

News Release

BASF introduces new FiberMax and Stoneville cotton seed varieties for the 2025 season

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, January 30, 2025 – BASF is further expanding its industry-leading FiberMax[®] and Stoneville[®] cotton seed portfolio with the addition of six new varieties for the 2025 growing season.

With these new additions, the FiberMax and Stoneville cotton seed portfolio features a total of 13 varieties. All new varieties for 2025 include Axant[™] Flex herbicide tolerance technology, cotton's first quad-stacked herbicide trait^{*}, and three-gene insect control with TwinLink[®] Plus trait.

"At BASF, we know cotton farmers doing the <u>Biggest Job on Earth</u> need top-end genetics and leading traits to combat the many challenges that threaten yield potential," said Andrew Adams, Cotton Marketing Manager for BASF Agricultural Solutions. "Every year, new BASF varieties are introduced after thorough testing and on-farm Agronomic Performance Trials, and we are thrilled to introduce six new varieties to the FiberMax and Stoneville cotton seed portfolio this year."

The high-performing new varieties include:

• **FM 757AXTP**: A new early-maturing variety for the southwestern United States, featuring very good fiber quality, good resistance to bacterial blight, easy to manage growth and strong performance on a variety of soil types.

- **FM 814AXTP**: An early-to-mid-maturing variety for the Northern High Plains, Southern High Plains, Rolling Plains regions and Oklahoma. This new variety provides excellent *Verticillium* wilt tolerance, has resistance to bacterial blight, and delivers good tolerance to root-knot nematode and *Fusarium* wilt, plus easy growth management.
- **ST 4215AXTP**: An early-maturing variety recommended for the North Delta, South Delta, Mid-Atlantic, and Far West regions of the United States. ST 4215AXTP features easy-to-manage plant height, is well-suited for irrigated production and has good resistantance to bacterial blight.
- **ST 4833AXTP**: A new early-to-mid-maturing variety built for the North Delta, South Delta, Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Far West regions of the United States. ST 4833AXTP has tall plant height, large seed size with excellent emergence, the ability to perform well on dryland and sandy soils and a great disease package with tolerance to root-knot nematodes, *Verticillium* wilt, *Fusarium* wilt and strong resistance to bacterial blight.
- **ST 5855AXTP**: A new mid-to-full-maturing variety for the South Delta, Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Rolling Plains and Far West regions of the United States, as well as east Texas, south Texas, and Oklahoma. This variety produces a good stalk on sandier soils, has tolerance to root-knot nematodes with resistance to bacterial blight and features great micronaire and strength.
- **ST 5931AXTP**: A mid-to-full-maturing variety to be used in the South Delta, Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern High Plains, Far West and Rolling Plains regions of the United States, as well as east Texas, south Texas, and Oklahoma. This new variety features good performance on many soil types, resistance against reniform and root-knot nematodes, outstanding disease tolerance against *Fusarium* wilt, *Verticillium* wilt, resistance to bacterial blight and a large seed size with excellent emergence.

For more information on seed varieties, please visit <u>FiberMax.com</u> or <u>Stoneville.com</u>. For more information on performance trial data, please visit <u>https://yields.basf.us/cotton.html</u>. **Always read and follow label directions.** Axant is a trademark and FiberMax and TwinLink are registered trademarks of BASF. © 2025 BASF Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

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