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...COTTON SEED...

1907

The Best Long Staple
The Best Medium Staple

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST

MARX SCHAEFER
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SUNFLOWER COTTON

Sunflower cotton is the earliest maturing long staple variety known, ripening at same time as most of the early short staples and much earlier than any other long stapled sort. The plant is a vigorous grower, very prolific, seldom shedding squares; limbs somewhat spreading, short jointed; bolls medium in size, opening well, but not dropping the cotton in stormy weather; seeds small, white, well covered; lint 1 3-8 to 1 1-2 inches, very fine, uniform in length, strong and silky, making 31 to 32 per cent of the seed cotton. The lint is of such superior quality that it always commands a good premium over prices paid for ordinary cotton. During the last three seasons it has sold, on the Yazoo City market, at an advance of five to six cents per pound above the prices paid for "middling" short staple, and of at least three cents above the price paid for 1 1-4 inch staple.

It began growing this cotton in 1900. Careful selections of seed of the best shaped and most prolific plants were made that year, and the same careful selection has been made each succeeding year, with the result of developing a variety which is very uniform in growth, and which produces a heavy yield. In 1903 Dr. Webber, the cotton expert of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, grew some of this cotton, together with a large number of other varieties, on the department testing farm at Columbia, South Carolina. In his report, in speaking of the "Sunflower," he says it is certainly distinct from any variety known to him, "being about ten days earlier than any long-stapled upland variety tested in comparison with it." He also says: "Its earliness and productiveness indicate that it will be found a good variety for general cultivation." (See Yearbook, Department of Agriculture, 1903; pages 129 and 136).

Its early maturity, its heavy yield and the high value of its staple make this the most profitable variety for planting on fertile soils.

Prices, sacked, f. o. b. Yazoo City:

Per Bushel, \$2.50; Ten Bushels, \$20.00; Per Ton, \$100.00.

SOUTHERN HOPE COTTON

Southern Hope is one of the best and most reliable of the standard varieties. The plant is very strong in growth, prolific, and free from disease; the bolls are quite large, opening well and easily picked, but not dropping the cotton in stormy weather; seed medium in size, white, well covered; lint very strong, good color, uniform in length, about 1 1-4 inches. The gin yield never fails to be at least one-third the weight of the seed cotton.

I have grown this cotton many years, and it has always given a good yield, even in the most unfavorable seasons. It is by far the best of any large-bolled variety I have ever seen. It grows well on both hill and valley lands, and has never failed to make a good crop. It always brings a high price, usually commanding a premium of two to four cents above the price paid for ordinary sorts.

Prices of seed, sacked, f.o.b. Yazoo City:

Per Bushel \$~~2~~.00; Ten Bushels, \$9.00; Per Ton, \$50.00.

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