Known sources of Resistance to Root-knot in *Gossypium hirsutum*

- Jackson Limbless (Orton, 1905)
- Clevewilt-6 (Jones et al., 1958)
 - Has been used as a source of resistance in breeding programs
- Wild Mexico Jack Jones (Minton, 1962)
 - Crossed with Clevewilt-6 to develop highly resistant Auburn and M-series sources of resistance
- 18 Primitive race stocks (Shepherd, 1983)
- 5 accessions of *G. hirsutum* from the Yucatan region of Mexico (Robinson & Percival, 1997)
- 24 primitive accessions of *G. hirsutum* (McCarty et al., 1988)
- Acala C-225 (= Acala NemX) (Oakley, 1995)

Inheritance of Resistance to Rootknot nematodes

- Clevewilt 6
 - one recessive gene (Bezawada,2003)
 - one dominant gene (Shen et al., 2007)
- Auburn and M-series
 - Auburn 623: More than 2 genes, incomplete dominance (Shepherd, 1974)
 - M240: 2 dominant genes (Zhou, 1999)
 - M315: 1 dominant + 1 additive gene (McPherson et al., 2004)
 - M78: 1 dominant gene (McPherson et al., 2004
- NemX
 - 1 recessive gene (Wang et al., 2006)

G. hirsutum is an allotetraploid with an AD genome

Diallele test to determine heritance and allelic relationships among several sources of resistance to root-knot nematodes

	CW	WMJJ	TX1174	TX1440	TX2076	TX2079	TX2107
DP90	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
CW		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
WMJJ			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
TX1174				Х	Х	Х	Х
TX1440					Х	Х	Х
TX2076						Х	Х
TX2079							Х

TX 1174,TX1440, TX2076, TX2079, and TX2107 identified as resistant accessions by Robinson and Percival, 1997.

Initial crosses made at a winter nursery in Mexico (2003/04, and again in 2004/05) and most F2 populations produced in the same nursery in 2004/05. Evaluations of populations initiated in 2006.



High level of reproduction on F_1 indicates recessive inheritance

Two recessive genes (9:7 ratio) model gives best fit to observed segregation in F_2



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Resistance of F_1 is similar to that of parents as expected for two resistant parents with at least some of same resistance genes in each parent.

That some of the F_2 are highly susceptible indicates that some of the genes for resistance in Clevewilt are different from those in Wild Mexico Jack Jones.



Eggs/g root







If one assumes dominance, then data fits a model for 2 dominate genes. Poor fit to either 1 or 2 recessive gene models



Reproduction on F_1 similar to that of resistant parents. Supports previous conclusion that resistance in TX1440 is inherited as a dominant trait.



That some of the F₂ are highly susceptible indicates that Clevewilt and TX1440 Jones have different resistance genes



Behavior of F_1 similar to that observed in cross with Clevewilt.

That some of the F₂ are highly susceptible indicates that Wild Mexico Jack Jones and Tx1440 have different resistance genes



Low reproduction on F1 indicates dominate inheritance of resistance



Segregation pattern fits a 2 gene model slightly better than it does a 1-gene model.



Resistance in F_1 supports previous conclusion that resistance is inherited as a dominant trait.



That some of the F₂ are highly susceptible indicates that Clevewilt and TX2076 have different resistance genes

Preliminary Conclusions

- The four resistant accessions examined to date each appear to have at least some unique genes for resistance
- Resistance in Clevewilt and Wild Mexico Jack Jones inherited as a recessive trait
- Resistance in TX1440 and TX 2076 inherited as a dominant trait.