

INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF FUNGICIDES  
ON THE OIL CONTENT OF COTTON SEEDS  
AND THE QUALITY OF THE OIL

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We have investigated the oil of seeds of cotton plants of varieties 108-F and Tashkent-3 treated with fungicides: uzgen, benlat, and topsin, in a dose of 200 kg/ha (the samples were obtained from the experimental fields of SoyuzNIKHI [All-Union Scientific-Research Institute of Cotton Growing]. The characteristics of the seeds, the physicochemical indices of the oils and the fatty acids, and also the fatty-acid and triglyceride compositions of the oils determined by generally adopted methods [1] are given in Tables 1 and 2.

It follows from Table 1 that the oil content of the seeds increases (by from 0.4 to 0.8%), particularly with the use of uzgen and benlat.

All the samples have similar physicochemical indices of the oils and fatty acids. The fatty-acid compositions of the oils were determined by the GLC method, and the triglyceride compositions by enzymatic hydrolysis [2]. The treatment of the fields with fungicides does not affect the fatty-acid and triglyceride compositions of cottonseed oil (Table 2).

TABLE 1

Index	108-F				Tashkent-3			
	control	uzgen	benlat	topsin	control	uzgen	benlat	topsin
Weight of 1000 seeds, g	116,21	116,63	116,22	115,52	118,12	118,82	118,60	118,04
Oil content of the seeds calculated on the absolutely dry weight, %	22,18	22,54	22,42	22,04	22,35	23,15	23,10	22,84
Oil								
color of the black oil in a 1-cm layer at 35 yellow units on the VNIIZh-12 colorimeter	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5	6,0	6,0	6,0	6,0
density, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0,9273	0,9268	0,9265	0,9281	0,9164	0,9182	0,9176	0,9171
refractive index, n <sub>D</sub> <sup>20</sup>	1,4750	1,4752	1,4752	1,4760	1,4724	1,4722	1,4722	1,4730
viscosity, °E	9,1032	9,1013	9,1012	9,1010	7,1224	7,1219	7,1209	7,1186
iodine No., % I <sub>2</sub>	105,02	104,85	104,90	104,26	107,40	106,90	107,24	107,32
saponification No., mg KOH/g	194,08	194,25	194,28	194,12	194,83	194,86	194,72	194,65
acid No., mg KOH/g	2,34	2,45	2,42	2,63	2,82	2,74	2,70	2,88
Amount, expressed as % I <sub>2</sub> of								
unsaponifiables	1,03	1,07	1,05	1,02	1,29	1,16	1,18	1,23
native gossypol (by the aniline-pyridine method)	0,78	0,72	0,76	0,84	0,49	0,46	0,47	0,51
Fatty acids								
neutralization No., mg KOH/g	204,83	204,71	204,76	204,43	204,61	204,60	204,68	204,52
mean molecular weight	273,93	274,09	274,02	274,47	274,22	274,24	274,13	274,34

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TABLE 2

Fatty acids and triglycerides	10: F				Tashkent-3			
	con-trol	uzgen	benlat	topsin	con-trol	uzgen	benlat	topsin
Fatty-acid composition, %								
Lauric	0,34	0,32	0,29	0,24	0,23	0,19	0,21	0,17
Myristic	1,23	1,27	1,25	1,36	0,90	1,02	0,98	1,08
Palmitic	23,02	23,20	23,11	22,33	22,11	22,22	21,94	21,86
Palmitoleic	1,64	1,45	1,68	1,57	2,65	2,54	2,60	2,35
Stearic	2,34	2,31	2,40	1,93	0,93	1,16	1,11	0,98
Oleic	18,16	18,13	18,01	17,81	17,84	17,75	17,93	17,12
Linoleic	53,27	53,32	53,26	54,82	55,34	55,14	55,22	56,44
Triglyceride composition, %								
GISSS	1,27	1,23	1,18	0,63	0,71	0,69	0,57	0,44
GISSU	6,94	7,28	6,37	6,23	1,94	2,14	2,08	2,53
GISUS	9,08	9,20	8,14	8,34	13,83	14,12	14,08	14,76
GISUU	38,11	38,00	40,08	41,92	45,02	44,92	44,86	46,92
GIUSU	6,04	6,10	6,06	5,26	1,74	1,83	1,75	1,12
GIUUU	38,56	38,19	38,17	37,57	36,76	36,30	36,66	34,23

**Note.** G) glycerol, S) radical of a saturated acid, U) radical of an unsaturated acid.

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