

SECTION 8
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Good quality results for 2008-09 crop

The Australian cotton crop for 2008-09 turned in incredible results for most quality parameters. Results which would have been unheard of just a few years ago. On the other hand, some rain during picking had an effect on grade results and strength was a little below average.

Staple length

New varieties, good management and a benign growing season produced an astounding result

for staple length. Around 84 per cent of the crop returned a staple length of 37 or better with another 14 per cent with a staple of 36. Only two per cent of the crop had a staple of 35 or worse.

Grade results

Rain during picking in some areas contributed to a slightly disappointing result for grade. Less than half the crop attained a grade of 21-2 or 21-3.

Micronaire

Around 96 per cent of the crop fell in the micronaire target range of 3.8-4.9. Even better was the fact that 80 per cent was in the desirable range of 3.8-4.5. There was negligible low micronaire cotton and almost no high micronaire.

Strength

Around 54 per cent of the crop was stronger than 30 gpt, which is below the average of the past few years.

Uniformity

The uniformity of the crop was excellent, with 97 per cent of the crop with a uniformity of above 80.

FIGURE 1: Staple length of the 2009 crop

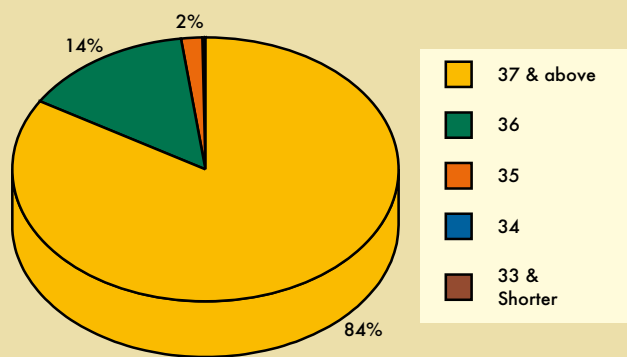


FIGURE 2: Quality of the 2009 crop - Grade

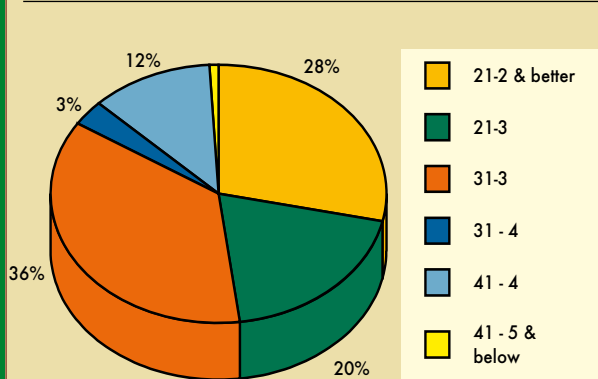


FIGURE 3: Micronaire of the 2009 crop

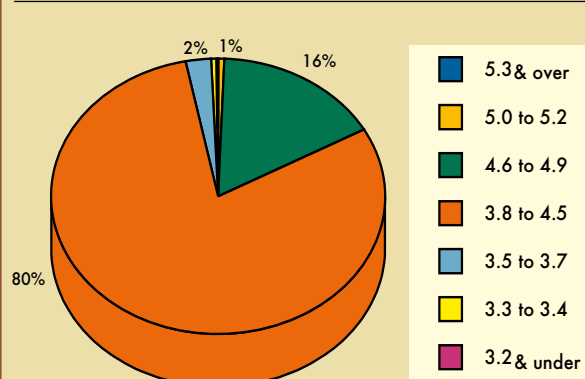


FIGURE 4: Strength of the 2009 crop

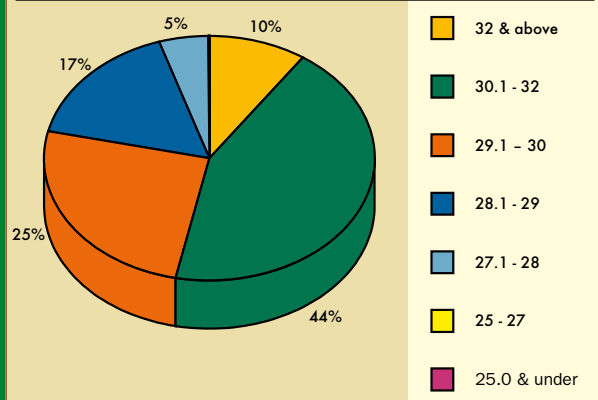


FIGURE 5: Uniformity of the 2009 crop

