIONEER 8222	64	-	-	7/18	0.0	1.8	
FUNK'S HW 7380	62	-	-	7/17	0.0	2.5	
CAPEHART CONTENDER	62	-	-	7/16	0.0	17.5	
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	56	-	-	7/16	0.0	18.8	
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	55	-	-	7/18	0.5	16.3	
AFC 861	52	-	-	7/17	0.0	15.3	
FFR 331	46	-	-	7/18	0.0	35.0	
SUMMIT SS-69	45	-	-	7/18	0.0	18.8	
CAPEHART CHAMPION	30	-	-	7/18	0.5	51.3	
TEST MEAN	51						
L. S. D. (.05)	19.2						
C. V. (%)	26.7						

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 10. PRELIMINARY GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, SHORTER, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1987-88 2-YR. AV.	1988			
			BU.	BU.	MID-BLOOM MO./DAY	
					PCT.	
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	73	78		7/18	0.0	2.5
DEKALB DK-64BR *	82	74		7/19	0.0	4.5
PIONEER 8333	53	49		7/17	1.3	2.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	42	49		7/16	0.8	3.5
DEKALB DK-66	66	-		7/23	1.5	9.0
CAPEHART CREAM	58	-		7/18	0.3	2.3
AFC 402	58	-		7/18	0.0	2.3
TRIUMPH TR 74CR	58	-		7/12	3.5	1.3
NEW NK X8641	53	-		7/17	1.3	4.3
DEKALB DK-64	53	-		7/14	0.3	31.5
TRIUMPH TWO 70-D	51	-		7/15	1.3	3.3
NEW NK X8539	50	-		7/15	1.5	3.3
PIONEER 8230	50	-		7/19	1.0	6.5
TRIUMPH TWO 80-D	49	-		7/18	3.3	18.8
CAPEHART CHAMPION II	45	-		7/12	1.3	11.5
SUMMIT XS-7711	43	-		7/18	2.0	7.8
TRIUMPH TWO 66YG	43	-		7/13	1.0	1.8
DEKALB DK-50	40	-		7/14	0.3	42.5
AFC 471	38	-		7/12	2.5	14.0
SUMMIT XT-6770	31	-		7/12	0.0	22.5
CAPEHART CHARGER II	19	-		7/10	0.0	22.8
TEST MEAN	50					
L. S. D. (.05)	13.3					
C. V. (%)	18.7					

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 11. YIELD AND LODGING AVERAGES FOR SOUTHERN ALABAMA,¹ 1986-88

BRAND-HYBRID	YIELD PER ACRE	LODGED STALKS	
		BU.	PCT.
CARGILL R1090	61		5.9
NEW NK 2660	60		2.0
PIONEER 8333	60		1.5
FUNK'S G-522DR	59		2.9
SUMMIT HT-126DR	59		0.7
DEKALB M-565	58		2.1
CARGILL 4462	58		11.0
FFR 321	58		5.8
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	58		1.6
NEW NK S9750	57		3.4
AGRATECH GK 802G	56		2.5
AGRATECH GK 712G	56		2.6
FUNK'S G-1711	56		3.3
DEKALB DK-64BR *	56		12.4
FUNK'S G-522A	55		2.1
FUNK'S RA 787	55		1.5
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	55		1.6
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	55		5.9
FFR 421 DR	54		1.7
CARGILL 5572	54		0.9
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	53		0.3
DEKALB DK-64	52		10.3
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	51		7.4
AGRATECH GK 552G	50		1.8

¹HEADLAND, MONROEVILLE, AND FAIRHOPE.

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 12. MONROEVILLE GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988					
	1988 YIELD BU.	1987-88 2-YR. AV. BU.	1986-88 3-YR. AV. BU.	MID- BLOOM MO./DAY	BIRD DAMAGE PCT.	LODGED STALKS PCT.
HYPERPERFORMER 1330 DR	76	77	72	7/7	-	0.0
CARGILL R1090	80	77	69	7/4	-	0.0
DEKALB DK-64BR *	80	80	69	7/7	-	0.0
DEKALB M-565	76	73	68	7/8	-	0.0
FUNK'S G-522DR	81	74	67	7/6	-	0.0
PIONEER 8333	77	74	67	7/9	-	0.0
DEKALB DK-64	78	76	66	7/3	-	0.0
FFR 321	73	71	66	7/4	-	0.0
NEW NK S9750	79	72	66	7/8	-	0.0
SUMMIT HT-126DR	71	73	66	7/6	-	0.0
NEW NK 2660	73	73	66	7/5	-	0.0
FUNK'S RA 787	69	72	65	7/5	-	0.0
FUNK'S G-1711	68	67	65	7/7	-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	70	70	63	7/6	-	0.0
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	65	69	63	7/6	-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER 1225 DR	69	67	61	7/6	-	0.0
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	80	77	61	7/8	-	0.0
CARGILL 5572	70	65	61	7/6	-	0.0
FUNK'S G-522A	62	63	60	7/5	-	0.0
CARGILL 4462	74	69	59	7/3	-	0.0
FFR 421 DR	66	60	58	7/4	-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 712G	66	68	58	7/7	-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 552G	73	65	57	6/28	-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HONCHO	65	66	55	7/7	-	0.0
CARGILL 6670	79	76	-	7/8	-	0.0
DEKALB DK-49	71	74	-	7/8	-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HSC WINGS	75	74	-	7/8	-	0.0
CARGILL DR1125	69	69	-	7/6	-	0.0
FUNK'S G-1602	54	60	-	7/3	-	0.0
PIONEER 8222	80	-	-	7/9	-	0.0
AFC 861	76	-	-	7/8	-	0.0
FFR 331	76	-	-	7/7	-	0.0
CAPEHART CHAMPION	72	-	-	7/9	-	0.0
SUMMIT SS-69	71	-	-	7/9	-	0.0
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	69	-	-	7/9	-	0.0
CAPEHART CONTENDER	68	-	-	7/3	-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	64	-	-	7/7	-	0.0
FUNK'S HW 7380	62	-	-	7/9	-	0.0
DEKALB X-732	54	-	-	7/10	-	0.0
TEST MEAN	71					
L. S. D. (.05)	11.8					
C. V. (%)	11.9					

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 13. FAIRHOPE GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1987-88		1986-88 3-YR. AV.	MID- BLOOM	1988	
		BU.	BU.			MO./DAY	BIRD DAMAGE PCT.
CARGILL 4462	61	72	85	6/20	17.5	5.0	
CARGILL R1090	65	62	78	6/22	15.0	5.0	
NEW NK 2660	72	61	78	6/22	15.0	0.0	
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	63	63	76	6/23	20.0	0.0	
FUNK'S G-522DR	77	61	75	6/22	12.5	1.3	
FUNK'S G-522A	70	63	74	6/23	21.3	0.0	
PIONEER 8333	55	61	74	6/24	18.8	0.0	
SUMMIT HT-126DR	60	60	74	6/23	17.5	0.0	
AGRATECH GK 712G	65	61	74	6/23	13.8	0.0	
FFR 421 DR	65	62	73	6/19	13.8	0.0	
DEKALB M-565	69	59	73	6/23	18.8	0.0	
AGRATECH GK 802G	56	57	72	6/23	21.3	0.0	
FFR 321	78	55	72	6/22	12.5	0.0	
NEW NK S9750	65	53	70	6/23	28.8	0.0	
HYPERFARMER HONCHO	74	63	70	6/23	15.0	0.0	
HYPERFARMER 1225 DR	74	54	68	6/23	16.3	0.0	
FUNK'S G-1711	58	49	68	6/24	15.0	0.0	
CARGILL 5572	62	53	65	6/23	18.8	0.0	
AGRATECH GK 552G	54	49	64	6/18	13.8	2.5	
FUNK'S RA 787	63	46	63	6/22	20.0	0.0	
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	32	41	62	6/22	20.0	0.0	
DEKALB DK-64BR *	43	42	60	6/26	26.3	0.0	
DEKALB DK-64	35	31	51	6/21	30.0	37.5	
HYPERFARMER 1330 DR	44	37	48	6/24	32.5	0.0	
FUNK'S G-1602	62	56	-	6/21	13.8	0.0	
CARGILL DR1125	57	49	-	6/23	28.8	0.0	
CARGILL 6670	59	46	-	6/23	23.8	0.0	
HYPERFARMER HSC WINGS	56	45	-	6/24	22.5	0.0	
DEKALB DK-49	42	38	-	6/24	36.3	0.0	
CAPEHART CONTENDER	66	-	-	6/23	22.5	0.0	
SUMMIT SS-69	64	-	-	6/24	21.3	0.0	
PIONEER 8222	64	-	-	6/25	12.5	0.0	
HYPERFARMER HSC CHEROKEE	63	-	-	6/24	15.0	0.0	
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	56	-	-	6/24	18.8	0.0	
AFC 861	46	-	-	6/24	25.0	0.0	
FFR 331	43	-	-	6/22	23.8	0.0	
DEKALB X-732	40	-	-	6/27	27.5	0.0	
FUNK'S HW 7380	35	-	-	6/28	25.0	0.0	
CAPEHART CHAMPION	33	-	-	6/23	31.3	0.0	
TEST MEAN		58					
L. S. D. (.05)		16.9					
C. V. (%)		21.0					

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 14. HEADLAND GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRID TRIAL, 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	1988 YIELD	1987-88 2-YR. AV.	1986-88 3-YR. AV.	1988				
				BU.	BU.	BU.	MID-BLOOM MO./DAY	BIRD DAMAGE PCT.
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	64	41	42		6/18		-	0.0
DEKALB DK-64BR *	48	35	39		6/26		-	0.0
DEKALB DK-64	54	33	38		6/18		-	0.0
PIONEER 8333	52	32	37		6/23		-	0.0
FUNK'S RA 787	58	32	37		6/18		-	0.0
CARGILL R1090	54	31	37		6/28		-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 712G	54	33	37		6/20		-	0.0
FFR 321	51	29	36		6/23		-	2.5
FUNK'S G-522DR	52	32	36		6/26		-	0.0
NEW NK 2660	50	30	36		6/23		-	0.0
CARGILL 5572	56	32	35		6/28		-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER 1225 DR	51	30	35		6/28		-	0.0
SUMMIT HT-126DR	58	33	35		6/23		-	0.0
FUNK'S G-1711	38	24	35		6/26		-	0.0
PFNN PENNGRAIN DR	51	29	34		6/23		-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 802G	50	29	34		6/26		-	0.0
DEKALB M-565	51	31	34		6/23		-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER 1330 DR	53	30	34		6/23		-	0.0
NEW NK S9750	52	30	34		6/28		-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HONCHO	42	24	33		6/20		-	0.0
FFR 421 DR	54	32	33		6/18		-	0.0
FUNK'S G-522A	47	29	32		6/23		-	0.0
CARGILL 4462	54	31	32		6/20		-	0.0
AGRATECH GK 552G	48	26	29		6/18		-	0.0
FUNK'S G-1602	60	36	-		6/18		-	0.0
DEKALB DK-49	55	35	-		6/28		-	0.0
CARGILL DR1125	55	32	-		6/23		-	0.0
CARGILL 6670	51	32	-		6/26		-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HSC WINGS	50	30	-		6/26		-	0.0
CAPEHART CHAMPION	54	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
HYPERPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	50	-	-		6/28		-	0.0
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	50	-	-		6/28		-	0.0
AFC 861	49	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
FFR 331	49	-	-		6/28		-	0.0
CAPEHART CONTENDER	48	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
DEKALB X-732	47	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
SUMMIT SS-69	45	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
PIONEER 8222	44	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
FUNK'S HW 7380	40	-	-		6/26		-	0.0
TEST MEAN	51							
L. S. D. (.05)	11.0							
C. V. (%)	15.3							

* BIRD-RESISTANT HYBRID.

TABLE 15. PLANT HEIGHT OF GRAIN SORGHUM HYBRIDS BY REGION OR LOCATION,¹ 1988

BRAND-HYBRID	PLANT HEIGHT BY REGION			
	NORTHERN	CENTRAL	SOUTHERN	FAIRHOPE
	IN.	IN.	IN.	IN.
AFC B61	44	41	41	51
AGRATECH GK 552G	41	39	40	55
AGRATECH GK 712G	37	37	39	44
AGRATECH GK 802G	41	39	40	48
CAPEHART CHALLENGER	45	41	43	52
CAPEHART CHAMPION	50	45	45	56
CAPEHART CONTENDER	42	39	40	46
CARGILL DR1125	42	37	40	48
CARGILL R1090	42	39	40	46
CARGILL 4462	44	39	43	51
CARGILL 5572	43	39	41	49
CARGILL 6670	45	41	42	51
DEKALB DK-49	47	42	41	54
DEKALB DK-64	47	47	43	51
DEKALB DK-64BR *	59	49	47	57
DEKALB M-565	41	39	40	48
DEKALB X-732	48	41	44	52
FFR 321	41	39	39	49
FFR 331	52	45	45	55
FFR 421 DR	42	41	40	50
FUNK'S G-1602	42	41	39	49
FUNK'S G-1711	45	41	41	50
FUNK'S G-522A	40	38	41	45
FUNK'S G-522DR	41	40	40	48
FUNK'S HW 7380	44	38	41	50
FUNK'S RA 787	45	40	44	51
HYPERFORMER HONCHO	37	36	37	45
HYPERFORMER HSC CHEROKEE	44	41	42	51
HYPERFORMER HSC WINGS	45	40	40	55
HYPERFORMER 1225 DR	41	39	38	49
HYPERFORMER 1330 DR	51	44	45	59
NEW NK SAVANNA 5 *	57	53	51	61
NEW NK S9750	46	41	43	51
NEW NK 2660	42	39	40	47
PENN PENNGRAIN DR	41	40	38	48
PIONEER 8222	42	39	42	49
PIONEER 8333	40	38	41	48
SUMMIT HT-126DR	40	39	39	46
SUMMIT SS-69	44	41	41	53

¹NORTHERN REGION (BELLE MINA, WINFIELD, AND CROSSVILLE); CENTRAL REGION (PRATTVILLE AND SHORTER); SOUTHERN REGION (MONROEVILLE AND HEADLAND).

Sources of Seed for the 1988 Grain Sorghum Tests

Entry designation	Source of seed
AFC brand hybrids.....	Alabama Farmer's Cooperative P.O. Box 2227 Decatur, AL 35602
AgraTech brand hybrids.....	AgraTech Seeds, Inc. P.O. Box 644 Ashburn, GA 31714
Capehart brand hybrids.....	Capehart Seed Service P.O. Box 10 Holland, MO 63853
Cargill brand hybrids.....	Cargill Hybrid Seeds Box 5645 Minneapolis, MN 55440
DeKalb brand hybrids.....	DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics 3100 Sycamore Road Dekalb, IL 60115
FFR brand hybrids.....	Alabama Farmer's Cooperative P.O. Box 2227 Decatur, AL 35602
Funk's brand hybrids.....	Funk Seeds International P.O. Box 280 Senatobia, MS 38668
HyPerformer brand hybrids.....	HyPerformer Seed Company 5100 Poplar Avenue Memphis, TN 38137
New Northrup King brand hybrids.....	The New Northrup King Company R. R. #2 Box 200 Highland, IL 62249-9667
Pennington brand hybrids.....	Pennington Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 290 Madison, GA 30650
Pioneer brand hybrids.....	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. 1000 West Jefferson Street Tipton, IN 46072

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Sources of Seed for the 1988 Grain Sorghum Tests (continued)

Entry designation	Source of seed
Summit brand hybrids.....	Summit Seed Company P.O. Box 10121 Lubbock, TX 79408
Triumph brand hybrids.....	Triumph Seed Company, Inc. P.O. Box 1050 Ralls, TX 79357

ACCEPTABLE HYBRIDS FOR 1989

All acceptable hybrids have been tested for 3 consecutive years in the region listed. All of the acceptable hybrids are not equal in performance. It is suggested that this report be carefully studied before choosing a hybrid. The hybrids are listed in descending order of 3-year-average yield for each region.

NORTHERN ALABAMA

<u>Brand name</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>
New Northrup King	Savanna 5 *
DeKalb	M-565
Summit	HT-126DR
New Northrup King	2660
AgraTech	GK 802G
New Northrup King	S9750
HyPerformer	1225DR
Funk's	RA 787
Funk's	G-522DR
Cargill	5572
AgraTech	GK 712G
Cargill	R1090
Pioneer	8333
FFR	421DR
Funk's	G-522A
HyPerformer	1330DR **

CENTRAL ALABAMA

<u>Brand name</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>
New Northrup King	Savanna 5 *
DeKalb	DK-64BR *
Pioneer	8333
AgraTech	GK 712G
Funk's	G-522A
Funk's	RA 787
Funk's	G-1711
Pennington	Penngrain DR
Funk's	G-522DR
FFR	421DR
New Northrup King	S9750
Summit	HT-126DR
DeKalb	M-565
Cargill	R1090
HyPerformer	1330DR **
New Northrup King	2660 **
HyPerformer	1225DR **
AgraTech	GK 802G **

*Bird-resistant hybrid.

**If the present trend of these varieties continues, they will be dropped.

ACCEPTABLE HYBRIDS FOR 1989

All acceptable hybrids have been tested for 3 consecutive years in the region listed. All of the acceptable hybrids are not equal in performance. It is suggested that this report be carefully studied before choosing a hybrid. The hybrids are listed in descending order of 3-year-average yield for each region.

SOUTHERN ALABAMA

<u>Brand name</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>
Cargill	R1090
New Northrup King	2660
Pioneer	8333
Funk's	G-522DR
Summit	HT-126DR
DeKalb	M-565
Cargill	4462
FFR	321
Pennington	Penngrain DR
New Northrup King	S9750
AgraTech	GK 802G
AgraTech	GK 712G
Funk's	G-1711
DeKalb	DK-64BR *
New Northrup King	Savanna 5 *
Funk's	G-522A **
HyPerformer	1225DR **
FFR	421DR **
HyPerformer	Honcho **
HyPerformer	1330DR ***

*Bird-resistant hybrid.

**If the present trend of these varieties continues, they will be dropped.

