TECHNOLOGICAL AND GENETICAL ESTIMATES FOR YIELD AND FIBER PROPERTIES OF SOME EXTRA-LONG EGYPTIAN COTTON PROMISING GENOTYPES

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ABSTRACT

Twelve advanced promising strains of extra-long staple Egyptian cotton were planted in a preliminary trial at The agricultural Research Station of Sakha, Kafr Elsheikh in 2002. In 2003, seven cotton genotypes included the best four strains and three commercial cultivars (Giza.45, Giza 70 and Giza 87) as a check were grown at two locations, Abo-kbeer, and Sahka to study yield, yield components, length parameters, tensile bundle strength, colour, maturity traits and cross-sectional dimensions. Besides, the variance components and heritability.

Results revealed that the highest mean values of seed cotton yield/feddan, earliness index were obtained by the promising hybrid {G.84 (G.74xG.68)} and the lowest mean values were attained by Giza45 cotton variety. The promising hybrid (Giza77xPimaS6) gave the highest mean values of the fiber maximum and staple lengths and length uniformity followed by the hybrid {G87 (G77xG70). Meanwhile, the highest mean values of fiber effective and mean lengths and the lowest short fiber percentage was obtained from the cotton variety G 45 followed by G 70. The highest short fiber percentage was reached by the hybrid {G.84 (G.74xG.68)} The cotton variety Giza 70 recorded the highest mean values of the micronaire, maturity, fiber perimeter, cross-sectional area and bundle strength, whereas the lowest mean values of those traits were given by the new cotton variety Giza 87. Less accurate data were attained from the H.V.I., particularly short fiber index and maturity.

Studied hybrids could be divided into two colour groups according to the yellowness degree (+b): the white group includes: the white group includes: Giza 45, the hybrid {G 84 (G 74xG 68), Giza 70 and Giza 87, and the creamy group which includes: the hybrids

(G77×PimaS6), {G87 (G 77×G 70)}, and G 77{G 84 (G 70×G 51B)}, in the same order. Direct measurement of fiber perimeter revealed that the studied hybrid are placed in two categories: the extra-fine group: Giza87, the hybrids G.77 {G84 (G70 × G51B)}, (G77x Pima S6), Giza45 and G 84 (G74 × G68) and the fine group: the hybrid G87 (G77 × G70) and Giza 70, in the same respect.

The results showed that there were significant amounts of genetic variance and high heritabilites for lint %, seed cotton yield, mean length, length uniformity, strength, perimeter, diameter, wall area, reflectance and yellowness.

The promising hybrid G77×Pima S6, can replace Giza 45. The two hybrids $\{G77 \times (G84 \times G51B)\}$ and $\{G87 \times (G77 \times G70)\}$ may replace the varieties G 87 and G 70, respectively.

INTRODUCTION

The free marketing system enabled cotton to restore its position as the first cash crop for farmer and national income in Egypt. Genotypic differences in yield and fiber properties cotton varieties are strongly affected by genotype × environment interactions (Abdel-Gawad et al (1991) and Beheary et al (1995). It is so important to conserve the desirable characteristics of the commercial varieties. Giza 70gave the highest mean value of 2.5%span length, Giza45possessed the lowest micronaire reading and the promising strain Giza 77 × Giza 45A (Giza 87) surpassed all studied varieties in fiber strength and stiffness (Beheary et al 1995). But some drop in production and deterioration in fiber properties usually occur from time to time .So it is desirable to develop promising strains to replace them.

The fiber perimeter, which is considered the only parameter of the intrinsic fiber fineness, is a varietal characteristic and is insignificantly affected by environment factors (Beheary (1993) and Lord (1961). The micronaire can not be generally used as measure of coarseness (Pellow et al,1996). Cotton fiber fineness determines yarn count, turns per inch, strength, regularity and appearance. The maximum yarn counts depends upon the number of fibers in the yarn cross-section, which controlled by the fiber fineness and fiber length. The finer and longer cotton the higher the number of fiber in yarn cross-section and higher cohesion points within the yarn and the lower he twist required during yarn formation (Sief,1994). The relatively coarse fibered cotton, Giza 70 reacted more sensitively to the bigher

counts, such that the yarn spun from it lost strength and strength utilized (%) more rapidly than the fibered cottons with increasing the yarn count from 80'S to 160'S (Ismail et al. 1990).

Recent investigations clarify that once having a well established average fiber perimeter from direct cross sectional measurements for the commercial cotton varieties, quick independent estimates of fiber maturity parameters could be obtained from the micronaire or the fibrograph test (Beheary,1993).

El Feki and Mostaefa (1990) reported the presence of adequate genetic variability between cotton genotypes and found relatively unpredictable components of genotypic environment interaction. Abo El Zahab et al 1992 indicated that high heritability value and close estimate of phenotypic coefficient of variation to their corresponding genetic ones for all fiber traits. El-Feki et al 1995 reported that there were substantial amount of genetic variance and high heritability for micronaire and 2.5 span length.

The present investigations was conducted to study the traits of yield, fiber length parameters, H.V.I. properties and cross sectional dimensions of some Extra-Long cotton promising hybrids, developed by the Cotton Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center, compared with the commercial varieties of the same quality group and study genetic variability, heritability and genetic components.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In 2002 season, 12 advanced promising strains of extra-long cotton were evaluated in a preliminary trial at The Agricultural Research Station of Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate. In 2003 season, the best four promising hybrids and three varieties Giza 45, Giza70 and Giza 87 were grown in randomized complete block design with six replications at each of two locations (Sakha and Abo-kbeer). The genotypes were (H21); Giza 77× Pima S6, (H 25); Giza 87 × (Giza 77 × Giza 70), (H 27); Giza. 77 (Giza 84 × (Giza 70 × Giza 51B)) and (H 30); Giza 84 × (Giza74 × Giza68). Experimental plots consisted of five rows 4m long and 60cm apart. The three central rows of each plot were hand harvested to determine seed and lint cotton yields.

Random sample of 50 open bolls harvested from outer two rows was used to obtain plot data for boll weight. After ginning, fiber properties were tested for three replication as follows:

Fiber properties were tested using the High Volume Instrument (H.V.I.) spectrum II following the standard method in the Cotton

Arbitration and Testing General Organization (C.A.T.G.O), Smouha, Alexandria.

Fiber length parameters were measured using a Shirley comb sorter (Array method) as designated by the slandered method of the A.S.T.M (D-1440-82) at the Fiber Technology Laboratory, Faculty of Agriculture (Saba Basha), Alexandria University.

Representative fiber bundles for each replicate were sectioned by a hand microtom as described in the previous work Beheary (1993). Major and minor axis of fifty fibers and their lumens were directly measured from the fiber cross sections for each replicate by the projection microscope (Projetena-Swesserland). The cross sectional area of the fiber and lumen were calculated using the equation proposed by Herbert et al. (1979) as follows: $A = \pi \times a \times b$, were, a = major axis/2, b = minor axis/2 and $\pi = 3.14$. Other cross sectional parameters were calculated according to A.S.T.M. (D-1444-72).

Analysis of variance as a factorial experiment and the list significant differences (LSD) were computed according to Steel and Torrie (1961). The least significant range (LSR) was calculated by Duncan's Multiple range test (1955) The variance components and heritability were calculated according to Miller *et al* (1958) and Comostok and Mall (1962), Heritability (H^2)= $\sigma^2 g/\sigma^2 px100$. Similarity and taxonomic distance were calculated by hierarchical clustering analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The differences among the seven genotypes studied were highly significant for all characters except boll weight and short fiber axis (Table 1). Analysis also showed significant interaction between genotypes and environment for boll weight, earliness index, staple length, maximum length, effective length, short fiber, micronaire value, maturity ratio, fiber strength, elongation, reflectance and yellowness. Results obtained will be discussed in three main headings:

I-Mean performance:

Mean values of yield, yield component, H.V.I. fiber properties and fiber cross sectional traits as affected by cotton genotypes in two locations were shown in Table (2).

As for yield and yield components, the highest mean value of the boll weight, seed cotton yield/feddan and earliness index were attained by the promising hybrid G84X (G74xG68) followed by the hybrid(G77xPima S6) in seed cotton yield/feddan and earliness index. Meanwhile, the lowest mean value of the seed cotton yield/feddan and

Table (1): Mean square from ANOVA of yield, yield components, fiber length and fiber cross-sectional characters for the studied seven extra-long cotton genotypes at two locations in 2003.

		Yield and yield components				Fiber length							
S.O.Va.	D.f.	S.C.Y.	Lint %	B,W.	E.I.	St.L.	Ма	ıx. L.	E.L.	M.L.	S.F. %	τ	J.R.
Genotypes (G)	6	17.81 **	11.76 **	0.003897	449.9 **	14.89	5.	68••	8.72**	39.73**	23.46**	153	3.34**
Location (L)	ı	1.137 ••	123.5* •	0.063114**	•3 2 61.8••	3.5	9.	86**	3.02	4.8610	0.07286	85	.91••
$G \times L$	6	1.083**	14.29**	0.007997	. 142.173	8.83*	• 2.	83**	4.53**	2.3407	9.679**	22	.917 7
Error	42	0.06926	3.50823	0.005525	135.043	1.03	<u>1.</u> 0	3125	0.8244	2.6354	2.1647	11.	.3179
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S.O.Va.	D.f.	Mic.	Maturity	Strength	Elongation (%)	Rd %	+b	Perimeter	Diameter	Wall Thickness	Fiber Wall area	Lumen area	0
Genotypes (G)	6	0.743	0.003=	24.24	0. 729**	59.66**	6.66**	34,4**	5.13**	1.51*	1226.4**	1073.14 ••	0.023
Location (L)	1	0.086~	0.004₩	168,36**	0.731**	48.47**	17.38=	2.56	0.34	0.04	335.36	283.95	0.013
G×L	6	0.174₩	0.0007*	7.16**	0.298*	16.14**	0.883	0.54	0.93	0.38	158.95	15.43	0.016
Error	42	0.0041	0.00005	1.52077	0.0964	1.01815	0.064	2.51	0.47	0.58	13,19	142.99	0.010
S.C.Y. : Seed o	cotton yic	ld Kentar / F	eddan,	L% :	Lint (%),		M.L.	: Mear	ı length (mm).	St. 1	: Star	le length (mr	n).
E.f. : Matur	ily carlin	ess index.		Mic :	Micronaire v	niuc.	S.F. %	: Short	liher (%).	Max. 1	. ; Mau	cimumlength(mm).
Ø : Degree	c of wall	thickening.		B,W. :	Boll weight (gm).	U.R.	: Leng	th uniformity.	E.L.	: Effe	ctive length (mm)

earliness indexes were possessed by the revised strain of the cotton variety Giza 45.

Reading fiber length parameters, the highest mean values of staple and maximum length were reached by the promising hybrid (G77× Pima S6) followed by the hybrid {G87 (G77 × G70)}. The revised strain of Giza 45 cotton variety recorded the highest mean values of effective and mean length, length uniformity ratio and the lowest short fiber percentage. Insignificant differences in those traits were noticed among Giza 45,Giza70and Giza 87 studied cotton varieties as presented in Table (2) The lowest mean value of the fiber mean length and uniformity ratio as well as the highest mean value of fiber percentage were possessed by the hybrid G84 (G74 × G68).

Concerning H.V.I. fiber properties, the highest mean value of micronaire, maturity (%) and bundle strength were reached by the revised strain of cotton vairty of Giza 70, while, the lowest mean value of the same traits were possessed by the new cotton variety Giza 87. It should be noticed that the maturity percent was computed from the micronaire reading.

The promising hybrid (G77 \times Pima S6) showed the lowest mean value of short fiber index .It is worthy to mention that these results related to staple and maximum lengths attained using the array method presented in Table (2). The highest mean value of the fiber bundle strength was reached by Giza 70 followed by the hybrid {G84 (G74 \times G68)}.

Regarding colour trait, data showed that the highest mean values of the fiber reflectance percentage (Rd) and yellowness degree (+b) were obtained by the promising hybrid $\{G84\ (G74\times G68), \text{ and the hybrid } \{G87\ (G77\times G70)\}$, respectively. In this concern, studied genotypes could be divided into two colour groups as follows:

-The white group includes: Giza45, the promising hybrid $\{G84 (G74 \times G68)\}$, Giza70, and Giza 87.

-The creamy group includes: the hybrids G.77 {G84 (G70 \times G51B)}, {G87 (G77 \times G70)} and (G77 \times Pima S6) in decreasing order of yellowness degree (+b) values.

Respecting the fiber cross-sectional characteristics, the lowest mean value of the fiber perimeter (34.09u), as the intrinsic fiber fineness, was possessed by the new cotton variety Giza 87 (the most fine fibered). Meanwhile, the highest mean value of the fiber perimeter, cross sectional area and wall area were given by the cotton variety Giza

Table (2). Mean values of studied yield, fiber length, H.V.I. and cross-sectional traits

as affected by genotype and environment in 2003.

Name			y genot		Genotypes				Enviro	nments
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yield		omponent	s:-							
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Earliness %	Lint %	34.9c	36.3år	35.04c	37.05abc	35 89 bc	37.28db	38.26a	37.88a	34.91b
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Staple length 40.37b 40.25b 39.12c 41.87a 41.0ab 38.50c 38.12c 40.14a 39.46a	Earliness %	57.38c	62.40bc	70.0a	76.0a	7476eb	65.76etc	77.0a	61.46b	76.75a
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	•b yellowness	8.86e	9.26d	9.65c	10.65b	10.88 a	11.01a	9.07dc	9.35b	10.47a

70. It could be noticed that the micronaire reading and maturity (%) of the same varieties in table (2) were in line with the aforementioned results. In this concern, the studied genotypes could be divided into two groups according to the average fiber perimeter as follows:

-Extra-fine group includes: Giza87, the hybrids G.77 {G84 $(G70 \times G51B)$ }, (G77x Pima S6), Giza45 and G 84 $(G74 \times G68)$,

-Fine group includes: the hybrid G87 (G77 \times G70) and Giza 70, in the same respect. The highest mean value of the degree of wall thickening (θ) was possessed by Giza 45 cotton variety following by Giza70 and the promising hybrid (G77x Pima S6). Similar values of the average fiber perimeter for Giza70 were attained in previous work (Beheary(1993).

II-Genetic estimates and heritability:

The results in Table (3) show variance components and their standard errors, heritability estimates, expected genetic advance from selection and the genetic coefficient of variability.

Regarding yield traits, the data indicated presence of substantial amount of genetic variance for seed cotton yield and lint (%)while the variance component of interaction between genetic and environment was highly significant for boll weight and earliness index. The heritability of seed cotton yield and lint (%) were 68.11 and 82.2 % respectively. The heritabilties for boll weight and earliness index were estimated as zero. The high coefficients of genetic variability and variance and the insignificant genetic significant interaction components indicates that the studied material did not offer considerable scope for improvement in the two traits. The value of genetic coefficient of variability were moderate.

As for length parameters, the data in Table (3) indicated the presence of substantial amount of genetic variance for all traits of length parameters except maximum length, while, significant interactions with environment were shown for staple length, short fiber and length uniformity. The heritabilities of staple, maximum, effective and mean lengths, short fibers and length uniformity was 40.68, 50.18, 48.06, 94.11, 58.73 and 85.05 %, respectively. Botony et al (1966) obtained heritability of 88.5 % for halo length and Abo El-Zahab et al (1992) obtained 97 % for 2.5% span length. The ratio of $\sigma^2 g / \sigma^2 g e$ was higher for mean length, short fiber, length uniformity which reflects the

Table (3): Estimates of variance components, heritability and G.C.V. for cotton traits.

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characters	Variance components			$\sigma^2 g/\sigma^2 ge$	Heritability	G.CV%
	σ²g	σ²ge	σ²			
Seed cotton yield	1.453**	0.178	0.646	8.163	68.111	17.32
Seed Collon yield	(0.348)®	(0.172)				
Lint cotton yield	1.622**	-0.050	0.702	32.44	82.203	17.28
Lint conon yield	(0.368)	(0.09)				
Boll weight	-4.09	10.791**	7.378	-	-	1.34
Don Weight	(0.8)	(1.90)				
Earlines index	-7.77	66.09**	0.172	<u>-</u>	•	4.16
Carmies mucx	(0.805)	(3.032)				
Staple length	1.010	2.601*	0.344	0.39	40.68	2.5
Stapic length	(0.41)	(0.931)				
Max length	0.475	0.0650	0.878	7.31	50.18	1.68
Max sengui	(0.28)	(0.44)				
Effective length	0.698*	1.235	0.275	0.57	48.06	2.19
Enecuse length	(0.34)	(0.64)				
Mean length	6.232**	-0.098	0.878	93.59	94.11	7.90
Mean icugui	(1.02)	(0.18)				
Short fiber	2.296**	2.505*	0.722	0.92	58.73	20.61
SHOIT HOEL	(0.62)	(0.91)				
Length uniformity	21.737**	3.867**	3.773	5.62	85.05	5.61
Length unitoriting	(1.90)	(4.14)	•			
Micronaire reading	0.075	0.057	0.001	1.67	•	8.42
Micronane reading	(0.12)	(0.13)				
Maturity	0.0004	0.0002	0.00001	2.00	-	5.92
Maturny	(0.208)	(0.008)				
Strength	2.846	1.870*	0.507	1.51	70.45	3.88
Suchgui	(0.69)	(0.79)				
Elongation	0.072	0.067	0.032	1.07	· -	4.61
Liongation	(0.11)	(0.15)				
Perimeter	5.647*	-0.657	0.838	8.60	98.42	6.48
· cillicia	(0.97)	(0.47)				
Diameter	0.700*	0.152	0.157	4.61	81.94	7.65
Diameter	(0.34)	(0.22)				
Wall thichnes	0.187	-0.64	0.192	0.97		11.62
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(0.18)	(0.15)				
Lumen area	3.759**	-1.27	1.543	1.07	96.51	39.37
Dullion Brea	(0.79)	(0.65)				
Wall area	153.785**	2.64*	47.49	58.08	85.98	16.58
	(5.0 6)	(0.94)				
Maturity %	0.001	-0.002	0.003	0.50	•	4.62
······································	(0.01)	(0.03)			•	
Reflectance(Rd%)	7.254**	5.04*	0.339	1.44	72.95	3.80
	(1.1)	(1.30)				
Yellowness (+b)	0.964**	0.273	0.21	3.53	86.76	9.91
	(0.41)	(0.3)				

^{®:} Lower figure refer to SE of estimates.

importance of the heritable component. The G. C.V.% values ranged from 1.68 for max. length and 20.61% for the short fiber.

Concerning the micronaire reading, maturity and fiber tensile traits, data shown in Table (3) showed presence of substantial amount of genetic variability and interaction component for fiber strength only. The ratio $\sigma^2 g/\sigma^2 ge$ reflects the importance of genetic components which is in harmony with the high heritability estimate. The heritabilities for the micronaire value, maturity ratio and elongation (%) were not estimated due to insignificant genetic components which is in partial agreement with El-Feki (1995).

For the colour traits, the genetic component were highly significant for reflectance (Rd %) and yellowness (+b) as presented in Table (3). The ratio $\sigma^2 g/\sigma^2$ ge reflects the importance of the genetic component for the inheritance of these traits which showed high heritability estimates as obtained by El-Feki (1995).

Respecting fiber cross-sectional characters, data presented in Table (3) indicated that the fiber perimeter, diameter, wall area and lumen exhibited significant genetic variation. High $\sigma^2 g/\sigma^2 ge$ ratios reflect the importance of genetic component for each trait. The heritabilities for perimeter, diameter, lumen area and wall area were 98.42, 81.94, 96.51 and 85.98, respectively.

III-Similarity and taxonomic distance (Genetic diversity) for fiber quality:

Hierarchical clustering was applied to determine the relative genetic diversity and genetic distances within the tested gerplasm. Results are shown by the dendrogram in Figure (1). The likage dendrogram provides visual idea about clustering and variability presented between those genotypes. The Fig. (1) and Table (4) showed that the studied the studied genotypes were divided into two clusters.

The two clusters were joined at the distance level 16.49 with a similarity level 6.93%. The first cluster group G.45, (G. 77 x Pima S6), Giza 70 and {G. 87 x (G.77 x G.70)}. This group was divided into two subgroups at a distance 15.43 with similarity level 65.30. The first subgroup was represented by two genotypes G.70 and {G. 87 x (G.77 x G.70)} with similarity level 77.39 % and a distance level 10.06. The second subgroup was represented by the genotypes, G.45 and (G. 77 x Pima S6) with a similarity level 75.29 % and a distance level 10.99.

Table (4): Euclidean methods for seven genotypes including two groups of genotypes, distance and similarity for fiber characters.

	Cluste	r joint			No Of genotypes	
Nod.	G.1	G.2	Distance	Similarity		
6	3	6	9.83	77.91	2	
5	2	5	10.06	77.39	2	
4	1	4	10.99	75.29	2	
3	3	7	13.43	69.82	3	
2	1	2	15.44	65.30	4	
1	. 1	3	16.49	62.93	7	

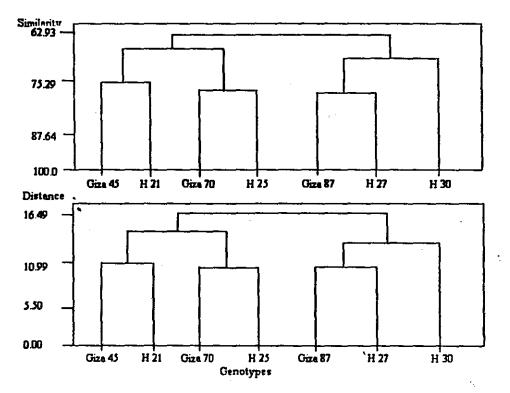


Figure (1): Dendrograms of similarity and distance of seven genotypes.

The second group was, also, divided into two subgroups with similarity level 64.82 and distance level 13.43. The first subgroup included G 84 x (G 74 x G 68) and the second subgroup included two genotypes G.87 and {G 77 x(G 84 x G 70 x G 51B)} with a similarity level 77.91% and distance level 9.83.

From the previous results it could be concluded that the promising hybrid (G. 77 x Pima S6) corresponds to and can replace Giza 45, and the genotypes $\{G\ 77\ x(G\ 84\ x\ G\ 70\ x\ G\ 51B)\}$ and $\{G.\ 87\ x\ (G.77\ x\ G.70)\}$ correspond to and can replace the varieties Giza 87 and Giza 70, respectively.

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الملخص العربي

تقديرات تكنولوجية ووراثية لصفات المحصول والألياف لبعض التراكيب الوراثية المبشرة فائقة الطول من القطن المصرى

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قيمت ١٢ سلالة مبشرة من القطن المصرى فائق الطول في تجربة أولية بمحطة البحوث الزراعية بسخا، كفر الشيخ، موسم ٢٠٠٢. في موسم ٢٠٠٣ زرعت سبعة تراكيب وراثية، شملت أفضل أربعة هجن وثلاث أصناف تجارية للمقارنة في منطقتين (أبو كبير وسخا) لدراسة المحصول، مؤشرات الطول،خواص الألياف بجهاز ال H.V.I. وخواص المقطع العرضي الي جانب مكونات التباين وكفاءة التوريث.

أوضحت النتائج المتحصل عليها أن أعلى القيم المتوسطة لمحصول القطن الزهر (قنطار /فدان) ومعامل التبكير في النضج تم الحصول عليها من الهجين المبشر (جيزة ١٤٨ (جيزة ٢٤٨ جيزة ١٦٨) وأقل القيم المتوسطة لهجنه الصفات تم الحصول عليها من صنف القطن جيزة ١٤٥. الهجين المبشر (جيزة ٢٧ x بيما س ٦) أعطى أعلى القيم المتوسطة الأقصى طول للشعرات وطول نيلة إضافة الى نسبة انتظام الطول، يليه الهجين المبشر (جيزة ٢٨ (جيزة ٢٧ x محيزة ٢٠))، بينما أعطى صنف القطن جيزة ٥٥ أعلى قيم متوسطة للطول الفعال ومتوسط الطول بالإضافة الى أقل نسبة للشعيرات القصيرة تم الحصول عليها من الهجين المبشر (جيزة ٢٨ (جيزة ٢٧ x جيزة ٢٠٠)).

سجل صنف القطن جيزة ٧٠ أعلى القيم المتوسطة لقراءة الميكرونير، النضج، محيط الشعيرات، مساحة المقطع العرضي للشعيرات ومتانة الخصلة، بياما أعطى صنف القطن جيزة ٨٧ أقل القيم المتوسطة لهذه الصفات. يمكن تقسيم الهجن التي درست الي مجموعتي لون تبعا لدرجة الاصفرار، المجموعة البيضاء: جيزة ٤٥، الهجين (جيزة ٤٨ (جيزة ٤٧ × جيزة ٢٠ والمجموعة الكريمية وتشمل: الهجين (جيزة ٢٧ × بيرة ٢٠ والهجين (جيزة ٢٠ (جيزة ٢٠ × بيزة ٢٠)) والهجين (جيزة ٢٠ × ٢٠ (جيزة ٢٠)) بنفس الترتيب.

أوضحت القياسات المباشرة لمحيط الشعيرات أن الهجن التي درست يمكن تقسيمها الى مجموعة فائقة النعومة وهى: جيزة \times والهجن (جيزة \times بيما س \times و (جيزة \times \times بيما س \times و جيزة \times \times (جيزة \times \times بيما س \times و جيزة \times \times (جيزة \times \times بيما س \times و جيزة \times \times بيما س \times و جيزة \times \times المبشر (جيزة \times \times (جيزة \times \times)).

كما أظهرت النتائج وجود كميات معنوية من التباين الوراثى ودرجة توريث عالية لكل من نسبة الشعر، محصول القطن الزهر، متوسط الطول، درجة درجة انستظام الطول، المتانة، المحيط، القطر، مساحة جدار الشعرة، درجة انعكاس الضوء ودرجة الاصفرار.