



Cotton with Vitazyme application—A Nitrogen Efficiency Study

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Location: Memphis, Tennessee
Variety: DP 1646B2FX
Planting date: June 12, 2024
Planting rate: 55,000 seeds/acre
Row spacing: 38 inches
Soil type: Falaya and Waverly silt loams
Soil character: pH = 6.5, organic matter = 1.8%, cation exchange capacity = 7.8 meq/100g, excellent fertility, good drainage
Tillage: conventional
Experimental design: A small-plot design, with four replications and plots that were 10 x 30 ft with four rows/plot, was established in a randomized complete block design, to evaluate the effect of Vitazyme and four fertilizer levels on cotton growth, leaf chlorophyll, and yield. Eight treatments were applied, as shown below.

| Treatment | Fertilizer | Vitazyme | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| | | In-furrow | foliar |
| 1. 100% fertilizer | 100% | o | o |
| 2. Vitazyme + 100% fertilizer | 100% | x | x |
| 3. 75% fertilizer | 75% | o | o |
| 4. Vitazyme + 75% fertilizer | 75% | x | x |
| 5. 50% fertilizer | 50% | o | o |
| 6. Vitazyme + 50% fertilizer | 50% | x | x |
| 7. 25% fertilizer | 25% | o | o |
| 8. Vitazyme + 25% fertilizer | 25% | x | x |

Fertilization: 100% = 100-60-60 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O; 75% = 75-45-45 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O; 50% = 50-30-30 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O; 25% = 25-15-15 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O. All fertilizer was applied in the liquid form.

Vitazyme applications: In-furrow at 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) on June 6, at planting; foliar at 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) on July 23, at 6-8 leaves (BBCH 16)



Notice the greatly improved leaf development and chlorophyll content with Vitazyme, and improved indications of square formation at this stage of growth.

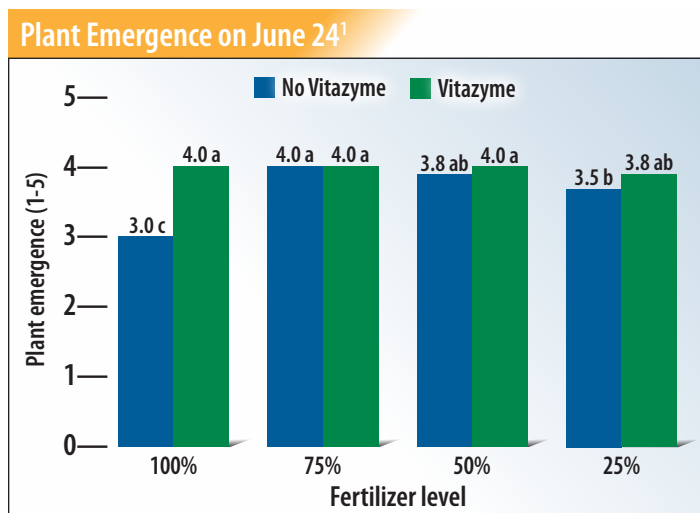
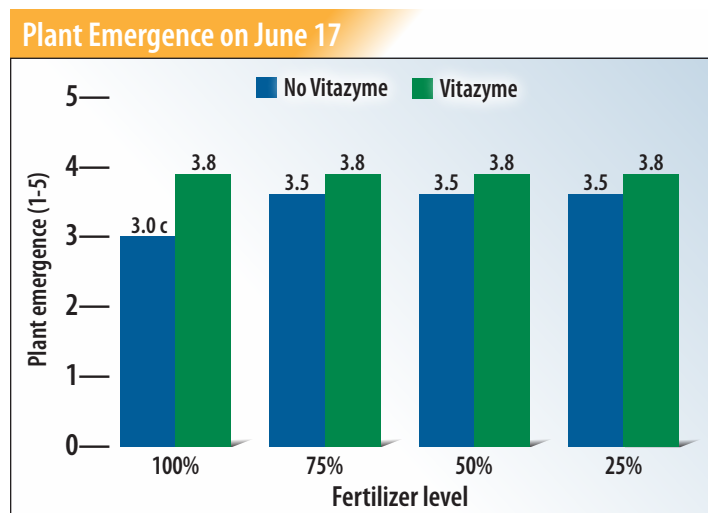


The cotton trial in western Tennessee produced excellent responses of plant emergence, vigor, and seed and lint yield with two applications of Vitazyme.



The Vitazyme treated cotton plants display much better leaf and stem growth, as well as a more extensive root system from two applications.

Plant Emergence results: On June 17, five days after planting, and again on June 24, 12 days after planting, the emergence of plants for the eight treatments was evaluated.



¹Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to ANOVA, at P = 0.05. LSD (0.05) = 0.48, CV = 8.73, treatment prob (F) = 0.0028.

At both dates the Vitazyme treatments showed superior plant emergence on a scale of 1 to 5, especially on June 17. However, these values were not significantly different due to high variability of the plot values. Significant differences did appear, however, on June 24, with the Vitazyme treatments exceeding the untreated values at P = 0.05 for the 100% fertilizer treatments. Especially notable is the low emergence values for the 100% fertilizer non-treated seeds.

Plant vigor results: A scale of 1 to 5 was used to evaluate plant vigor of all plots on June 24. There was a tendency for the Vitazyme treated treatments to exceed the untreated ones at all but the 50% fertilizer level. Interestingly, at the 100% fertilizer level the Vitazyme treatment (Treatment 2) exceeded the untreated plants (Treatment 1) by 43% (4.3 vs. 3.0). Differences of means were significant at P = 0.075.

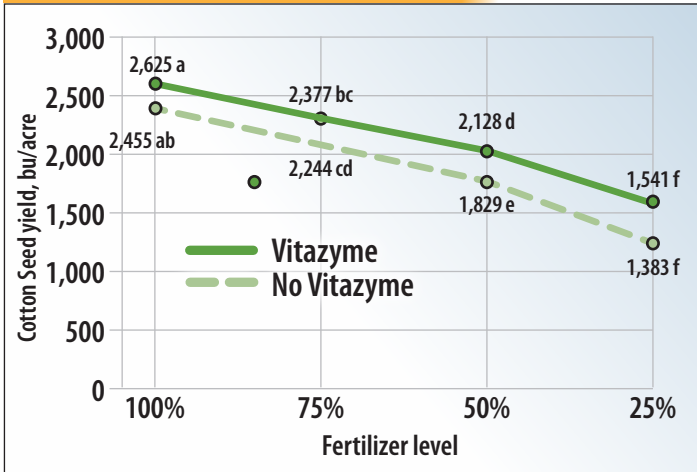
Leaf chlorophyll results: Leaf chlorophyll, measured with a SPAD meter using 10 leaves per plot, did not show significant differences between treated and untreated treatments for the four fertilizer levels. However, all but the 100% fertilizer level showed chlorophyll enhancement with Vitazyme, and the average leaf chlorophyll values over the four treated and four untreated treatments were as follows:

| Treatment | Average value |
|---|---------------|
| SPAD units without Vitazyme (Treatments 1, 3, 5, and 7) | 36.3 |
| SPAD units with Vitazyme (Treatments 2, 4, 6, and 8) | 37.4 |

Increase in SPAD (chlorophyll) units with Vitazyme: 1.1

Seed yield results: The cotton crop was harvested November 25, 2024, and the seeds and lint were separated and weighed separately. Both the seeds and the lint produced highly significant yield differences among the eight treatments.

Cotton Seed Yield¹



¹ Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P = 0.05 according to ANOVA.

Statistical values

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| LSD (0.05) | 180.9 lb/acre |
| CV | 5.94 |
| Replicate F | 0.2378 |
| Treatment F | 0.0001 |

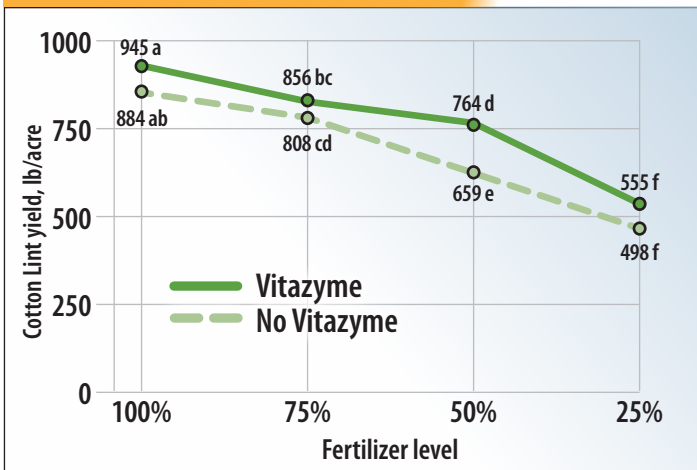
Seed yield increases with Vitazyme at each fertilizer level

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 100% fertilizer | 7% |
| 75% fertilizer | 6% |
| 50% fertilizer | 16% |
| 25% fertilizer | 11% |

Vitazyme improved cotton seed yield at all four fertilizer levels, but especially at the 50% fertilizer level, which gave a significant 16% yield increase.

Lint yield results: The lint yield was determined at the same time as the seed yield on November 25.

Cotton Lint Yield¹



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Statistical values

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| LSD (0.05) | 65.1 lb/acre |
| CV | 5.94 |
| Replicate F | 0.2378 |
| Treatment F | 0.0001 |

Lint yield increases with Vitazyme at each fertilizer level

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 100% fertilizer | 7% |
| 75% fertilizer | 6% |
| 50% fertilizer | 16% |
| 25% fertilizer | 11% |

At every fertilizer level Vitazyme improved lint yield. The increases were similar to seed yield increases, with the greatest increase (16%) at the 50% level.

Conclusions: A small-plot cotton trial with four replicates, using four fertilizer levels and with or without Vitazyme applied twice at 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) — at planting and at BBCH 16 — proved that Vitazyme, at each fertilizer level, increased both seed and lint yield. Increases ranged from 6 to 16%, the 50% fertilizer level giving the greatest increase with Vitazyme. There was a trend towards higher leaf chlorophyll with Vitazyme as well, and better plant vigor and plant emergence at the four fertilizer levels. These results show that Vitazyme is able to improve fertilizer utilization with cotton under conditions of the lower Mississippi River valley, and is a low cost, highly effective treatment when coupled with reduced fertilizer applications.



Cotton with Vitazyme application

Researcher: Bruce Kirksey, Ph.D. **Research organization:** Agricenter International, Memphis, Tennessee
Trial location: Memphis, Tennessee **Variety:** DP2215B3XF **Planting date:** May 26, 2023
Planting rate: 55,000 seeds/acre **Planting depth:** 0.75 inch **Tillage:** conventional **Row spacing:** 38 inches
Soil type: Falaya silt loam, excellent fertility, 6.8 meq/100 g cation exchange capacity, 7.3 pH, good drainage
Experimental design: A small-plot randomized

experiment with cotton was initiated to evaluate the effect of Vitazyme at four fertilizer levels, on the lint and seed yield of cotton. Four replications were used, with plots that were 12.67 x 30 feet (380.1 ft², or 0.00873 acre).



Bolls and squares removed from treated and untreated plants at the 50% fertilizer level reveal that the treated plants had advanced boll development at this stage of growth.

| Treatment | Vitazyme* | Fertilizer application | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | | N lb/acre | P ₂ O ₅ lb/acre | K ₂ O lb/acre |
| 1. 100% fert | o | 80 | 60 | 60 |
| 2. 100% fert + Vita | x | 80 | 60 | 60 |
| 3. 75% fert | o | 60 | 45 | 45 |
| 4. 75% fert + Vita | x | 60 | 45 | 45 |
| 5. 50% | o | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| 6. 50% fert + Vita | x | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| 7. 25% | o | 20 | 15 | 15 |
| 8. 25% fert + Vita | x | 20 | 15 | 15 |

*See the application timing and rates below.

Fertilization: See the table above.

Vitazyme applications: (1) 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) acre in-furrow at planting on May 26; (2) 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) foliar and soil on July 6, 34 days after planting

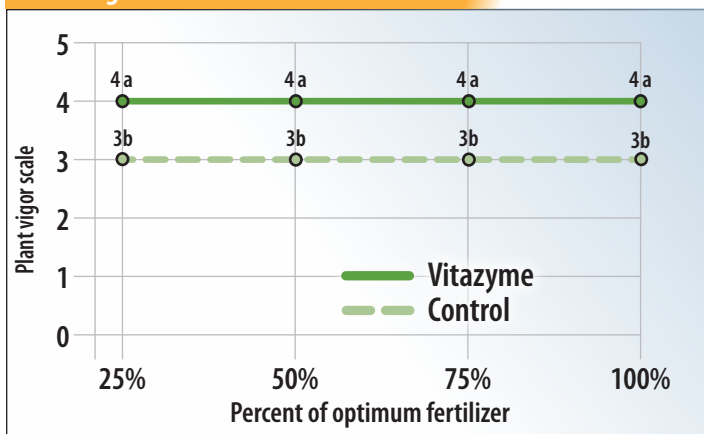
Harvest date: November 30, 2023, using a John Deere 9930 cotton harvester on an area of 6.7 ft (two rows) x 30 ft

Plant vigor results: On June 8 there was a visual evaluation of plant vigor.



Plants dug from the 50% fertilizer treatments reveal how Vitazyme has increased the biomass and root systems of treated plants.

Plant Vigor¹



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Roots from Vitazyme treated plants (right) at the 50% fertilizer level are larger and better developed than are those from the untreated plants on the left.

At all four fertilizer levels, Vitazyme significantly improved plant vigor at P= 0.05.

Leaf chlorophyll results: Differences in leaf chlorophyll as measured by a SPAD meter were variable, but at the 100% fertilizer level the Vitazyme treated plants had 5.1 greater SPAD units than did the control. At the 25% fertilizer level, Vitazyme treated plants had 3.6 greater SPAD units than did the control plants.

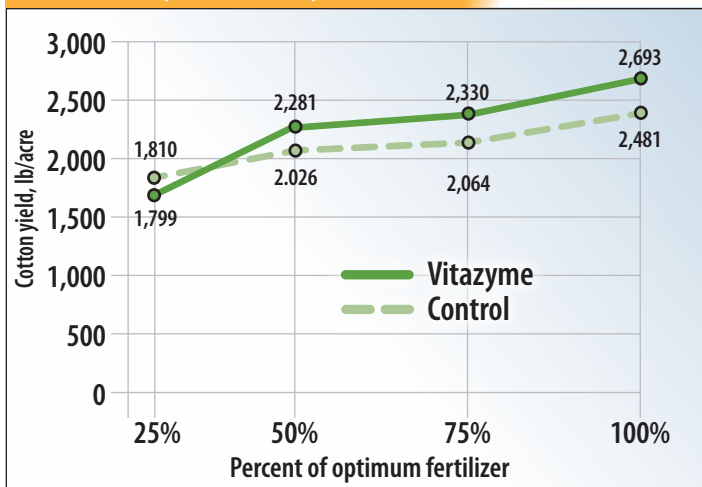
Cotton yield results (lint + seeds):

| Treatment | Cotton yield ¹ lb/acre | Yield change ² lb/acre |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. 100% fert | 2,481 b | — |
| 2. 100% + Vita | 2,693 a | 212 (+9%) |
| 3. 75% fert | 2,064 b | — |
| 4. 75% + Vita | 2,330 bc | 266 (+13%) |
| 5. 50% fert | 2,026 d | — |
| 6. 50% + Vita | 2,281 e | 255 (+13%) |
| 7. 25% fert | 1,810 e | — |
| 8. 25% + Vita | 1,799 e | -11 (-0.06%) |
| LSD (P=0.05) | 162 | |
| CV | 5.04 | |
| Replicate probability (F) | 0.1073 | |
| Treatment probability (F) | 0.0001 | |

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²Yield comparisons are made at the same fertilizer level.

For all three of the higher fertilizer rates, Vitazyme significantly increased the lint + seed yield.

Cotton Yield (Lint + Seeds)



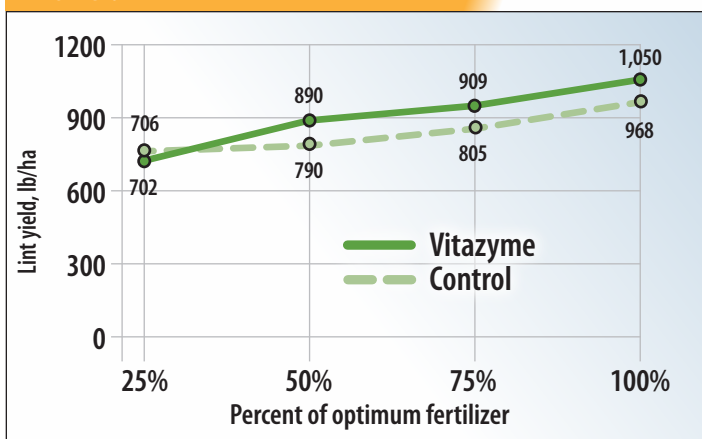
Cotton yield results (lint only):

| Treatment | Cotton yield ¹ lb/acre | Yield change ² lb/acre |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. 100% fert | 968 b | — |
| 2. 100% + Vita | 1,050 a | 82 (+8%) |
| 3. 75% fert | 805 d | — |
| 4. 75% + Vita | 909 bc | 104 (+11%) |
| 5. 50% fert | 790 d | — |
| 6. 50% + Vita | 890 c | 100 (+13%) |
| 7. 25% fert | 706 e | — |
| 8. 25% + Vita | 702 e | -4 (-0.06%) |
| LSD (P=0.05) | 63 | |
| CV | 5.04 | |
| Replicate probability (F) | 0.1073 | |
| Treatment probability (F) | 0.0001 | |

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²Yield comparisons are made at the same fertilizer level.

At all three higher fertilizer rates, Vitazyme significantly increased the lint yield. At the 25% fertilizer rate there was no response.

Lint Yield



Conclusions: A small-plot cotton study in western Tennessee proved that Vitazyme, applied at 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) in-furrow at planting and again at 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) 34 days after emergence, significantly boosted plant vigor 13 days after planting, a vigor that carried on through the growing season to produce significantly more yield at harvest, at the 50, 75, and 100% fertilizer levels. Lint + seed yield increased by from 9 to 13% for these three levels, and lint alone by from 8 to 13%. The reason for the 25% fertilizer level not producing a significant yield increase is not known. These results strongly suggest the ability of Vitazyme biostimulant to improve fertilizer (N, P, and K) use efficiency in cotton cultivation in western Tennessee, which should be a very attractive response for cotton growers facing rising fertilizer costs.

Cotton with Vitazyme application



Researcher: Bruce Kirksey, Ph.D. **Research organization:** AgriCenter International, Memphis, Tennessee
Location: Memphis Tennessee **Variety:** DP 1646B2FX upland cotton **Planting date:** May 16, 2022
Planting population: 55,000 seeds/acre **Planting depth:** 0.75 inch **Row spacing:** 38 inches
Soil: Falaya silt loam, 1.8% organic matter, 6.5 pH, 7.8 meq/100 g cation exchange capacity, good drainage, excellent fertility

Experimental design: A small-plot cotton study was established in a randomized complete block design, with four replications and four rows per plot. Each plot was 10 x 30 feet (32 total plots). Four fertility regimes from 100% to 25% of the recommended level for optimum yields were placed in the plots, each level with and without Vitazyme applied twice, to determine the effects of this biostimulant on the growth and yield of cotton, especially as the product can affect nitrogen use efficiency.

| Treatment | Percent of optimum fertilizer | Vitazyme application | | Fertilizer application, as elemental | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | In-furrow | Foliar | Urea N | 18-46-0 N | 18-46-0 P | KCl K |
| | % | oz/acre | oz/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre |
| 1. 100% fertilizer | 100 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 31 | 173 | 133 |
| 2. 100% fertilizer + Vita | 100 | 13 | 13 | 260 | 31 | 173 | 133 |
| 3. 75% fertilizer | 75 | 0 | 0 | 195 | 23 | 132 | 99 |
| 4. 75% fertilizer + Vita | 75 | 13 | 13 | 195 | 23 | 132 | 99 |
| 5. 50% fertilizer | 50 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 15 | 86 | 66 |
| 6. 50% fertilizer + Vita | 50 | 13 | 13 | 130 | 15 | 86 | 66 |
| 7. 25% fertilizer | 25 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 7 | 43 | 33 |
| 8. 25% fertilizer + Vita | 25 | 13 | 13 | 65 | 7 | 43 | 33 |

Fertilizer applications: See the table above. The 18-46-0 and KCl were applied and incorporated before planting, and the urea was applied after planting.

Vitazyme applications: 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) in-furrow at planting on May 16, and 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) sprayed foliar at the 6 to 8-leaf stage 32 days after planting, on June 17.

Growing season weather: Soil moisture at planting was good, but rainfall was extremely limited in June, only 0.94 inch compared to the average of 4.71 inches. This deficit caused considerable stress on the plants, causing them to drop most of their bolls. Added to the moisture deficit were high temperatures during June, July, and August, with 29 days in July between 90 and 100 degrees F.



At 25% of the optimum fertilizer rate, Vitazyme applied twice to the plants produced an excellent growth response, as compared to the same fertilizer rate without it. This effect was seen at all fertilizer levels.



Notice the much greater root mass for the Vitazyme treated plants on the right at 25% of the optimum fertilizer rate, as compared to the untreated plants on the left.

Plant growth results:

Yield results were unable to be collected, but plant growth parameters were evaluated: plant vigor, plant height, and plant weight.

This cotton trial in Tennessee produced excellent vegetative growth, but due to extreme midsummer drought the bolls were aborted. Nonetheless, plant growth was measured and showed excellent responses to Vitazyme.



Plant Vigor

Measure on June 17, 25 days after emergence.

| Treatment | Vigor rating ¹ 1-5 scale ³ | Vigor change ² 1-5 scale ³ |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. 100% fertilizer | 3.0 cd | — |
| 2. 100% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 4.5 a | 1.5 (+50%) |
| 3. 75% fertilizer | 3.0 cd | — |
| 4. 75% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 4.0 ab | 1.0 (+33%) |
| 5. 50% fertilizer | 3.0 cd | — |
| 6. 50% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 3.8 b | 0.8 (+23%) |
| 7. 25% fertilizer | 2.8 d | — |
| 8. 25% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 3.5 bc | 0.7 (+25%) |
| LSD (P=0.05) | 0.6 | |
| CV | 11.22 | |
| Replicate probability (P=0.05) | 0.4872 | |
| Treatment probability (P=0.05) | 0.0001 | |

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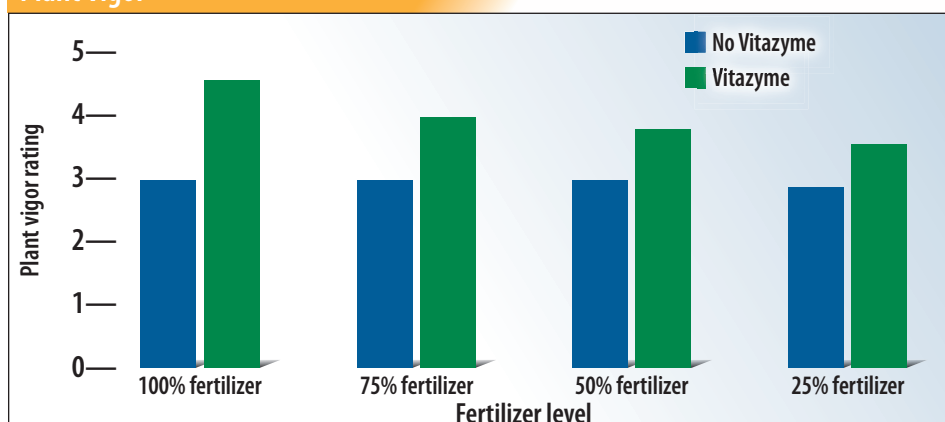
³A scale of 1 to 5: 1 = poorest vigor; 5 = highest vigor.

*Increase in cotton vigor
with Vitazyme*

100% fertilizer 50%
75% fertilizer 33%
50% fertilizer 23%
25% fertilizer 25%

At all three fertilizer levels, Vitazyme improved plant vigor significantly, from 23 to 50%

Plant Vigor



Plant Height

Measure on November, 21, 182 days after emergence.

| Treatment | Plant height ¹ inches | Height change ² inches |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. 100% fertilizer | 50.5 bcd | — |
| 2. 100% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 53.0 a | 2.5 (+5%) |
| 3. 75% fertilizer | 49.5 cd | — |
| 4. 75% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 51.3 b | 1.8 (+4%) |
| 5. 50% fertilizer | 49.0 d | — |
| 6. 50% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 51.0 bc | 2.0 (+4%) |
| 7. 25% fertilizer | 47.0 e | — |
| 8. 25% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 49.3 d | 2.3 (+5%) |
| LSD (P=0.05) | 1.7 | |
| CV | 2.32 | |
| Replicate probability (P=0.05) | 0.3122 | |
| Treatment probability (P=0.05) | 0.0001 | |

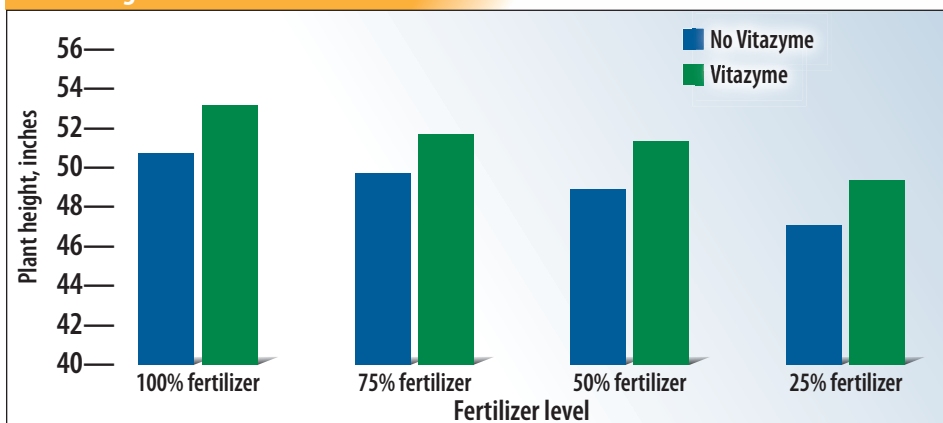
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*Increase in plant height
with Vitazyme*

*100% fertilizer 5%
 75% fertilizer 4%
 50% fertilizer 4%
 25% fertilizer 5%*

At each fertilizer level, Vitazyme increased plant height by a consistent 4 to 5%

Plant Height



The Vitazyme treated cotton plants on the right display excellent leaf and stem growth, far greater than the control plants on the left.



Plant Weight

Measured on November 21, 182 days after emergence.

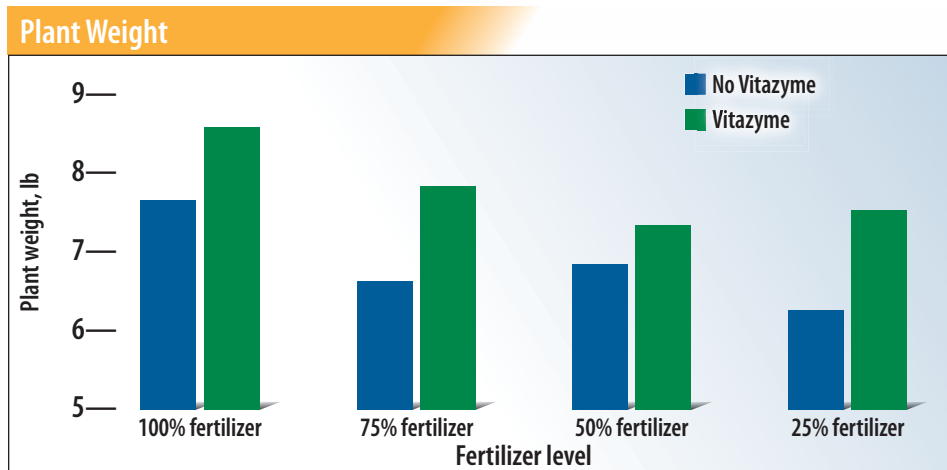
| Treatment | Plant weight ¹ lb | Weight change ² lb |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. 100% fertilizer | 7.63 b | — |
| 2. 100% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 8.48 a | 0.85 (+11%) |
| 3. 75% fertilizer | 6.68 cd | — |
| 4. 75% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 7.75 b | 1.07 (+16%) |
| 5. 50% fertilizer | 6.75 cd | — |
| 6. 50% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 7.30 bc | 0.55 (+8%) |
| 7. 25% fertilizer | 6.13 d | — |
| 8. 25% fertilizer + Vitazyme | 7.38 bc | 1.25 (+20%) |
| LSD (P=0.05) | 0.71 | |
| CV | 6.68 | |
| Replicate probability (P=0.05) | 0.5408 | |
| Treatment probability (P=0.05) | 0.0001 | |

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²Comparisons are made at the same fertilizer level.

*Increase in cotton plant wweight
with Vitazyme*

*100% fertilizer 11%
 75% fertilizer 16%
 50% fertilizer 8%
 25% fertilizer 20%*

The weight of a typical plant for each of the four fertilizer levels showed an increase of from 8 to 20%



Conclusions: This small-plot cotton study in western Tennessee, using a randomized complete block design with four replications, and Vitazyme at 13 oz/ha (1 liter/ha) in-furrow at planting and at the 6 to 8-leaf stage, was greatly hindered by extremely hot and dry weather during the summer, so much so that the plants dropped most of their bolls. As a result, no yield data could be collected. However, data on plant vigor in mid-June, and on plant height and plant weight in November, gave excellent statistically significant data for all three parameters evaluated. At all four fertilizer levels, Vitazyme consistently improved plant vigor (23 to 50%), plant height (4 to 5%), and plant weight (8 to 20%) at the same fertilizer level above the no-Vitazyme treatment. These results show the very good consistency of plant growth stimulation at all fertilizer levels of the brassinosteroids, 1-triacontanol, and B-vitamins, increasing chlorophyll to cause a greater fixation of carbon dioxide and enhanced leaf, stem, and root growth. Such consistency across all plant parameters suggests that the yield would very likely have been boosted by this product had the bolls not dropped, and been able to reach maturity. The value of Vitazyme to increase the productivity of cotton farmers in the southern Mississippi Delta region is thus revealed by this study as fertilizer use efficiency has been improved.



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Page 10. Growth Regulators

A few growth-regulating chemicals have been tested and some were found to be useful in boosting plant growth and for insect pest management. In Uganda a chemical called ‘**Vitazyme**’ was tested on cotton for three seasons. **Vitazyme** is known to be a cotton root vigor inducing chemical. It contains highly active bio-stimulating agents from natural plant sources that lead to luxuriant plant growth. Its active ingredients include B-vitamins, folic acid, and other unquantified growth regulators (Syltie, 1985). **Vitazyme** was tested in combination with the already approved commercial seed dressing chemical “Ctuiser Extra Cotton” used for control of seed borne diseases, like bacterial blight, and known for enhancement of root vigor. **Vitazyme** was found to be effective in boosting vigor of cotton roots which enabled deeper penetration and wider coverage of soils for tapping of water and nutrients by the cotton crops. In addition to improving plant vigor in the study, **Vitazyme** led to enhanced seed cotton yields and fibre characteristics compared to the controls. The best results were from the 5% **Vitazyme** concentration for seed dressing, coupled with one foliar spray on cotton plants using 1 l/ha of **Vitazyme** at full bloom (Elobu et al, 2018).



Cotton with Vitazyme application—2018 Crop Results

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Varieties: BPA 2002 (2015/2016 and 2016/2017 trials) and MS-2 (2017/2018 trial)

Experimental design: Three sets of replicated (four replications) cotton trials at several locations on consecutive years were conducted to evaluate the effects of Vitazyme on the yield, growth characteristics, and quality of cotton, using different application rates for the seeds and leaves. Each year of trials will be discussed in order.

Fertilization: unknown **Planting rate:** unknown
Vitazyme applications:

- **Seed treatments:** Concentrations of 0, 2.5, 5.0, and 10.0% Vitazyme were prepared using 25, 50, and 100 ml of product in 1.0 liter of water, and 5 kg of seed per liter of solution were soaked overnight and planted the next day. Seed for the 0% treatment was also soaked overnight.
- **Foliar treatments:** Rates of 0.5, 1.0, and 1.5 liters/ha were sprayed to some treatments at full bloom and 30 days later.

| Treatment | Seed type | Seed Treatment | Foliar Treatment |
|-----------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Commercial | 2.5% | — |
| 2 | Commercial | 2.5% | 0.5 liter/ha |
| 3 | Undelinted | 2.5% | 0.5 liter/ha |
| 4 | Commercial | 5.0% | — |
| 5 | Commercial | 5.0% | 1.0 liter/ha |
| 6 | Undelinted | 5.0% | 1.0 liter/ha |
| 7 | Commercial | 10.0% | — |
| 8 | Commercial | 10.0% | 1.5 liter/ha |
| 9 | Undelinted | 10.0% | 1.5 liter/ha |
| 10 | Undelinted | — | — |
| 11 | Commercial | — | — |

2015/2016 Trials

Location: National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute

Soil trials: unknown **Planting dates:** May 2015, August 2015

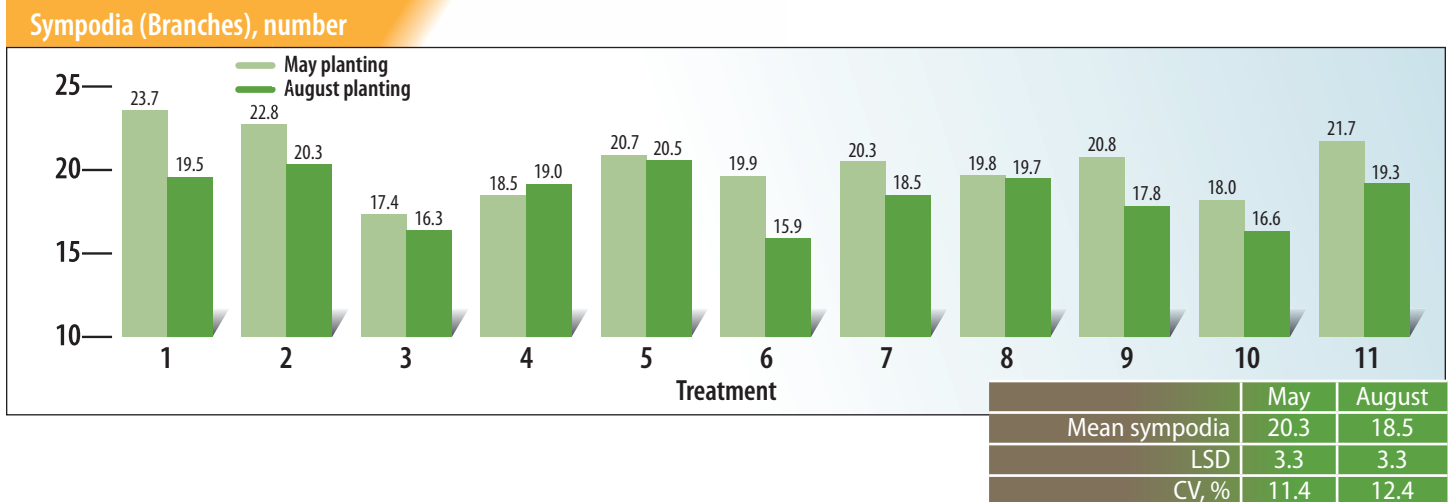
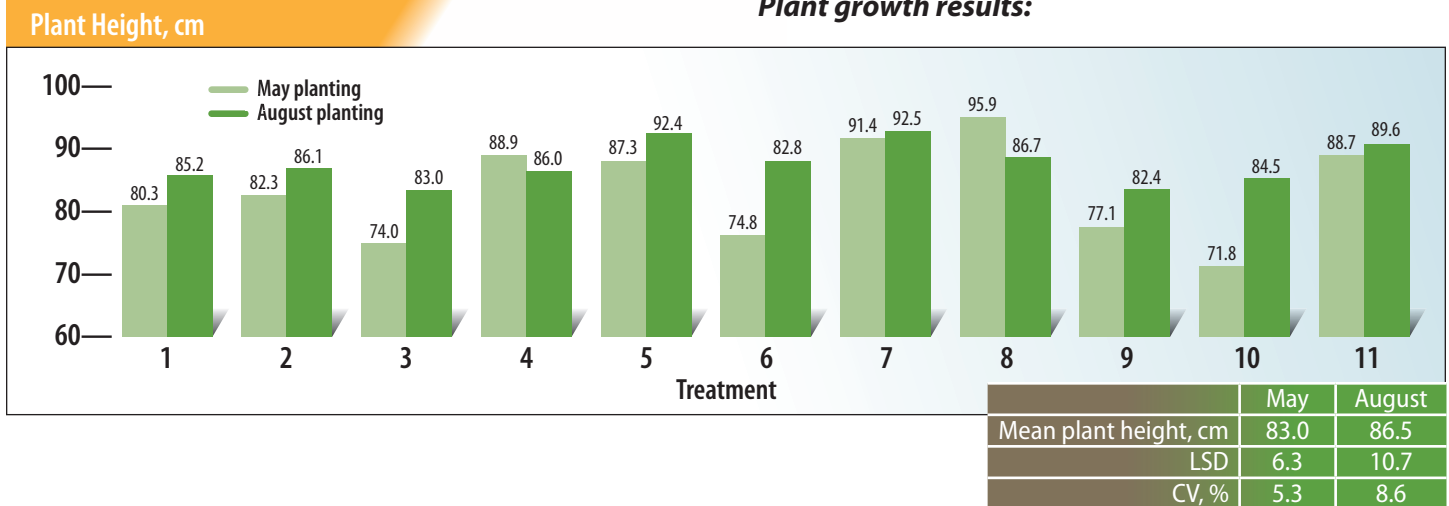
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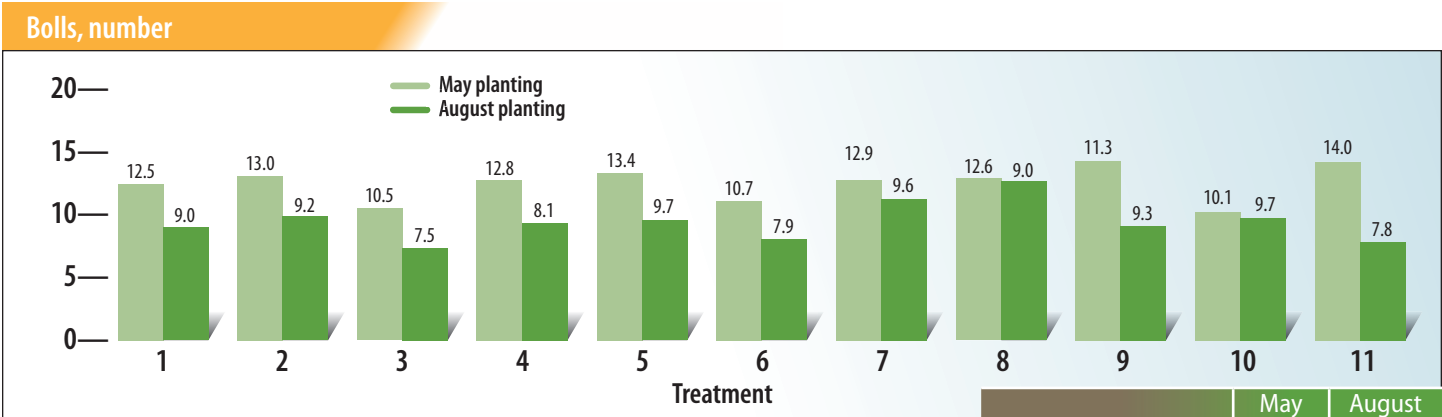
Row spacing: 75 cm between rows, 30 cm in rows (eight rows)

Harvested plots: inner six rows

Seed lots: (1) Delinted commercial seed dressed with bronopol fungicide. (2) Undelinted seed locally ginned with no seed dressing

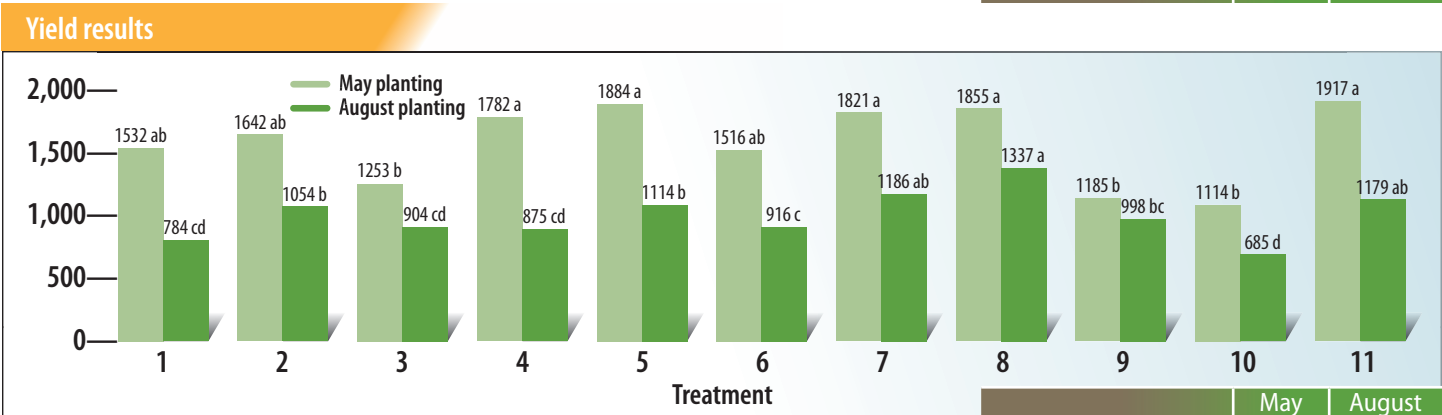
Plant growth results:





| | May | August |
|------------|------|--------|
| Mean bolls | 12.1 | 8.8 |
| LSD | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| CV, % | 14.6 | 19.3 |

Yield results: Values are in kg/ha of lint cotton.

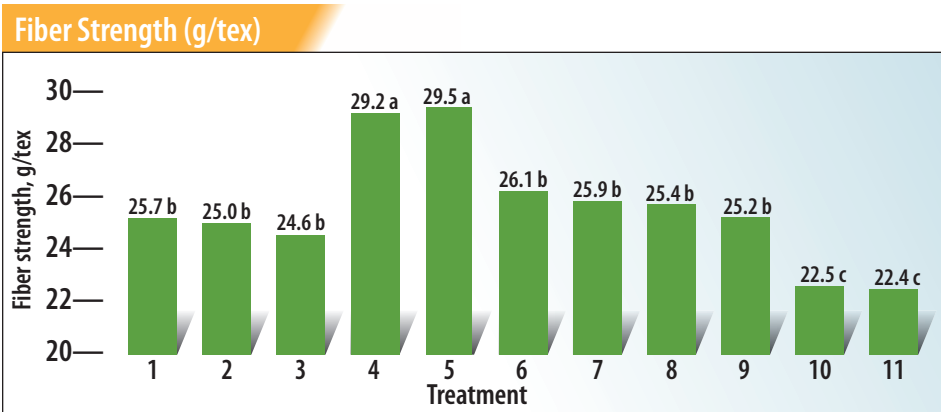


| | May | August |
|------------------|------|--------|
| Mean lint, kg/ha | 1591 | 1003 |
| LSD, kg/ha | 410 | 182 |
| CV, % | 17.8 | 12.6 |

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Preliminary conclusion from 2015/2016 trials and recommendations for 2016/2017 season: Results showed that there was a yield benefit when Vitazyme is used in cotton. The yield advantage comes only when compared to non-commercial cotton seed. No yield advantage was realized when Vitazyme treatments are compared with commercial controls. Provisionally, seed treatment with 5% or 10% solutions were consistently superior in the two planting periods at NaSARRI. There is need to verify these results for at least one more season and in another environment to give more authentic conclusions. There is also need to investigate the performance of Vitazyme when applied to some other crops which are grown in these areas of marginal soil fertility under semi-arid conditions.

Lint quality results: These results are for the August planting only.

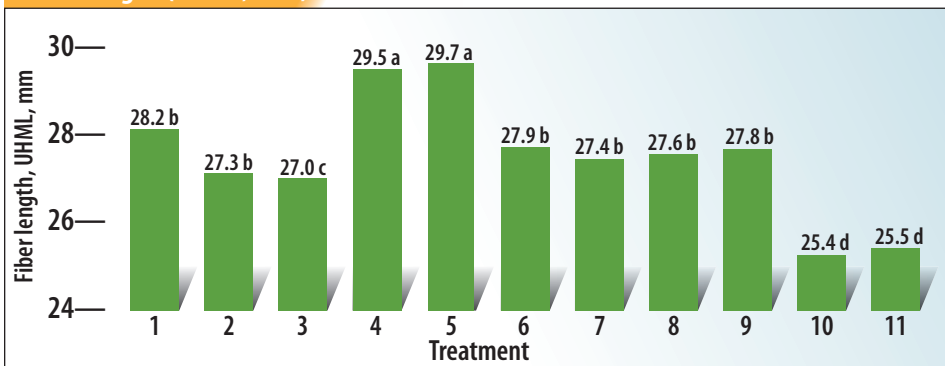


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Fiber strength statistics

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Strength, g/tex | 25.6 |
| F - value | <0.001 |
| LSD, g/tex | 2.1 |
| CV, % | 5.6 |

Fiber Length (UHML, mm)



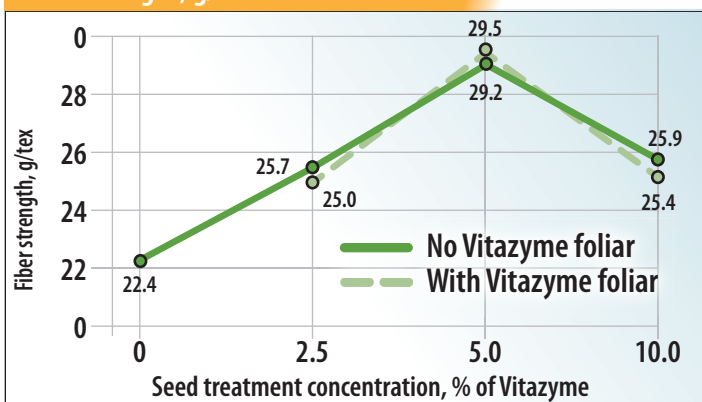
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Fiber length statistics

Length, mm 27.6
 F - value <0.001
 LSD, mm 1.2
 CV, % 3.0

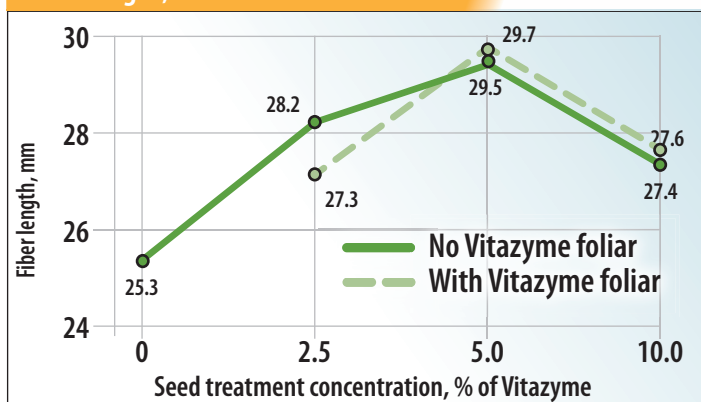
Vitazyme Effects on Cotton Lint Quality (August planting)

Fiber Strength, g/tex



Mean strength 25.6 g/tex
 LSD (0.05) 2.1 g/tex
 CV 5.6%

Fiber Length, mm



Mean length 27.6 g/tex
 LSD (0.05) 1.2 g/tex
 CV 3.0%

2016/2017 Trials

Location: National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute

Soil traits: unknown

Planting dates: July 2016, August 2016

Plot size: 5.2 x 4.2 m

Row spacing: 75 cm between rows, 30 cm in rows (eight rows)

Harvested plots: inner six rows

Seed lots: (1) Delinted commercial seed dressed with bronopol fungicide; (2) Undelinted seed locally ginned with no seed dressing

Fertilization: unknown

Planting rate: unknown

Variety: BPA 2002

Vitazyme applications:

• **Seed treatments:**

Concentrations of 0, 5, and 10% Vitazyme were prepared using 50 and 100 ml of product in 1.0 liter of water, and 5 kg of seed per liter of solution were soaked overnight and planted the next day. Seed for the 0% treatment was also soaked overnight.

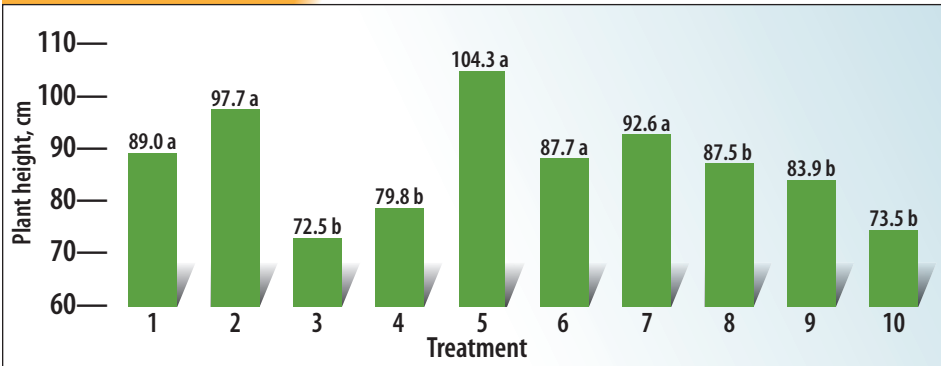
• **Foliar treatments:** 1 liter/ha of Vitazyme was sprayed to some treatments at full bloom and 30 days later.

| Treatment | Seed type | Seed Treatment | Foliar Treatment |
|-----------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Commercial | 5% | — |
| 2 | Commercial | 5% | 1 liter/ha |
| 3 | Undelinted | 5% | — |
| 4 | Undelinted | 5% | 1 liter/ha |
| 5 | Commercial | 10% | — |
| 6 | Commercial | 10% | 1 liter/ha |
| 7 | Undelinted | 10% | — |
| 8 | Undelinted | 10% | 1 liter/ha |
| 9 | Commercial | — | — |
| 10 | Undelinted | — | — |

Statistical analyses: Because the data from both plantings were similar, they were combined in the analysis of variance.

Plant growth results:

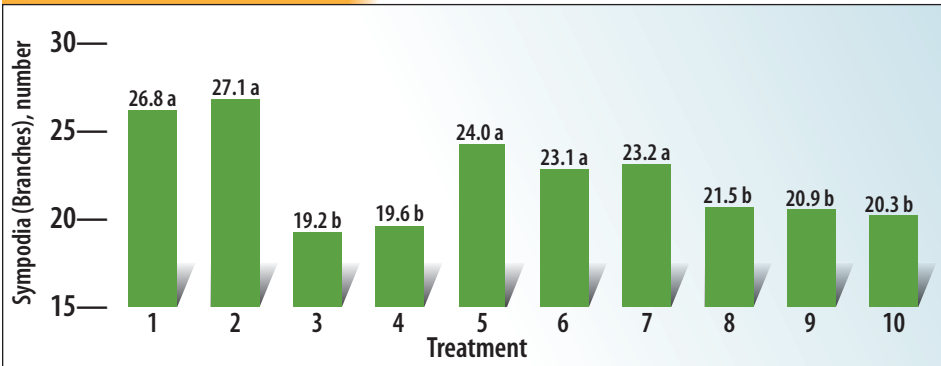
Plant Height, cm



Mean height 87.0 cm
 LSD 17.8 cm
 CV.....20.4%

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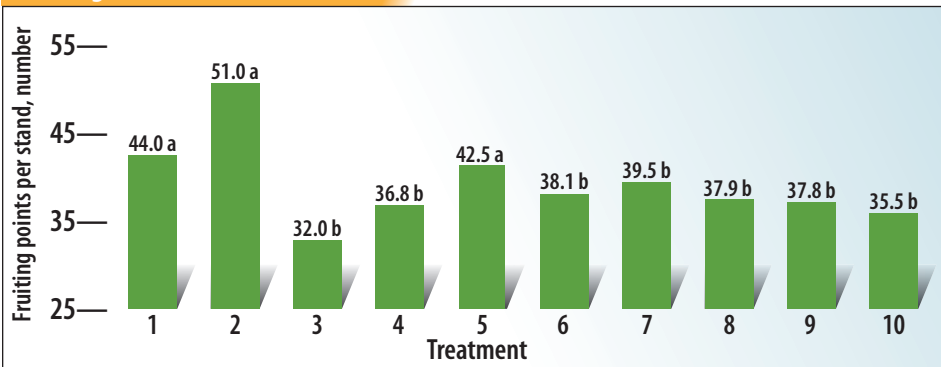
Sympodia (Branches), number



Mean sympodia 22.5 cm
 LSD 5.2 cm
 CV.....23.1%

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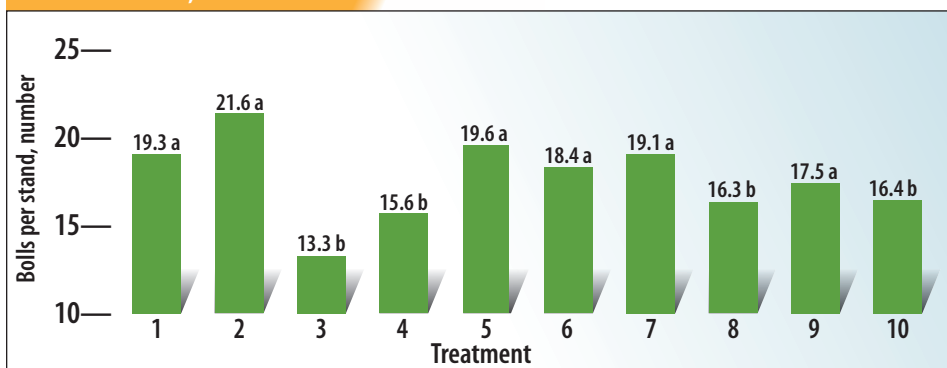
Fruiting Points Per Stand, number



Mean height 39.5
 LSD 10.3
 CV.....26.0%

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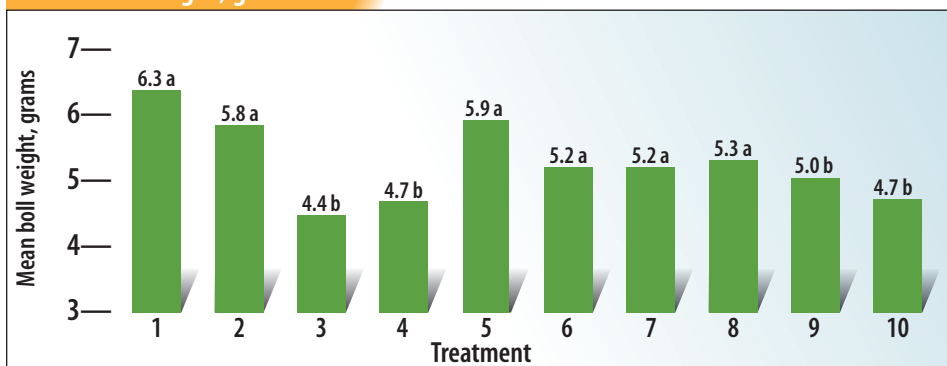
Bolls Per Stand, number



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Mean bolls per stand 17.7
LSD 4.4
CV.....24.5%

Mean Boll Weight, grams



Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.05 according to Duncan's Multiple Range Test.

Mean boll weight 5.3 grams
LSD (0.05) 1.2 grams
CV.....23.5%

Lint yield results:

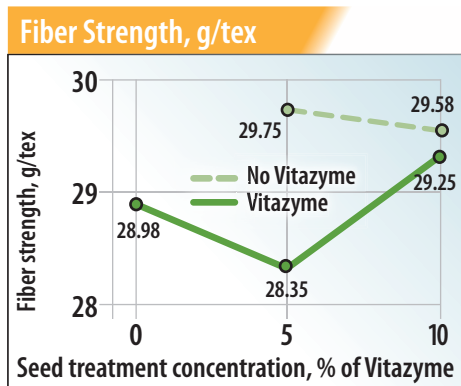
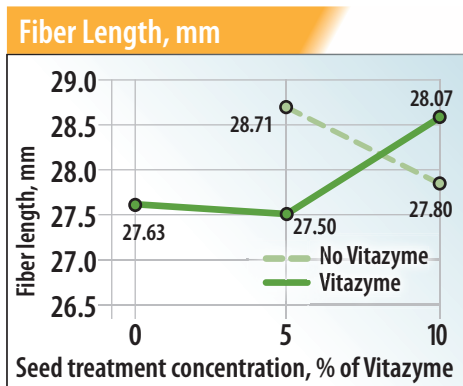
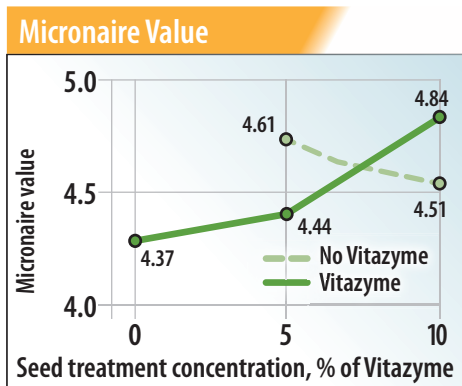
| Treatment | Lint yield | Change from control* | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----|
| | kg/ha | kg/ha | % |
| 1. Commercial, 5% seed | 2,656.6 a | +473.7 | +22 |
| 2. Commercial, 5% seed + foliar | 3,236.8 a | +1,053.9 | +48 |
| 3. Undelinted, 5% seed | 1,652.3 c | -434.9 | -21 |
| 4. Undelinted, 5% seed + foliar | 1,953.1 b | -134.1 | -6 |
| 5. Commercial, 10% seed | 2,514.8 b | +331.9 | +15 |
| 6. Commercial, 10% seed + foliar | 2,327.7 b | +144.8 | +7 |
| 7. Undelinted, 10% seed | 2,419.7 b | +332.5 | +16 |
| 8. Undelinted, 10% seed + foliar | 2,427.2 b | +340.0 | +16 |
| 9. Commercial | 2,182.9 b | — | — |
| 10. Undelinted | 2,087.2 b | — | — |
| Mean | 2,345.8 | | |
| LSD (0.05) | 638.71 | | |
| CV | 27.2% | | |

*The commercial seed untreated treatment (9) was used as the control for Treatments 1, 2, 5, and 6, while the undelinted treatment was used as the control for Treatments 3, 4, 7, and 8.

Average Vitazyme yield increase
with commercial seeds: 23%

Average Vitazyme yield increase
with undelinted seeds: 3%

Lint quality results:



Mean micronaire4.54
 LSD (0.05)0.46
 CV.....7.0%

Mean fiber length28.33 mm
 LSD (0.05)1.47 mm
 CV.....3.6%

Mean fiber strength...29.35 g/tex
 LSD (0.05)2.87 g/tex
 CV.....6.7%

2017/2018 Trials

Locations: National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute, and farmer or company fields at Torora, Kaliso, Serere, Lira, Kiryandonga, and Arua Districts

Soil traits: In the 0 to 15 cm horizon, pH was 4.3 to 6.3, organic matter 3.6 to 5.8%, N 0.19 to 0.27%, P trace to 13.8 ppm, Ca 1.5 to 6.1 ppm, Mg 0.63 to 2.30 ppm, and K 0.12 to 0.88 ppm. Most soils were moderately to strongly acid, except for Serere (6.3), and all soils were medium to very low in all nutrients.

Planting date: June 2017

Plot size: 6.75 x 5.00 meters , with two replications

Seed lots: Only commercial seed was used in these trials, treated with bronopol fungicide.

Fertilization: unknown

Planting rate: unknown

Variety: MS-2

Vitazyme applications:

- **Seed treatments:** Concentrations of 0, 5, and 10% Vitazyme were prepared using 50 and 100 ml of product in 1.0 liter of water, and 5 kg of seed per liter of solution were soaked overnight and planted the next day. Seed for the 0% treatment was also soaked overnight.

• **Foliar treatments:** Vitazyme was sprayed over the plants at 1 liter/ha at full bloom.

| Treatment | Seed Treatment | Foliar Treatment |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | — | — |
| 2 | — | 1.0 liter/ha |
| 3 | 5% | — |
| 4 | 5% | 1.0 liter/ha |
| 5 | 10% | — |
| 6 | 10% | 1.0 liter/ha |

Plant growth results:

| Sympodia Branches, number | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Treatment | Sympodia* | Sympodia change |
| 1 | 11.3 d | — |
| 2 | 13.8 c | 2.5 (+22%) |
| 3 | 15.0 b | 3.7 (+33%) |
| 4 | 17.8 a | 6.5 (+58%) |
| 5 | 15.6 b | 4.3 (+38%) |
| 6 | 14.0 c | 2.7 (+24%) |
| Mean | 14.6 | |

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| Statistics | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| P-values for treatments..... | <0.001 |
| P-values for locations | <0.001 |
| P-values for interactions | <0.018 |
| LSD treatments | 1.2 |
| LSD locations | 1.2 |
| LSD interactions | 2.8 |
| CV..... | 9.8% |

Sympodia increases with Vitazyme: 24 to 58%

| Plant Height, cm | | |
|------------------|---------|---------------|
| Treatment | Height* | Height change |
| | cm | cm |
| 1 | 93.9 e | — |
| 2 | 95.6 d | 1.7 (+2%) |
| 3 | 102.3 b | 8.4 (+9%) |
| 4 | 103.8 a | 9.9 (+11%) |
| 5 | 101.0 c | 7.1 (+8%) |
| 6 | 100.5 c | 6.6 (+7%) |
| Mean | 99.5 | — |

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| Statistics | |
|--|---------|
| <i>P-values for treatments</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for locations</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for interactions</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>LSD treatments</i> | 0.78 cm |
| <i>LSD locations</i> | 0.79 cm |
| <i>LSD interactions</i> | 2.04 cm |
| <i>CV</i> | 0.9% |

Increase in plant height with Vitazyme: 2 to 11%

| Cotton Bolls, number | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| Treatment | Bolls* | Boll change |
| 1 | 8.9 c | — |
| 2 | 10.3 b | 1.4 (+16%) |
| 3 | 11.4 b | 2.5 (+28%) |
| 4 | 12.3 a | 3.4 (+38%) |
| 5 | 11.8 ab | 2.9 (+33%) |
| 6 | 11.0 b | 2.1 (+24%) |
| Mean | 10.9 | — |

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| Statistics | |
|--|--------|
| <i>P-values for treatments</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for locations</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for interactions</i> | <0.012 |
| <i>LSD treatments</i> | 0.83 |
| <i>LSD locations</i> | 0.83 |
| <i>LSD interactions</i> | 2.04 |
| <i>CV</i> | 9.2% |

Increase in boll number with Vitazyme: 16 to 38%

| Cotton Fruiting Points, number | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Treatment | Fruiting points* | Points change |
| 1 | 23.2 d | — |
| 2 | 30.0 c | 6.8 (+29%) |
| 3 | 34.1 ab | 10.9 (+47%) |
| 4 | 37.2 a | 14.0 (+60%) |
| 5 | 33.6 b | 10.4 (+45%) |
| 6 | 29.8 c | 6.6 (+28%) |
| Mean | 31.2 | — |

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| Statistics | |
|--|--------|
| <i>P-values for treatments</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for locations</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for interactions</i> | <0.053 |
| <i>LSD treatments</i> | 3.4 |
| <i>LSD locations</i> | 3.4 |
| <i>LSD interactions</i> | 8.4 |
| <i>CV</i> | 13.2% |

Increase in cotton fruiting points with Vitazyme: 28 to 60%

| Seed Cotton Yields, kg/ha | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Treatment | Yield* | Yield change |
| | kg/ha | kg/ha |
| 1 | 878.5 c | — |
| 2 | 965.7 b | 87.2 (+10%) |
| 3 | 1,040.2 b | 161.7 (+18%) |
| 4 | 1,142.8 a | 264.3 (+30%) |
| 5 | 1,033.1 b | 154.6 (+18%) |
| 6 | 1,000.6 b | 122.1 (+14%) |
| Mean | 1,010.1 | — |

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| Statistics | |
|--|-------------|
| <i>P-values for treatments</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for locations</i> | <0.001 |
| <i>P-values for interactions</i> | 0.201 |
| <i>LSD treatments</i> | 83.7 kg/ha |
| <i>LSD locations</i> | 83.7 kg/ha |
| <i>LSD interactions</i> | 205.1 kg/ha |
| <i>CV</i> | 10.0% |

Increase in seed cotton yield with Vitazyme: 10 to 30%

Conclusions: Evidence is provided during the three years and from the different sites that Vitazyme improves cotton vigor and seed cotton yields in Uganda. Data from on-station trials in two seasons also showed that Vitazyme improves cotton fiber properties. It can be recommended that:

- a. Vitazyme may be registered in Uganda and added among the different products for use in cotton production.
- b. Seed dressing with 5% Vitazyme concentration is recommended for use. This may be followed by subsequent foliar applications of Vitazyme to cotton.
- c. Further studies on other application methods of Vitazyme, such as in-furrows and repeated foliar sprays will need to be done under Uganda's conditions.

- d. Possible use of Vitazyme in the production of many other crops grown in the country will need to be investigated.
- e. Measurements such as root and soil micro- and macro-diversities will need to be undertaken in Vitazyme studies, for a better understanding of Vitazyme's activities in Uganda's soils.

Especially noteworthy from the 2017/2018 multi-location trials was the revelation that a 5% seed treatment plus a 1 liter/ha foliar spray at full bloom gave great yield increases, averaging 30% across all six sites. This was a result of more sympodia (58%), greater plant size (11% greater height), more bolls (38%), and more fruiting points (60%).



Cotton with Vitazyme application

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Research organization: National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI) - SERERE, Soroti, Uganda

Location: NaSARRI station, Soroti, Uganda

Variety: BPA 2002

Row spacing: 75 cm

In-row spacing: 30 cm

Crop cycles: May, 2015 (Trial A), and August, 2015 (Trial B)

Experimental design: Two small - plot replicated randomized complete block design trials were set up with plots 5.25 x 4 meters to evaluate the effects of Vitazyme, in various applications, on the yield of cotton. A standard fungicide seed coat treatment was also used as a standard for comparison.

| Treatment | Vitazyme seed treatment | | | Vitazyme foliar spray (2 times) ¹ | | | Bronopal |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------|--|------------|-------------|----------|
| | 2.5% | 5.0% | 10.0% | 0.5 liter/ha | 1 liter/ha | 2 liters/ha | |
| 1. Control | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| 2. Low Vitazyme, seeds | x | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| 3. Low Vitazyme, seeds + foliar | x | o | o | x | o | o | o |
| 4. Low Vitazyme, foliar | o | o | o | x | o | o | o |
| 5. Medium Vitazyme, seeds | o | x | o | o | o | o | o |
| 6. Medium Vitazyme, seeds + foliar | o | x | o | o | x | o | o |
| 7. Medium Vitazyme, foliar | o | o | o | o | x | o | o |
| 8. High Vitazyme, seeds | o | o | x | o | o | o | o |
| 9. High Vitazyme, seeds + foliar | o | o | x | o | o | x | o |
| 10. High Vitazyme, foliar | o | o | o | o | o | x | o |
| 11. Fungicide | o | o | o | o | o | o | x |

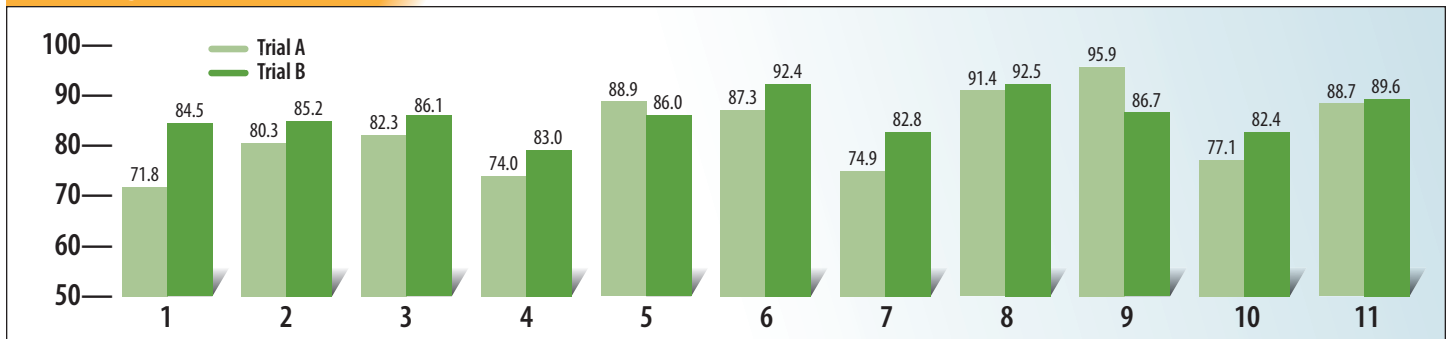
¹ Two applications, one at early bloom and a second 30 days later.

Fertilization: unknown

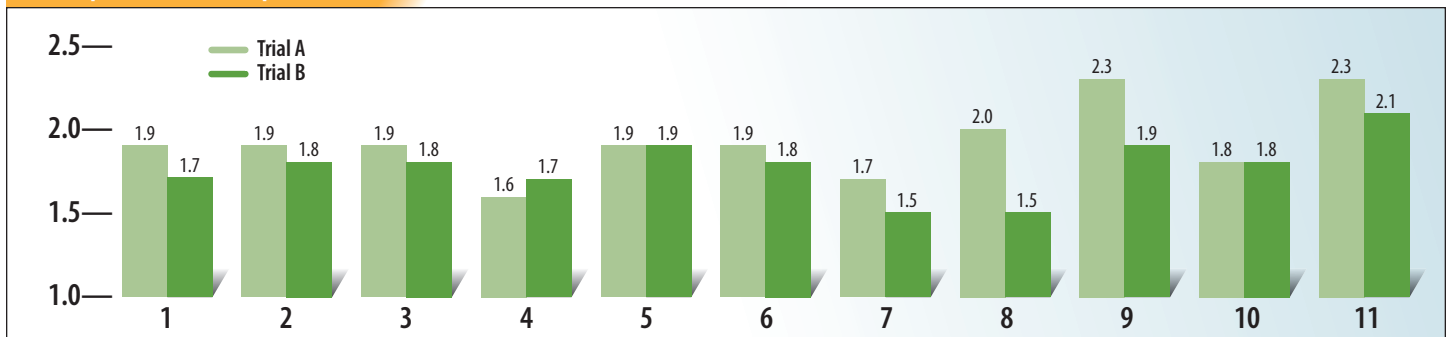
Vitazyme application: See above

Plant characteristics:

Plant Height, cm

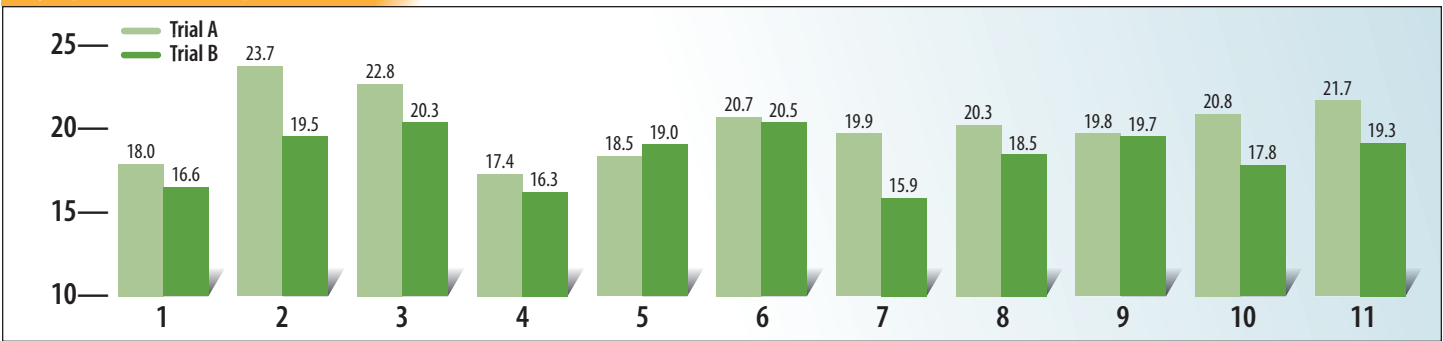


Monopodia¹, number/plant



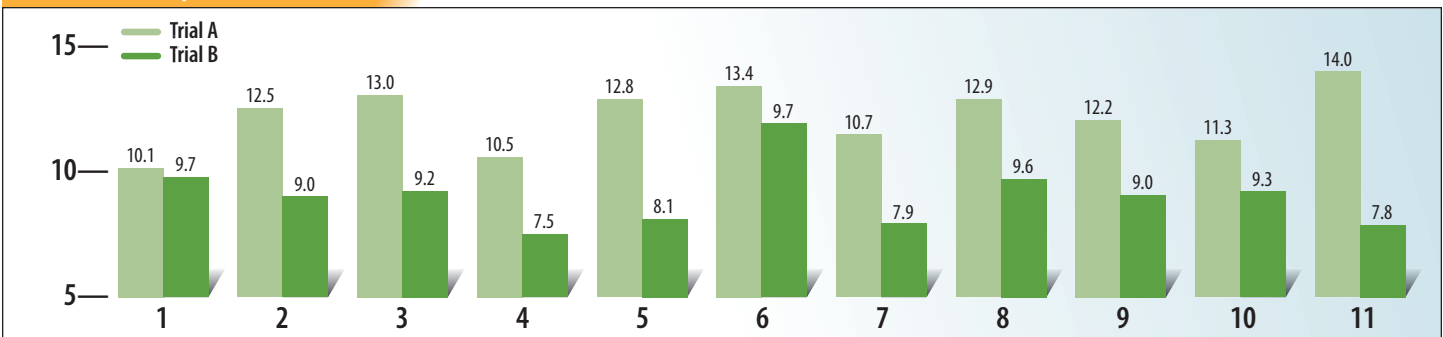
¹Main plant axes.

Sympodia², number/plant



²Side branches off the main axes.

Bolls, number/plant

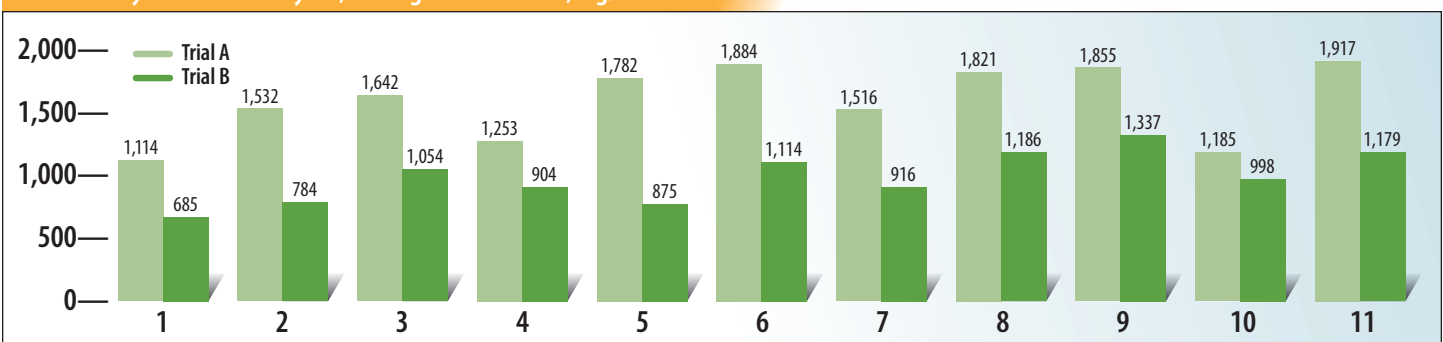


The height of the cotton plants from the fall planting were generally higher than for the spring planting, with notable exceptions for Vitazyme on the seeds (5%), and high Vitazyme levels on seeds and leaves. Monopodia values were generally higher for the May planting, as were the Sympodia, while boll numbers were without exception considerably higher for the

May planted trial. There was no discernible pattern of response for the various Vitazyme treatments, although the strictly foliar treatments without a seed treatment tended to have lower values for all growth parameters. The untreated control usually displayed the lowest values, while the standard fungicide treatment had high values.

Yield results:

Increased yield with Vitazyme, average of two trials, kg/ha



This review in Trial A of the Vitazyme treatments compared to the untreated control shows some significant points.

1. The seed treatment alone was highly effective, more so than the foliar treatment alone.
2. The optimum yield increase for the seed treatment was reached by about a 5% solution.
3. The combined seed plus foliar treatments yielded the best of all, reaching the maximum with the 5% seed treatment plus the 1 L/ha foliar spray; this gave a 69% yield increase.

The standard fungicide treatment provided a 72% yield increase above the control.

Some clear observations are apparent with Trial B yield results. This trial presumably experienced greater environmental stresses than did the earlier conducted Trial A.

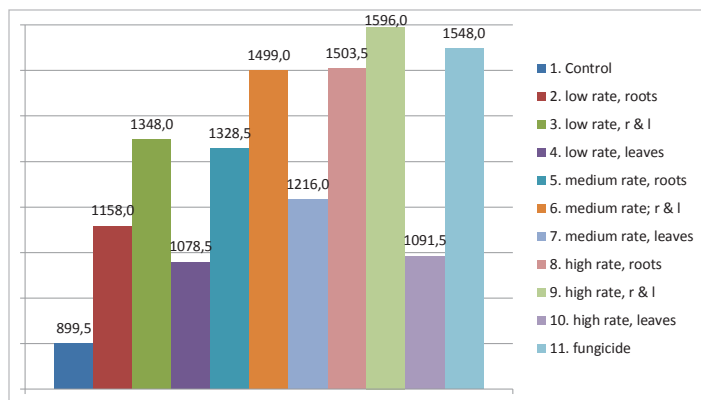
1. The seed treatment only yields escalated quickly with higher rates, moving from 14% at the 2.5% concentration to a 73% yield increase with the 10% concentration.
2. Foliar treatments were very effective, and increased yield from

32% at 0.5% L/ha to 46% at 2.0 L/ha.

3. The combined seed and foliar treatment produced profound yield increases that increased from 54% at the low rates to 95% at the high rates.

The fungicide treatment produced a 72% yield increase, which was less than the highest Vitazyme yield.

Lint Yield Results for the Two Combined Trials



Lint Yield (kg/ha) by Vitazyme rate level and target(s) in Uganda 2015 cotton trial (all treatments, except 4 & 10, were significantly different by Anova & LSD at P=0.05).

Increased yield with Vitazyme, average of 2 trials

Seed treatment only: 2.5%..... +29%
 5.0%..... +48%
 10.0% +67%

Foliar treatment only: 0.5 L/ha..... +20%
 1.0 L/ha..... +35%
 2.0 L/ha..... +21%

Seed + foliar treatment: Low +50%
 Medium +67%
 High +77%

Conclusion: This replicated cotton trial in Uganda, which compared low, medium, and high applications of Vitazyme to the seed and leaves only, and also to both, as compared to an untreated control and a fungicide treatment, revealed that Vitazyme produced consistently high yield responses for all applications. This was especially true for Trial B, which was presumably a more stressed trial judging by the lower yields compared to Trial A. In Trial B, yield responded dramatically to both the seed and foliar treatments alone—from 14 to 73%—but the combined seed and foliar treatments gave impressive yield responses of 54% at the low application rates, to 95% at the high rates. Trial A, which produced higher yields, increased yields by 47 to 69% with the combined treatments, while the seed treatment alone boosted yields by 60% with only 5% Vitazyme applied to the seeds alone; the foliar applications alone in this trial raised the yield somewhat less than did the seed treatment alone. The fungicide treatment increased yields by 72% for both trials A and B.

This cotton experiment was greatly hampered in its interpretation by the failure to include any combined fungicide–Vitazyme treatments. It is very possible that a synergism would have been detected with this combination. Until such trials are conducted, it can be said that Vitazyme is a highly effective asset for cotton producers in the semi-arid regions of Africa, doing as well as the standard fungicide treatment.

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2011 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Researcher: John and Matthew Wilde, with Eddie Pearson

Location: San Angelo, Texas

Variety: FiberMax 9170 B2F

Planting date: May 18, 2011

Experimental design: A 60-acre cotton field was divided into a Vitazyme + BR-61 treated area, and the remainder of the field was farmed conventionally. The purpose of the trial was to evaluate the effect of the products on cotton yield and growth characteristics.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: At planting, 5 gal/acre of a 32% N solution; at first square, 5 gal/acre of a 32% N solution; at first bloom, 5 gal/acre of a 32% N solution; at full bloom, 10 gal/acre of a 32% N solution; at full bloom, 10 gal/acre of a 32% N solution. BR-61, a Vital Earth soluble fertilizer (9-58-8% N-P₂O₅-K₂O + 0.12% Fe, 0.05%Mn, and 0.05% Zn) was applied through the irrigation water at 8 lb/acre at late bloom.

Vitazyme application: 8 oz/acre (0.7 liter/ha) twice during the growth cycle

Irrigation: buried drip tape under the rows through much of the growing season

Weather: extremely dry and hot: over 100 days of 100° F + heat

Growth results: The Vitazyme and BR-61 treated cotton was darker green and growthier, as can be seen from the photograph. More chlorophyll in the leaves resulted in greater and more vigorous growth.

At 85 to 95% open bolls, 19 plants were pulled from each treatment, and the bolls were counted.

| Treatment | Total bolls | Bolls per plant |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Control | 165 | 8.68 — |
| Vitazyme + BR-61 | 172 | 9.05 (+4%) |

**Increase in bolls per plant
with Vitazyme + BR-61: 4%**

Yield results: The harvest date was October 21, 2011. The yield for each area was not separated. An average yield of 2.15 bales/acre (1.075 lb/acre) was achieved with a grade of L 1.1, a staple of 35, leaf of 1.9, and Mic of 45.8.

Conclusion: This irrigated cotton trial at San Angelo, Texas, showed that two Vitazyme applications and one BR-61 application increased bolls by 4%, or 43 lb/acre more lint if the yield across the treated part of the field was increased by this much.

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2009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

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Location: Xinzhou, Jinshi, Hunan, China

Variety: Jingfeng 1

Planting date: April 14, 2009

Experimental design: A two treatment design with three replications was placed with a cotton field, each plot being 0.4 hectares. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the efficacy of this product to promote cotton growth, yield, and income.

1. Control

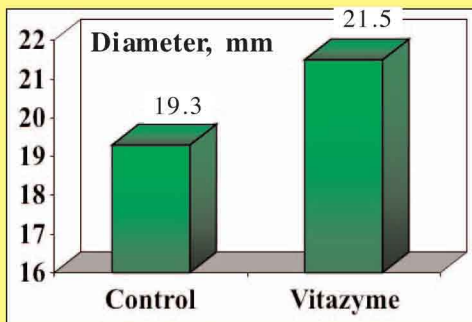
2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: (1) a seed soak of 5% Vitazyme for 5 minutes (April 14); 1.0 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil at early flowering (July 10)

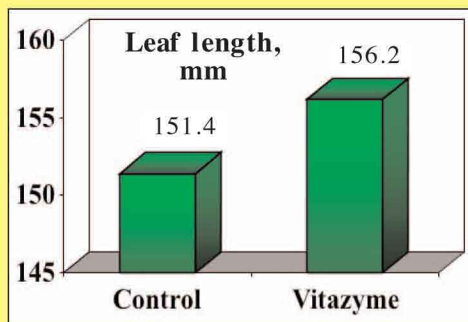
Growth results: The researchers observed stronger growth, thicker stems, larger leaves, more bolls, and a larger boll size with Vitazyme than with the control treatment.

Stem Diameter



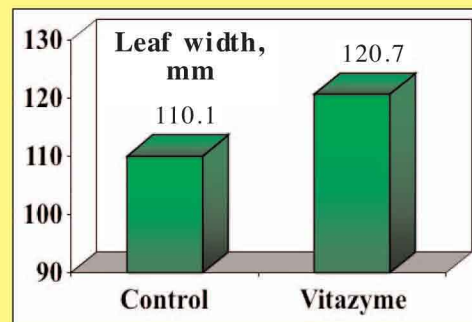
Increase in stem diameter with Vitazyme: 11%

Leaf Length



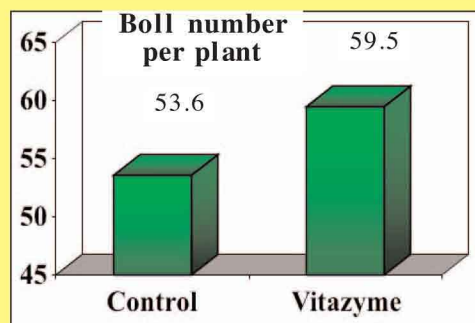
Increase in leaf length with Vitazyme: 3%

Leaf Width



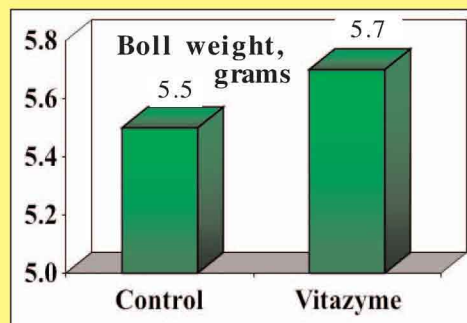
Increase in leaf width with Vitazyme: 10%

Bolls Per Plant



Increase in bolls per plant with Vitazyme: 11%

Average Boll Weight



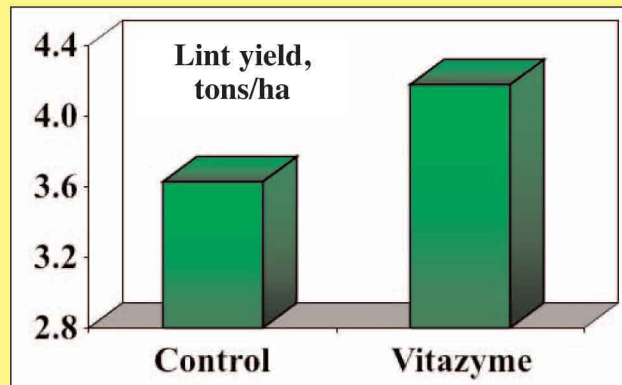
Increase in boll weight with Vitazyme: 4%

Harvest date: unknown

Yield results:

| Treatment | Yield | Change |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| | ----- tons/ha ----- | |
| Control | 3.63 | — |
| Vitazyme | 4.18 | 0.55 (+15%) |

**Increase in lint yield with
Vitazyme: 15%**



Income results:

| Treatment | Income | Change |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| | ----- RMB/ha ----- | |
| Control | 20,328 | — |
| Vitazyme | 23,408 | 3,080 (+15%) |

**Increase in cotton income
with Vitazyme: 15%**

Conclusions: This cotton trial in China revealed that Vitazyme greatly improved cotton growth in terms of stem diameter (11%), leaf length (3%), leaf width (10%), bolls per plant (11%), and boll weight (4%). These improvements led to a yield increase of 15% above the untreated control, and an income increase of 15%. These results show the great utility and profitability of this product for cotton in China.

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2007 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Farmer/Researcher: Blaine Middleton

Location: Lamesa, Texas

Variety: Delta-Pine 164 P2R

Soil type: Amarillo sandy loam and a lacustrine soil

Planting rate: 60,000 seeds/acre

Row spacing: 36 inches

In-row spacing: 4 plants/foot

Watering: center-pivot irrigation

Planting date: May, 2007

Experimental design: A cotton field circle was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas, with 10-acre side-by-side strips selected for a comparison of cotton yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: 600 lb/acre of 6-15-5-2% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-S preplant dry; 200 lb/acre of 33% nitrogen, side-dressed on July 3

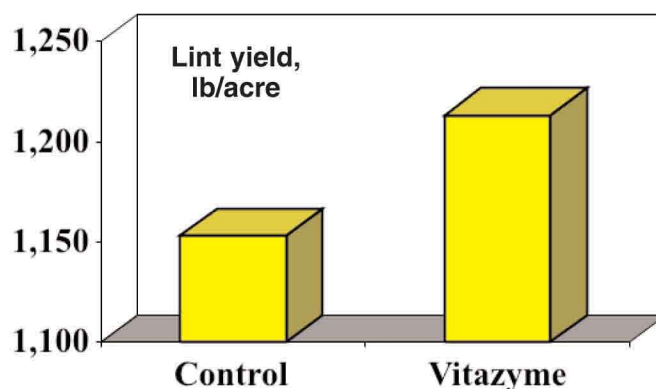
Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre at planting on the seeds; 13 oz/acre on the leaves on July 2 (first square).

Water treatment: Since the water is salty for this pivot, a Water Aquatron unit was used to electronically treat the water for improved yields.

2007 weather: a very good growing season with about 35 inches of rain for the year

| Treatment | Lint yield lb/acre | Change lb/acre |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Control | 1,153 | — |
| Vitazyme | 1,213 | 60 (+5%) |

**Increase in lint yield with
Vitazyme: 5%**



Ethylene, fertilizer, and fungicide treatment: ethylene, Vydate, and 1 lb/acre of 20-20-20% N-P₂O₅-K₂O applied on July 2, with Vitazyme

Harvest date: November, 2007

Yield results:

Conclusions: This cotton trial with Vitazyme on sandy loam soils in west Texas, using electronically treated irrigation water, provided a 5% lint increase with a seed treatment and a foliar application at first square. No seed yield had yet been determined when this report was submitted.

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2007 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton Texas A&M University

Researcher: Josh Bynum and Tom Cothren, Ph.D.
and Crop Sciences, College Station, Texas

Soil type: Weswood silt loam (pH, 8.1)

Planting depth: unknown

Row spacing: 40 inches

Experimental design: A site at the university's research field was selected that corresponded to the same location as an identical study in 2006. Plots were 13.3 (four rows) x 32 feet with a split-plot design, placing Vitazyme treatments in the whole plots, and nitrogen rates in the subplots. The two center rows of the four rows in each plot were harvested for lint yield determinations. Because there were about 30 lb/acre of residual nitrogen in the soils at planting and there could be no zero nitrogen rate, the four nitrogen rates ranged from 30 to 120 lb/acre. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the effects of Vitazyme on lint yield and quality, as well as various growth parameters, at four nitrogen levels.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Control + 30 lb/acre nitrogen | 5. Control + 90 lb/acre nitrogen |
| 2. Vitazyme + 30 lb/acre nitrogen | 6. Vitazyme + 90 lb/acre nitrogen |
| 3. Control + 60 lb/acre nitrogen | 7. Control + 120 lb/acre nitrogen |
| 4. Vitazyme + 60 lb/acre nitrogen | 8. Vitazyme + 120 lb/acre nitrogen |

Location: Texas A&M University, Department of Soil

Variety: Delta and Pine 164 Bollgard II/RR Flex

Previous crop: cotton

Planting rate: 52,000 seeds/acre

Tillage: conventional

Planting date: April 28, 2007

Fertilization: 30, 60, and 90 lb/acre of nitrogen applied before planting to appropriate plots to provide totals of 30, 60, 90, and 120 lb/acre nitrogen

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre on the seeds at planting (April 24), 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at early bloom (June 29), and 13 oz/acre to the leaves 28 days later (July 26)

Weather: Rainfall was above average and temperatures were average during the growing season.

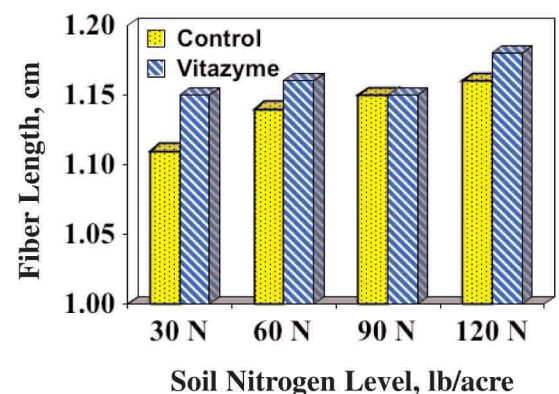
Harvest date: the first week of September (the 30 lb/acre N rate) to about September 19 (the 120 lb/acre N rate)

Lint quality results: Samples of the lint from each plot were sent to a testing laboratory to determine the diameter, length, uniformity, and strength of the fibers. There were no significant differences among the treatments for diameter and uniformity. There were significant difference, however, for fiber length and strength.

Fiber Length

| Treatment | Length* | Change** |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
| | cm | cm |
| 1. Control, 30 N | 1.11 c | — |
| 2. Vitazyme, 30 N | 1.15 b | 0.04 (+4%) |
| 3. Control, 60 N | 1.14 bc | — |
| 4. Vitazyme, 60 N | 1.16 ab | 0.02 (+2%) |
| 5. Control, 90 N | 1.15 b | — |
| 6. Vitazyme, 90 N | 1.15 b | 0 |
| 7. Control, 120 N | 1.16 ab | — |
| 8. Vitazyme, 120 N | 1.18 a | 0.02 (+2%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.05.
**Comparisons are made at the same nitrogen level.



Effect of Vitazyme on Fiber Length

| Treatment | Length* | Change |
|-----------------|---------|------------|
| | cm | cm |
| Control | 1.14 b | — |
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Increase in fiber length with Vitazyme: 2%

Effect of Nitrogen on Fiber Length

| Treatment | Length* | Change |
|--------------|---------|------------|
| | cm | cm |
| 30 N | 1.13 c | — |
| 60 N | 1.15 b | 0.02 (+2%) |
| 90 N | 1.15 b | 0.02 (+2%) |
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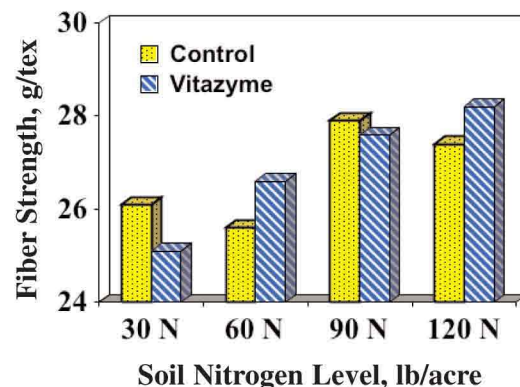
Increase in fiber length with nitrogen: 2 to 4%

Vitazyme increased fiber length significantly at 30 lb/acre nitrogen, and also increased the length at 60 and 120 lb/acre nitrogen. The overall effect was an increase in fiber length across all nitrogen treatments by 2% (0.02 cm). Nitrogen also increased fiber length as rates increased, by 4% (0.04 cm) at the 120 lb/acre rate.

Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change** |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| 1. Control, 30 N | 26.1 abc | — |
| 2. Vitazyme, 30 N | 25.1 c | (-) 1.0 (-4%) |
| 3. Control, 60 N | 25.6 bc | — |
| 4. Vitazyme, 60 N | 26.6 abc | 1.0 (+4%) |
| 5. Control, 90 N | 27.9 a | — |
| 6. Vitazyme, 90 N | 27.6 ab | (-) 0.3 (-1%) |
| 7. Control, 120 N | 27.4 ab | — |
| 8. Vitazyme, 120 N | 28.2 a | 0.8 (+3%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10.
**Comparisons are made at the same nitrogen level.



Effect of Vitazyme on Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| Control | 26.8 a | — |
| Vitazyme | 26.9 a | 0.1 (+3%) |

*No significant difference.

Vitazyme did not significantly increase fiber strength above the controls at any nitrogen level, but the single greatest strength was 28.2 g/tex with Vitazyme at the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate. Increasing nitrogen rates caused an increase in fiber strength by up to 9%.

Effect of Nitrogen on Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| 30 N | 25.6 b | — |
| 60 N | 26.1 ab | 0.5 (+2%) |
| 90 N | 27.8 a | 2.2 (+9%) |
| 120 N | 27.8 a | 2.2 (+9%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10.
**Comparisons are made with the 30 lb/acre nitrogen rate.

Increase in fiber strength with nitrogen: 2 to 9%

Statistical summary:

Partial analysis of variance for stand counts, plant height, total nodes, nodes above white flower (NAWF) and lint yield.

| Factor | Early Bloom (June 29) | | | Early Bloom + 28 Days (July 26) | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| | Stand Counts | Height | Node | Height | Node | NAWF* | Lint |
| | 10' row | cm | nodes/plant | cm | nodes/plant | value | lbs/acre |
| Control | 0.6717 | 0.0001 | 0.0419 | 0.0001 | 0.0002 | 0.0001 | 0.0174 |
| Nitrogen | 0.8403 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 |
| V*N | 0.9253 | 0.0126 | 0.0437 | 0.0046 | 0.5264 | 0.0001 | 0.0014 |

*Nodes above white flowers.

Mean separation for each factor (Vitazyme and nitrogen) for stand counts, plant height, total nodes, NAWF and lint yield.*

| Factor | Early Bloom (June 29) | | | Early Bloom + 28 Days (July 26) | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| | Stand Counts | Height | Node | Height | Node | NAWF | Lint |
| | 10' row | cm | nodes/plant | cm | nodes/plant | value | lbs/acre |
| Vitazyme | 41.25 a | 70.15 a | 14.05 a | 77.03 a | 17.51 a | 5.76 a | 979.19 a |
| No Nitrogen | 41.50 a | 65.96 b | 13.58 b | 73.06 b | 16.56 b | 5.47 b | 919.87 b |
| Nitrogen: | | | | | | | |
| 120 lb/acre | 41.63 a | 76.96 a | 15.05 a | 86.45 a | 19.13 a | 6.75 a | 1096.89 a |
| 90 lb/acre | 41.63 a | 72.04 b | 14.45 ab | 81.14 b | 18.43 b | 5.59 b | 1053.77 a |
| 60 lb/acre | 41.00 a | 69.73 c | 13.95 b | 75.64 c | 16.90 c | 5.20 c | 1046.04 a |
| 30 lb/acre | 41.25 a | 53.49 d | 11.80 c | 56.95 d | 13.70 d | 4.93 d | 601.42 b |

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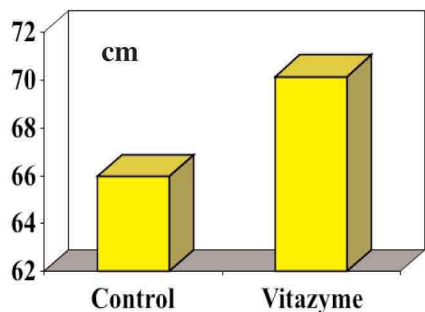
The above tables reveal that both Vitazyme and nitrogen significantly increased all growth and yield parameters for the season. Stand count was not significantly affected by either input. Of considerable interest is the fact that all parameters, except nodes per plant on July 26, showed a significant interaction between Vitazyme and nitrogen: i.e., Vitazyme boosted the response to nitrogen for these parameters.

Overall values for combined treatments were significantly boosted by Vitazyme (except stand count), while nitrogen in most cases increased parameter values, except for yield where only the 30 lb/acre N rate was significantly less than the higher three values.

Effects of Vitazyme Over All Nitrogen Rates

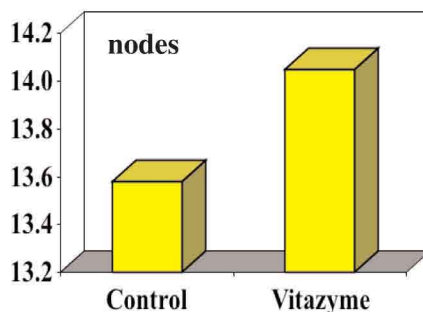
(All increases are significant)

*Height,
Early Bloom*



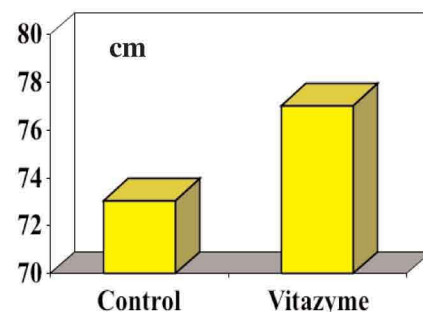
Increase with Vitazyme: 6%

*Nodes Per Plant,
Early Bloom*



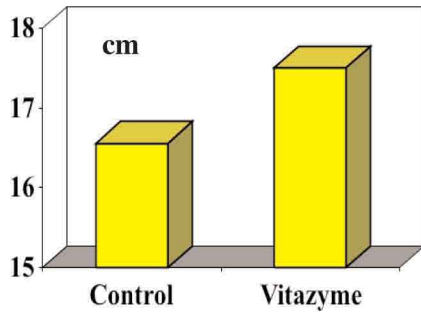
Increase with Vitazyme: 3%

*Height,
Bloom + 28 days*



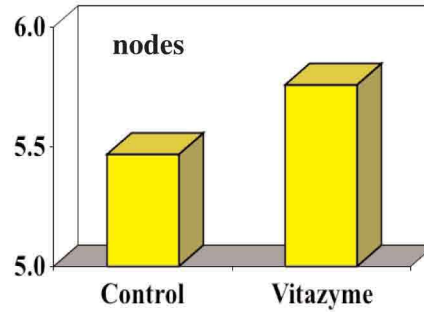
Increase with Vitazyme: 5%

**Nodes Per Plant,
Bloom + 28 Days**



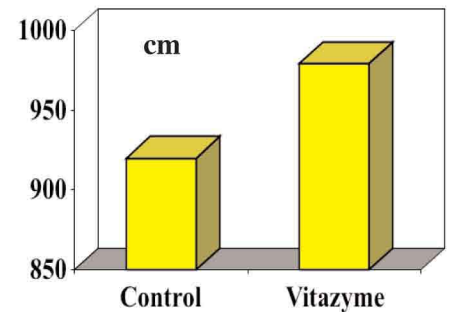
**Increase with
Vitazyme: 6%**

**Nodes Above White Flowers,
Bloom + 28 Days**



**Increase with
Vitazyme: 5%**

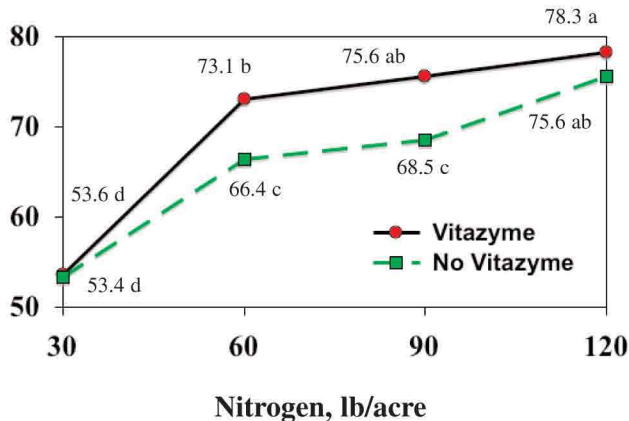
Lint Yield



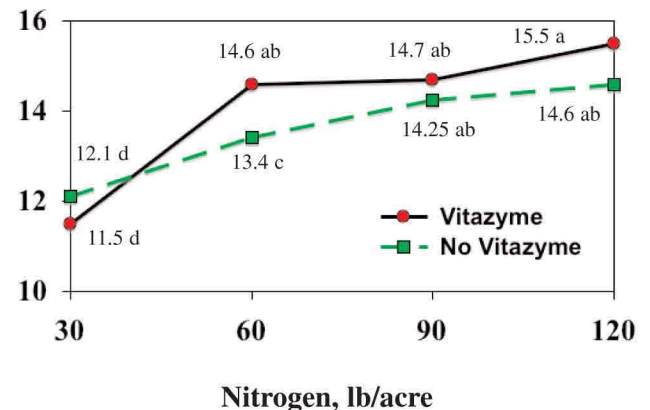
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Vitazyme effects at four nitrogen levels: There was no effect of either Vitazyme or nitrogen on any stand counts. For each nitrogen level, different letters indicate significant differences in the means.

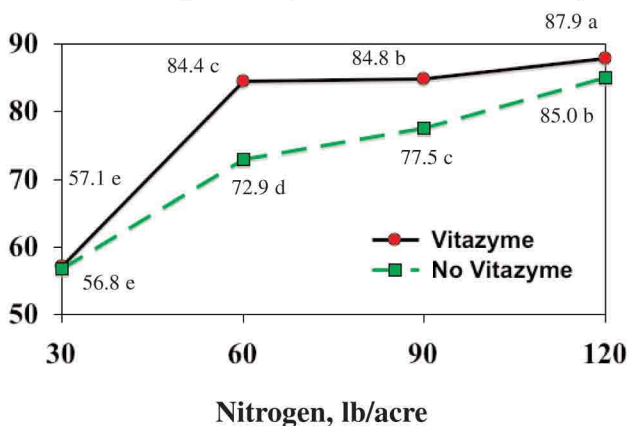
Plant Height (cm) - Early Bloom



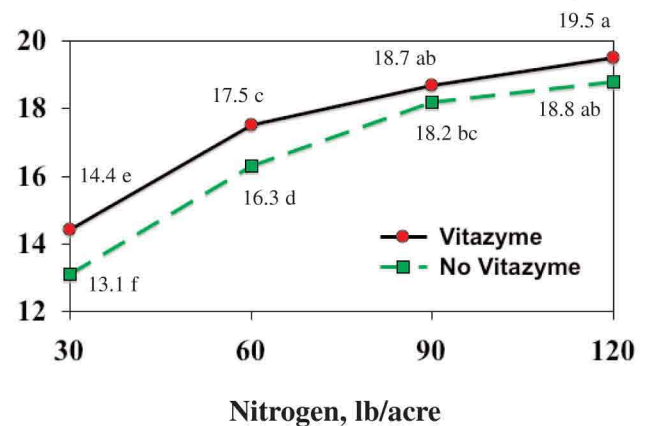
Nodes Per Plant - Early Bloom



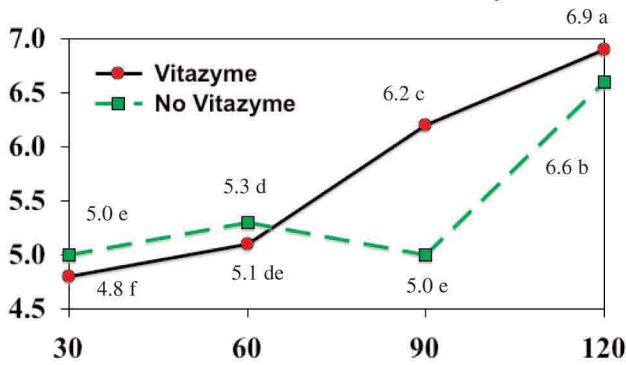
Plant Height (cm) - Bloom + 28 Days



Nodes Per Plant - Bloom + 28 Days



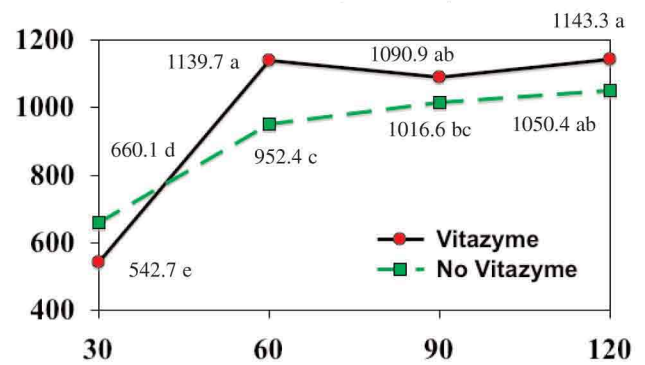
NAWF - Bloom + 28 Days*



Nitrogen, lb/acre

*Nodes above white flower

Lint Yield (lb/acre)



Nitrogen, lb/acre

Obvious in all of these six graphs is the effect of Vitazyme to significantly boost cotton growth and yield parameters above the untreated controls, at all but the 30 lb/acre N rate. The yield was somewhat less with Vitazyme at the 30 lb/acre N rate, presumably because the growth and nodes provided by Vitazyme could not be filled by an inadequate nitrogen supply. NAWF (nodes above white flower), a reliable indicator of final lint yield, was significantly greater than the control with Vitazyme at the higher nitrogen rates, and the final yields bore this out. These lint yields for the 60, 90, and 120 lb/acre nitrogen rates are summarized below.

| Nitrogen rate | Lint yield | | Yield increase with Vitazyme | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Vitazyme | No Vitazyme | lb/acre | percent |
| lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | percent |
| 120 | 1,143.3 | 1,050.4 | 92.9 | 9 |
| 90 | 1,090.9 | 1,016.6 | 74.3 | 7 |
| 60 | 1,139.7 | 952.4 | 187.3 | 20 |

Of considerable interest in this table is the fact that, at the 50% nitrogen rate (60 lb/acre), Vitazyme produced nearly an identical yield as did the 100% nitrogen rate (120 lb/acre) with Vitazyme. Moreover, the lint yield with Vitazyme at the 50% nitrogen rate exceeded the lint yield without Vitazyme at the 100% nitrogen rate by 89.3 lb. or 9%. This yield increase despite a reduced nitrogen application shows the capability of Vitazyme within the soil-plant system to promote the improved utilization of nitrogen.

Conclusions: This replicated cotton study at Texas A&M university revealed that Vitazyme significantly impacted all growth and yield parameters in a positive direction. Over all nitrogen levels, these parameters produced the following significant effects at P=0.05:

- Height at early bloom 6%
- Nodes per plant at early bloom 3%
- Height at 28 days after early bloom 5%
- Nodes per plant at 28 days after early bloom 6%
- Nodes above white flower at 28 days after early bloom 5%
- Lint yield 6%

The improved growth parameters translated into a 6% lint yield increase. Especially noteworthy is the fact that, at 60 lb/acre of nitrogen, Vitazyme increased the lint yield by an amazing 20% above the untreated control, this yield about equaling the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate yield and exceeding the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate alone by 89.3 lb/acre. This effect demonstrates the ability of Vitazyme to help the plant better utilize nitro-

gen, and allow the grower to reduce nitrogen applications without sacrificing yield ... in this case by reducing such applications by 50%. Yield increase with Vitazyme was 9% at the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate, and 7% at the 90 lb/acre rate. Nodes above white flower at 28 days after early bloom was an accurate predictor of final lint yield.

Fiber length was significantly enhanced by both Vitazyme (2%) and nitrogen (up to 4%), while fiber strength was improved by up to 9% by nitrogen. Vitazyme with the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate, however, produced the single greatest fiber strength value of any treatment.

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In-row spacing: 4 plants/foot

Planting date: May 28, 2007

Experimental design: A cotton field circle was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas, with 10-acre side-by-side strips selected for a comparison of cotton yield.

Location: Lamesa, Texas

Soil type: Pertullis and Amarillo sandy loams

Row spacing: 36 inches

Watering: center-pivot irrigation

1. Control

Fertilization: 600 lb/acre of 6-15-5-2% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-S preplant dry; 200 lb/acre of 33% nitrogen, side-dressed on July 3

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Water treatment: Since the water is salty for this pivot, a Water Aquatron unit was used to electronically treat the water for improved yields.

2007 weather: a very good growing season with about 35 inches of rain for the year

Ethylene, fertilizer, and fungicide treatment: ethylene, Vydate, and 1 lb/acre of 20-20-20% N-P₂O₅-K₂O applied on July 2, with Vitazyme

Harvest date: November 13

Yield results:

| Treatment | Lint yield | Change | Seed yield | Change |
|-----------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre |
| Control | 1,351 | — | 2,184 | — |
| Vitazyme | 1,396 | 45 (+3%) | 2,345 | 161 (+7%) |

Increase in lint yield with Vitazyme: 3%

Increase in seed yield with Vitazyme: 7%

Conclusions: This cotton trial with Vitazyme on sandy loam soils in west Texas, using electronically treated irrigation water, revealed a 3% lint and 7% seed increase with a seed treatment and a foliar application at early bloom.

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Fertilization: 30, 60, and 90 lb/acre of nitrogen applied before planting to appropriate plots to provide totals of 30, 60, 90, and 120 lb/acre nitrogen

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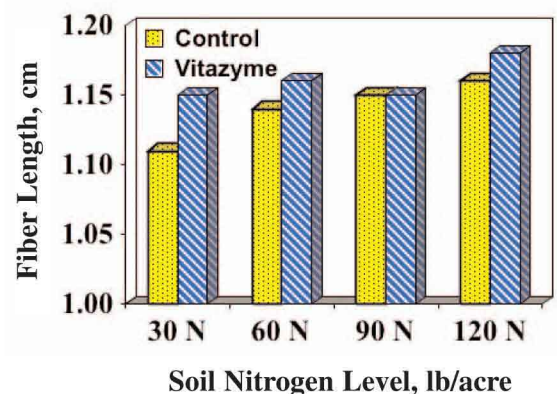
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Fiber Length

| Treatment | Length* | Change** |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
| | cm | cm |
| 1. Control, 30 N | 1.11 c | — |
| 2. Vitazyme, 30 N | 1.15 b | 0.04 (+4%) |
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Effect of Nitrogen on Fiber Length

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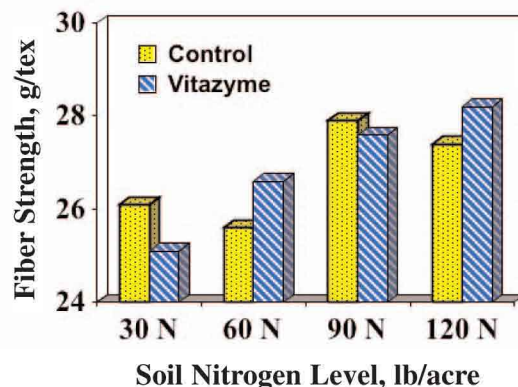
Increase in fiber length with nitrogen: 2 to 4%

Vitazyme increased fiber length significantly at 30 lb/acre nitrogen, and also increased the length at 60 and 120 lb/acre nitrogen. The overall effect was an increase in fiber length across all nitrogen treatments by 2% (0.02 cm). Nitrogen also increased fiber length as rates increased, by 4% (0.04 cm) at the 120 lb/acre rate.

Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change** |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| 1. Control, 30 N | 26.1 abc | — |
| 2. Vitazyme, 30 N | 25.1 c | (-) 1.0 (-4%) |
| 3. Control, 60 N | 25.6 bc | — |
| 4. Vitazyme, 60 N | 26.6 abc | 1.0 (+4%) |
| 5. Control, 90 N | 27.9 a | — |
| 6. Vitazyme, 90 N | 27.6 ab | (-) 0.3 (-1%) |
| 7. Control, 120 N | 27.4 ab | — |
| 8. Vitazyme, 120 N | 28.2 a | 0.8 (+3%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10.
**Comparisons are made at the same nitrogen level.



Effect of Vitazyme on Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| Control | 26.8 a | — |
| Vitazyme | 26.9 a | 0.1 (+3%) |

*No significant difference.

Vitazyme did not significantly increase fiber strength above the controls at any nitrogen level, but the single greatest strength was 28.2 g/tex with Vitazyme at the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate. Increasing nitrogen rates caused an increase in fiber strength by up to 9%.

Effect of Nitrogen on Fiber Strength

| Treatment | Strength* | Change |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | g/tex | g/tex |
| 30 N | 25.6 b | — |
| 60 N | 26.1 ab | 0.5 (+2%) |
| 90 N | 27.8 a | 2.2 (+9%) |
| 120 N | 27.8 a | 2.2 (+9%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10.
**Comparisons are made with the 30 lb/acre nitrogen rate.

Increase in fiber strength with nitrogen: 2 to 9%

Statistical summary:

Partial analysis of variance for stand counts, plant height, total nodes, nodes above white flower (NAWF) and lint yield.

| Factor | Early Bloom (June 29) | | | Early Bloom + 28 Days (July 26) | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| | Stand Counts | Height | Node | Height | Node | NAWF* | Lint |
| | 10' row | cm | nodes/plant | cm | nodes/plant | value | lbs/acre |
| Control | 0.6717 | 0.0001 | 0.0419 | 0.0001 | 0.0002 | 0.0001 | 0.0174 |
| Nitrogen | 0.8403 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 |
| V*N | 0.9253 | 0.0126 | 0.0437 | 0.0046 | 0.5264 | 0.0001 | 0.0014 |

*Nodes above white flowers.

Mean separation for each factor (Vitazyme and nitrogen) for stand counts, plant height, total nodes, NAWF and lint yield.*

| Factor | Early Bloom (June 29) | | | Early Bloom + 28 Days (July 26) | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| | Stand Counts | Height | Node | Height | Node | NAWF | Lint |
| | 10' row | cm | nodes/plant | cm | nodes/plant | value | lbs/acre |
| Vitazyme | 41.25 a | 70.15 a | 14.05 a | 77.03 a | 17.51 a | 5.76 a | 979.19 a |
| No Nitrogen | 41.50 a | 65.96 b | 13.58 b | 73.06 b | 16.56 b | 5.47 b | 919.87 b |
| Nitrogen: | | | | | | | |
| 120 lb/acre | 41.63 a | 76.96 a | 15.05 a | 86.45 a | 19.13 a | 6.75 a | 1096.89 a |
| 90 lb/acre | 41.63 a | 72.04 b | 14.45 ab | 81.14 b | 18.43 b | 5.59 b | 1053.77 a |
| 60 lb/acre | 41.00 a | 69.73 c | 13.95 b | 75.64 c | 16.90 c | 5.20 c | 1046.04 a |
| 30 lb/acre | 41.25 a | 53.49 d | 11.80 c | 56.95 d | 13.70 d | 4.93 d | 601.42 b |

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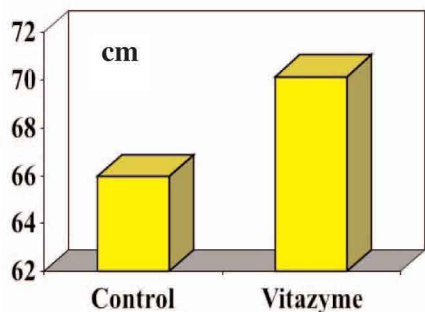
The above tables reveal that both Vitazyme and nitrogen significantly increased all growth and yield parameters for the season. Stand count was not significantly affected by either input. Of considerable interest is the fact that all parameters, except nodes per plant on July 26, showed a significant interaction between Vitazyme and nitrogen: i.e., Vitazyme boosted the response to nitrogen for these parameters.

Overall values for combined treatments were significantly boosted by Vitazyme (except stand count), while nitrogen in most cases increased parameter values, except for yield where only the 30 lb/acre N rate was significantly less than the higher three values.

Effects of Vitazyme Over All Nitrogen Rates

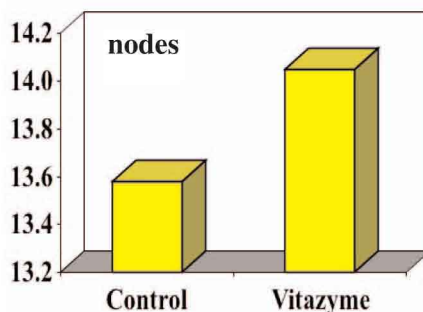
(All increases are significant)

*Height,
Early Bloom*



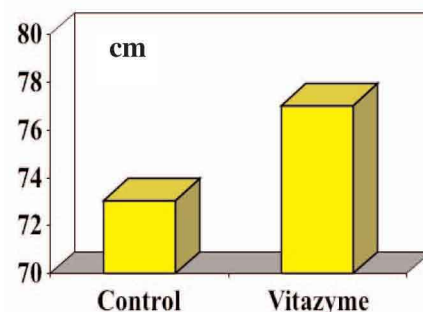
**Increase with
Vitazyme: 6%**

*Nodes Per Plant,
Early Bloom*



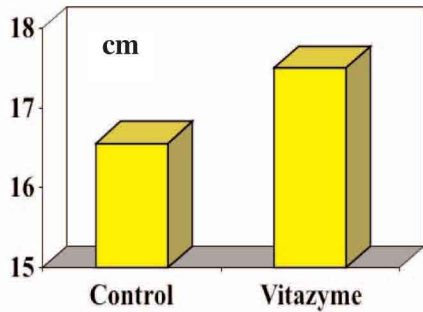
**Increase with
Vitazyme: 3%**

*Height,
Bloom + 28 days*



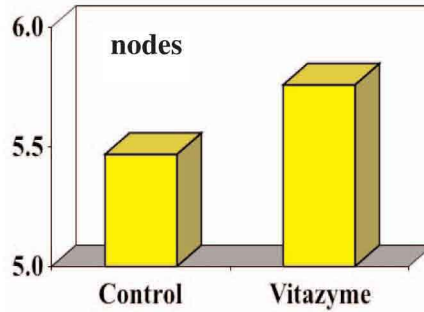
**Increase with
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*Nodes Per Plant,
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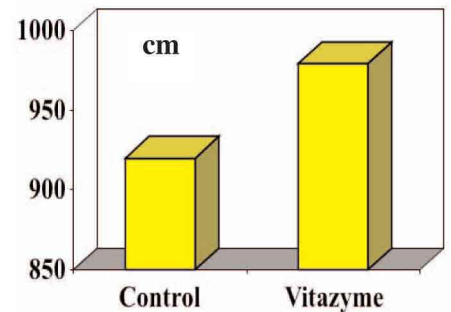
**Increase with
Vitazyme: 6%**

*Nodes Above White Flowers,
Bloom + 28 Days*



**Increase with
Vitazyme: 5%**

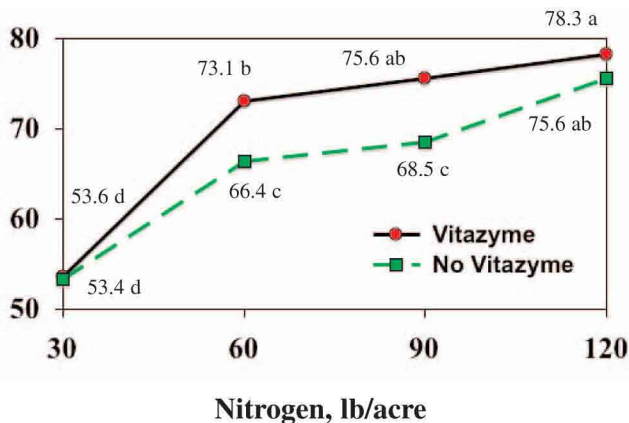
Lint Yield



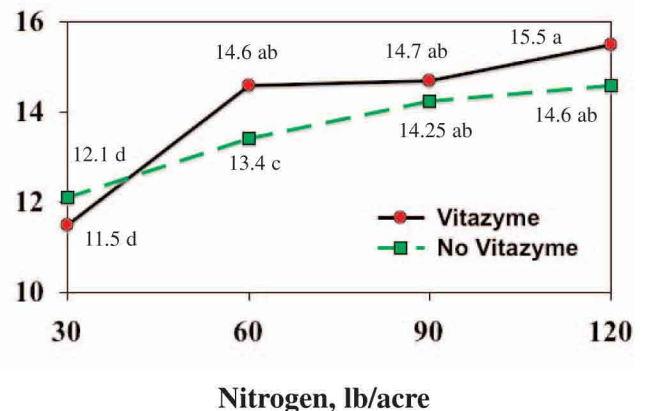
**Increase with
Vitazyme: 6%**

Vitazyme effects at four nitrogen levels: There was no effect of either Vitazyme or nitrogen on any stand counts. For each nitrogen level, different letters indicate significant differences in the means.

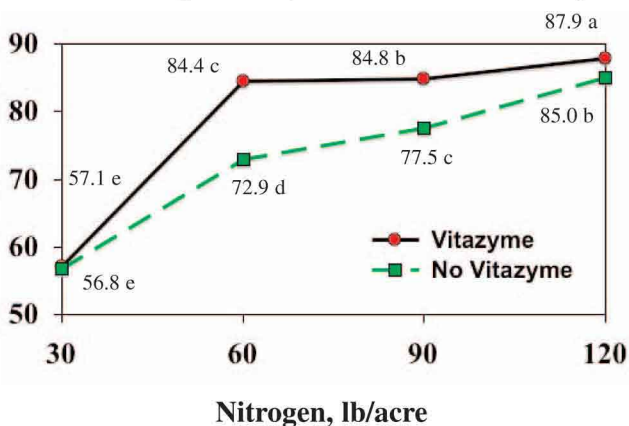
Plant Height (cm) - Early Bloom



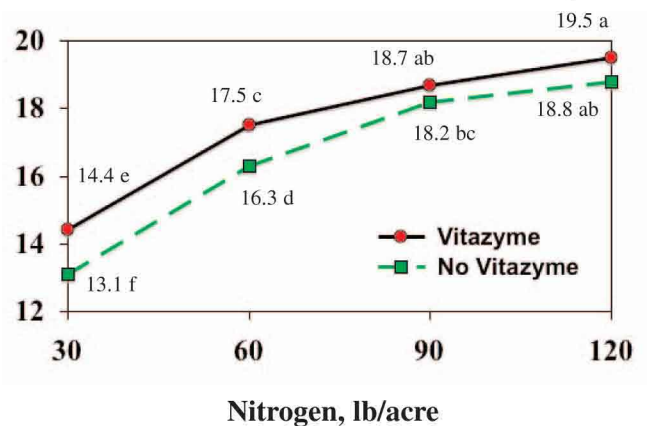
Nodes Per Plant - Early Bloom



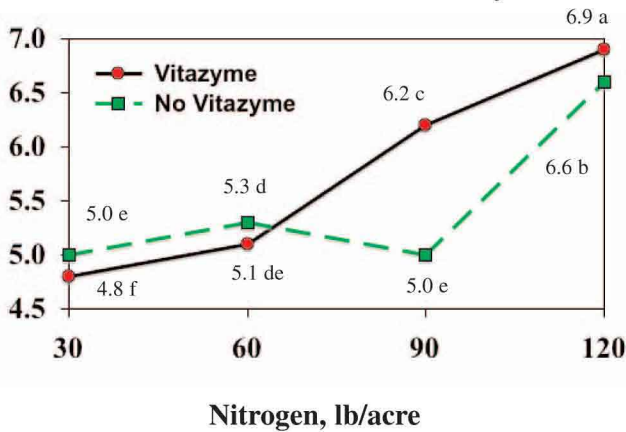
Plant Height (cm) - Bloom + 28 Days



Nodes Per Plant - Bloom + 28 Days

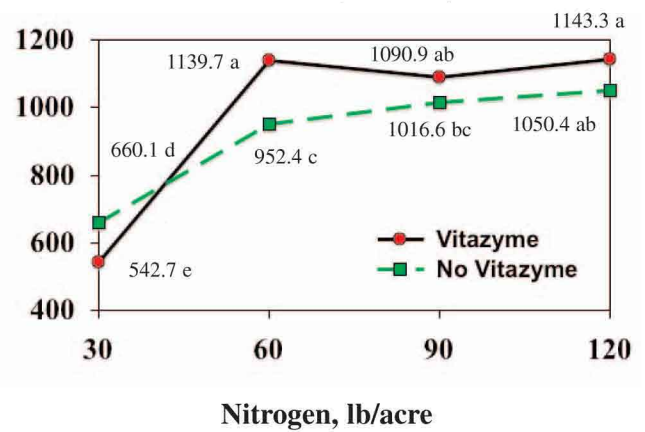


NAWF - Bloom + 28 Days*



*Nodes above white flower

Lint Yield (lb/acre)



Obvious in all of these six graphs is the effect of Vitazyme to significantly boost cotton growth and yield parameters above the untreated controls, at all but the 30 lb/acre N rate. The yield was somewhat less with Vitazyme at the 30 lb/acre N rate, presumably because the growth and nodes provided by Vitazyme could not be filled by an inadequate nitrogen supply. NAWF (nodes above white flower), a reliable indicator of final lint yield, was significantly greater than the control with Vitazyme at the higher nitrogen rates, and the final yields bore this out. These lint yields for the 60, 90, and 120 lb/acre nitrogen rates are summarized below.

| Nitrogen rate | Lint yield | | Yield increase with Vitazyme | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Vitazyme | No Vitazyme | lb/acre | percent |
| lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | lb/acre | percent |
| 120 | 1,143.3 | 1,050.4 | 92.9 | 9 |
| 90 | 1,090.9 | 1,016.6 | 74.3 | 7 |
| 60 | 1,139.7 | 952.4 | 187.3 | 20 |

Of considerable interest in this table is the fact that, at the 50% nitrogen rate (60 lb/acre), Vitazyme produced nearly an identical yield as did the 100% nitrogen rate (120 lb/acre) with Vitazyme. Moreover, the lint yield with Vitazyme at the 50% nitrogen rate exceeded the lint yield without Vitazyme at the 100% nitrogen rate by 89.3 lb. or 9%. This yield increase despite a reduced nitrogen application shows the capability of Vitazyme within the soil-plant system to promote the improved utilization of nitrogen.

Conclusions: This replicated cotton study at Texas A&M university revealed that Vitazyme significantly impacted all growth and yield parameters in a positive direction. Over all nitrogen levels, these parameters produced the following significant effects at P=0.05:

- Height at early bloom 6%
- Nodes per plant at early bloom 3%
- Height at 28 days after early bloom 5%
- Nodes per plant at 28 days after early bloom 6%
- Nodes above white flower at 28 days after early bloom 5%
- Lint yield 6%

The improved growth parameters translated into a 6% lint yield increase. Especially noteworthy is the fact that, at 60 lb/acre of nitrogen, Vitazyme increased the lint yield by an amazing 20% above the untreated control, this yield about equaling the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate yield and exceeding the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate alone by 89.3 lb/acre. This effect demonstrates the ability of Vitazyme to help the plant better utilize nitro-

gen, and allow the grower to reduce nitrogen applications without sacrificing yield ... in this case by reducing such applications by 50%. Yield increase with Vitazyme was 9% at the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate, and 7% at the 90 lb/acre rate. Nodes above white flower at 28 days after early bloom was an accurate predictor of final lint yield.

Fiber length was significantly enhanced by both Vitazyme (2%) and nitrogen (up to 4%), while fiber strength was improved by up to 9% by nitrogen. Vitazyme with the 120 lb/acre nitrogen rate, however, produced the single greatest fiber strength value of any treatment.

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2006 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton Texas A&M University

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Soil type: Weswood silt loam (pH, 8.1)

Planting depth: unknown

Row spacing: 40 inches

Experimental design: A site at the university's research field was selected for the study, and plots 13.3 (four rows) x 32 feet were established with a split-plot design, placing Vitazyme treatments in the whole plots, and nitrogen rates in the subplots. The two center rows of the four rows in each plot were harvested for lint yield determinations. Because there were 30 lb/acre of residual nitrogen in the soils at planting and there could be no zero nitrogen rate, the four nitrogen rates ranged from 30 to 120 lb/acre. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the effects of Vitazyme on lint yield and quality, as well as various growth parameters, at four nitrogen levels.

1. Control + 30 lb/acre nitrogen
2. Vitazyme + 30 lb/acre nitrogen
3. Control + 60 lb/acre nitrogen
4. Vitazyme + 60 lb/acre nitrogen
5. Control + 90 lb/acre nitrogen
6. Vitazyme + 90 lb/acre nitrogen
7. Control + 120 lb/acre nitrogen
8. Vitazyme + 120 lb/acre nitrogen

Location: Texas A&M University, Department of Soil

Variety: Delta and Pine 164 Bollgard II/RR Flex

Previous crop: cotton

Planting rate: 52,000 seeds/acre

Tillage: conventional

Fertilization: 30, 60, and 90 lb/acre of nitrogen applied before planting to appropriate plots to provide totals of 30, 60, 90, and 120 lb/acre nitrogen

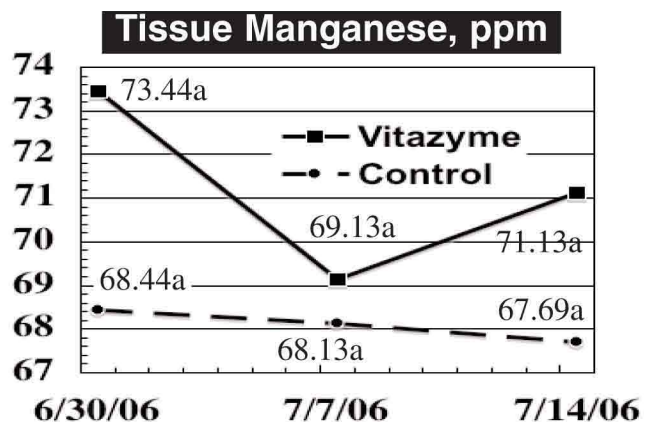
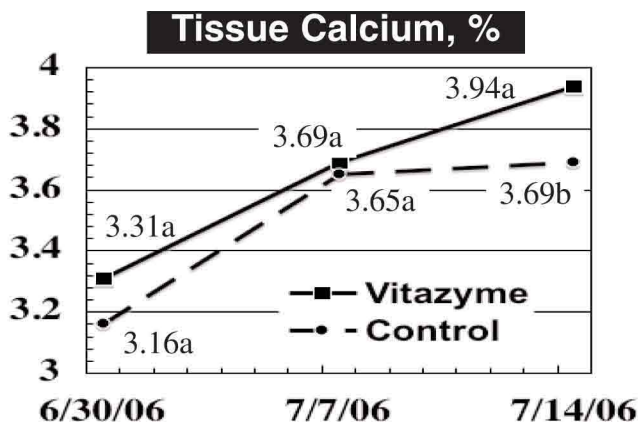
Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre on the seeds at planting, 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at early bloom (June 26), and 13 oz/acre to the leaves at the cracked boll stage (July 25)

Weather: Rainfall was adequate and temperatures were somewhat above average during the growing season.

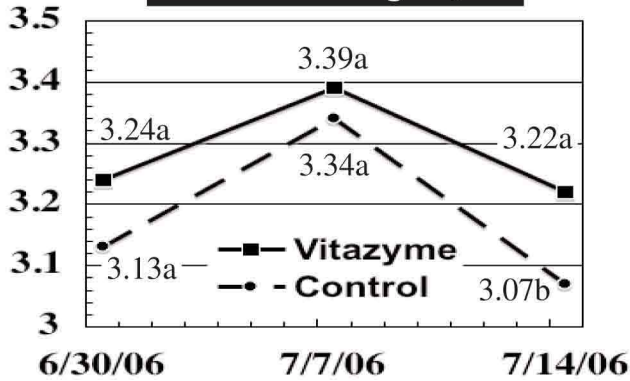
Harvest date: the last part of August to September 11, 2006

Foliar analyses: Leaf samples were collected from each plot on June 30, July 7, and July 14 to determine chlorophyll, nitrogen, and elemental levels. Not all results are included below, in particular those that produced no significant increase or interaction.

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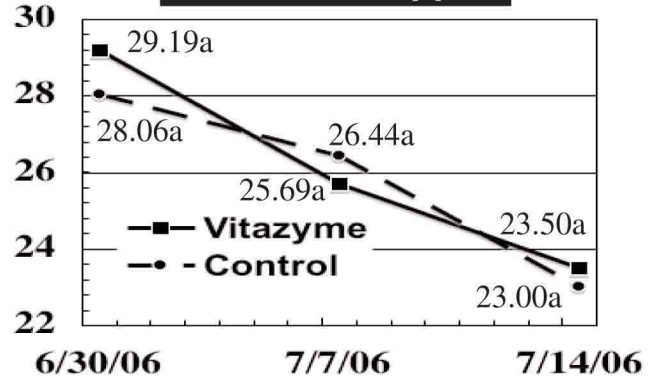


Tissue Nitrogen, %



Positive interaction of Vitazyme with fertilizer N ($P = 0.0001$).

Tissue Zinc, ppm

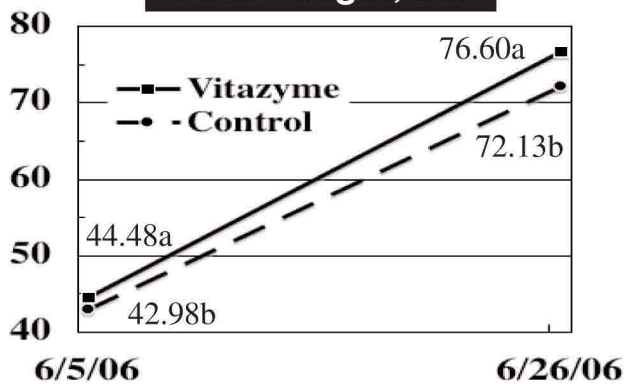


Positive interaction of Vitazyme with fertilizer N ($P = 0.0001$).

Some of the leaf analysis parameters showed increases and positive interactions with Vitazyme. Nitrogen additions caused many significant increases in leaf elements including chlorophyll, N, K, Ca, Zn, Fe, Cu, and Mn.

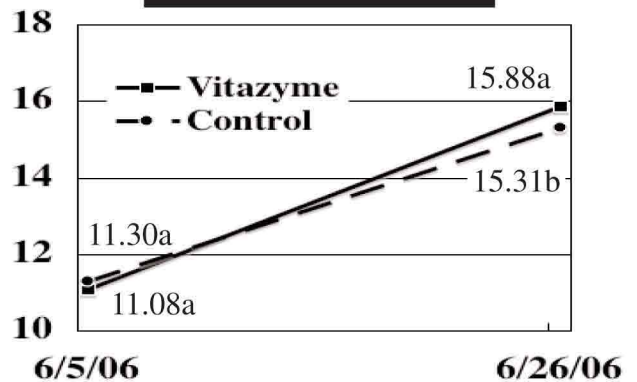
Growth parameters:

Plant Height, cm



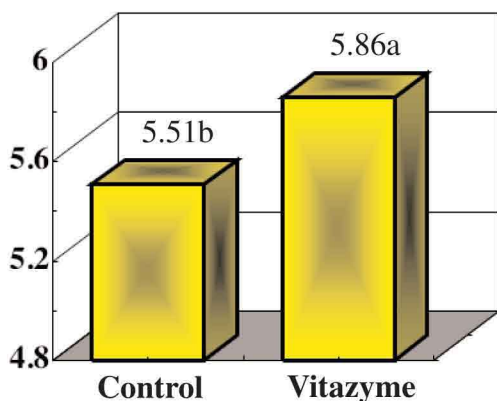
Positive interaction of Vitazyme with fertilizer N on June 26 ($P = 0.0061$).

Nodes Per Plant



Positive interaction of Vitazyme with fertilizer N on June 26 ($P = 0.0006$).

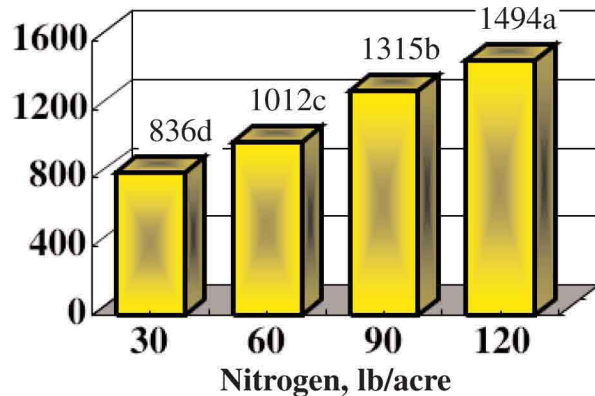
Nodes Above White Flower On June 26



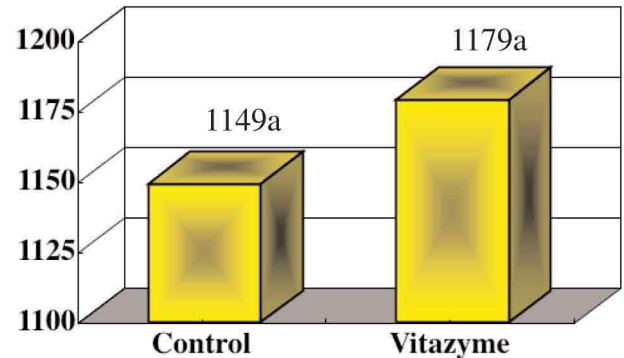
Positive interaction of Vitazyme with fertilizer N on June 26 ($P = 0.0143$).

Vitazyme significantly increased plant height and node number over the period of June 5 to 26. Also, on June 26 the number of nodes above white flower were significantly greater for Vitazyme than for the control. "Nodes above white flower" is an indicator of ultimate yield potential for the cotton plant.

Lint Yield Increase With Nitrogen, lb/acre



Lint Yield Increase With Vitazyme, lb/acre



Increase in lint yield with Vitazyme: 3%

Vitazyme increased lint yield in a linear fashion with nitrogen fertilizer additions. With Vitazyme, over all nitrogen levels, the lint yield increased by 30 lb/acre, a 3% increase.

Conclusions: The replicated cotton trial in southern Texas, using four nitrogen levels and Vitazyme or no Vitazyme at each level, revealed that nitrogen uniformly increased the yield of lint, while *Vitazyme also increased the lint yield (3%)*. While this yield increase was not significant at $P=0.05$, *the yield indicator of “nodes above white flower” was significantly greater than the control with Vitazyme, showing the product’s potential to significantly improve yields in most situations*. Nitrogen also significantly increased several leaf nutrient elements at three sampling dates, while Vitazyme also significantly increased leaf nitrogen, calcium, and zinc; *there were positive interactions with nitrogen and Vitazyme for leaf nitrogen and leaf zinc*.

Nodes per plant, plant height, and nodes above white flower — a figure denoting yield potential — were all significantly increased with Vitazyme, and for all three of these growth parameters there were significant positive interactions.

Fiber analyses will be completed in November of 2006 and included with future editions of this report.

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2006 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton, a Seed Germination and Seedling Study

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Location: University of Mysore, Mysore, India

Variety: LRA-5166 from the seed storage division of the University of Mysore

Experimental design: Various Vitazyme dilutions were prepared for seed soaking, and after drying were used to test seed germination, seedling vigor, seed mycoflora, field emergence, and dry seedling weight. Standard statistical methods were used for analysis of variance, and Duncan's Multiple Range Test at P=0.05 was used to compare treatment means.

Vitazyme treatment: Dilutions were used as follows: 0 (control), 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25, and 30%, prepared with sterile distilled water. Seeds were soaked at 26°C for 6 hours on a rotary shaker at 100 rpm, and then blot dried.

Seed Germination and Seedling Vigor

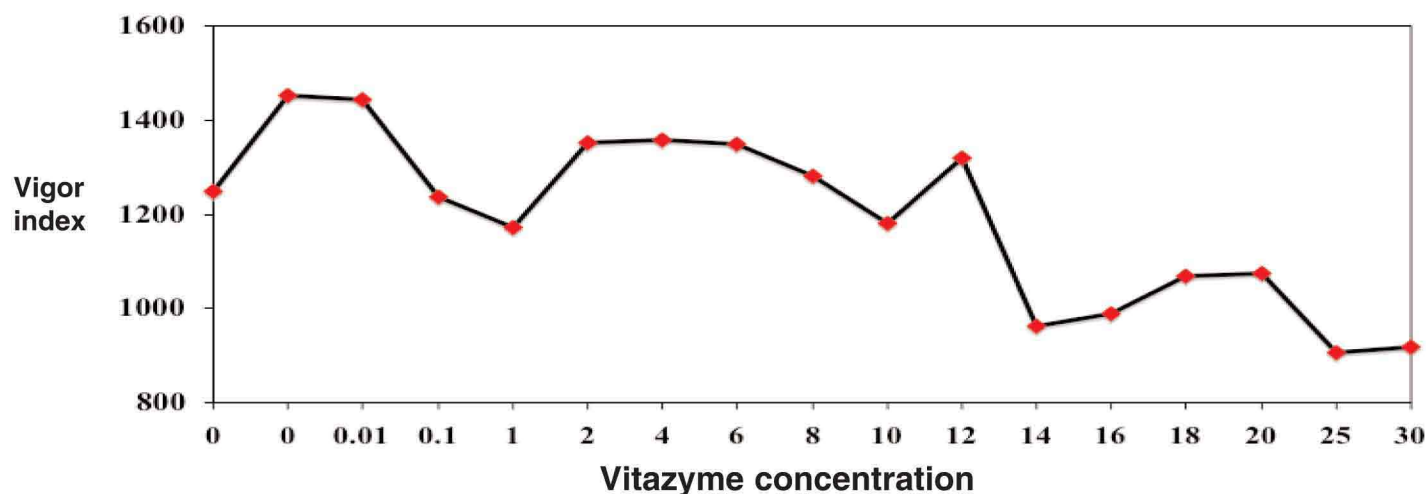
Methods recommended by the International Seed Testing Association were used. Seeds were rolled up on wet germination sheets and incubated in a seed germinator at 27±2°C. Germination was determined as the percent of seeds sprouted and the vigor index was calculated as (mean root length + mean shoot length)(% germination). There were 4 replicates of 100 seeds each, repeated three times.

| Vitazyme Concentration | Germination (%) | MRL (CMS) | MSL (CMS) | Vigor index |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Control | 63 ^{ab} | 8.9±0.3 ^{abcd} | 10.9±1.2 ^{abd} | 1249 ^{def} |
| 0.001 | 68 ^{ab} | 9.7±0.5 ^{ab} | 11.8±0.5 ^a | 1453 ^a |
| 0.01 | 68 ^{ab} | 9.5±0.4 ^{abc} | 11.5±0.2 ^{ab} | 1444 ^a |
| 0.1 | 60 ^{ab} | 9.5±0.4 ^{abc} | 11.1±0.4 ^a | 1236 ^{efg} |
| 1 | 60 ^{ab} | 9.1±0.4 ^{abcd} | 10.3±0.3 ^{abdef} | 1172 ^g |
| 2 | 66 ^{ab} | 10.1±0.3 ^a | 10.3±0.5 ^{abdef} | 1353 ^{bc} |
| 4 | 68 ^{ab} | 9.1±0.3 ^{abcd} | 10.9±0.5 ^{abc} | 1359 ^b |
| 6 | 67 ^{ab} | 9.4±0.4 ^{abc} | 10.8±0.1 ^{abcd} | 1350 ^{bc} |
| 8 | 68 ^{ab} | 8.7±0.2 ^{bcd} | 10.1±0.3 ^{bcdef} | 1280 ^{cde} |
| 10 | 65 ^{ab} | 8.0±0.5 ^d | 10.3±0.3 ^{bcdef} | 1182 ^{fg} |
| 12 | 70 ^{ab} | 8.3±0.2 ^{cd} | 10.4±0.2 ^{abcde} | 1319 ^{bcd} |
| 14 | 57 ^{ab} | 6.8±0.4 ^e | 10.0±0.3 ^{bcdef} | 963 ^{ij} |
| 16 | 65 ^{ab} | 5.8±0.2 ^{ef} | 9.3±0.4 ^{def} | 990 ⁱ |
| 18 | 68 ^{ab} | 6.2±0.3 ^{ef} | 9.4±0.3 ^{cdef} | 1070 ^h |
| 20 | 69 ^{ab} | 6.1±0.1 ^{ef} | 9.4±0.2 ^{cdef} | 1075 ^h |
| 25 | 63 ^{ab} | 5.5±0.5 ^f | 8.8±0.2 ^f | 906 ^j |
| 30 | 63 ^{ab} | 5.3±0.5 ^f | 9.2±0.3 ^{ef} | 919 ^{ij} |

Values are the means of four replicates of 100 seeds each and repeated thrice.

MRL – Mean root length; MSL - Mean shoot length

Several Vitazyme treatments increased seed germination and vigor versus the control. The 0.001, 0.01, 4, 8, 18, and 20% dilutions gave 68 to 69% responses, compared to only 63% for the control, with vigor indices of up to 1453 (at 0.0001%) versus 1249 for the control. Concentrations of 14% or higher gave a reduced vigor index compared to the control.



Increase in vigor index at 0.001% Vitazyme: 16%

Seed Mycoflora (Fungi)

The Vitazyme concentrations showing the greatest increase in seed quality parameters were selected to use in this study. The soaked seeds were subjected to a standard blotter method for analysis of seed mycoflora. The seeds were incubated at 25±2°C and in 12 hours of light followed by 12 hours of darkness. After 7 days of incubation the fungi were examined with stereo binocular microscopes. Four replicates of 100 seeds each were repeated three times.

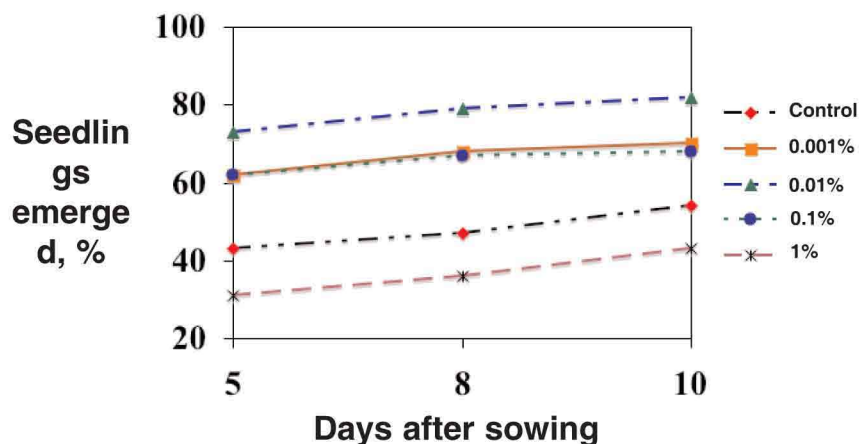
No significant changes were brought by Vitazyme in internal or external seed mycoflora.

Seedling Emergence

The same treatments used for the fungi tests were used in this evaluation. Seeds were sown in 20 x 30 meter plots using normal agronomic practices. Each treatment had four rows (each row a replicate) of 100 seeds each in a randomized block design for two seasons. Seedling emergence was recorded from day 3 to day 16.

| Days after sowing | Vitazyme concentration | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Control | 0.001% | 0.01% | 0.1% | 1% |
| | ----- seedlings emerged (%) ----- | | | | |
| 5 | 47±1.0 ^g | 62±2.0 ^d | 73±1.5 ^b | 62±1.0 ^d | 31±1.0 ^l |
| 8 | 47±1.1 ^f | 68±1.5 ^c | 79±0.5 ^a | 67±0.5 ^c | 36±1.5 ^h |
| 10 | 54±1.0 ^e | 70±0.5 ^{bc} | 82±1.1 ^a | 68±0.5 ^c | 43±0.5 ^g |

Values are the means of four replicates of 100 seeds each and repeated twice.



Only the three lowest concentrations of Vitazyme increased seedling emergence above the control, the best being the 0.01% seed soak. The 1% soak actually reduced emergence.

Increase in seedling emergence at 10 days after planting with 0.01% Vitazyme: 22 percentage points

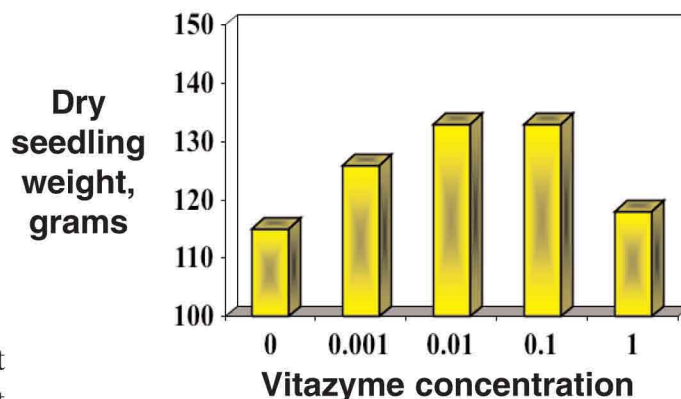
Dry Seedling Weight

Twelve-day-old seedlings were carefully removed from the soil and washed to remove soil particles, oven dried at 60°C for 48 hours, and weighed. Four replicates of 100 seedlings each were repeated three times.

| Vitazyme concentration | Dry weight* |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| % | grams |
| Control | 115±80.4 ^c |
| 0.001 | 126±108.1 ^{ab} |
| 0.01 | 133±113.2 ^a |
| 0.1 | 133±115.6 ^a |
| 1 | 118±96.5 ^{bc} |

*The mean of four replicates of 100 seeds each.

Vitazyme at 0.001, 0.01, and 0.1% gave significant increases in dry seedling weight, but a nonsignificant increase at 1%.



Increase in dry seedling weight (0.01 and 0.1% Vitazyme): 16%

Conclusions: For all parameters measured, Vitazyme significantly improved cotton germination and seedling performance above the untreated control, which received only distilled water. Especially effective were the 0.001 and 0.01% concentrations for germination and seedling vigor. These two concentrations, plus the 0.1 and 1% soaks, were used for the rest of the analyses, and displayed significant improvements in many cases in field seedling emergence and dry seedling weight, especially the 0.001, 0.01, and 0.1% dilutions. These results prove Vitazyme's great effectiveness as a seed treatment for cotton in India and other tropical countries.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Effects of a Late Application

Farmer/Researcher: W.H. Tackeberry

Variety: Delta Pine 444, Roundup Ready, Bt

Soil type: Dundee sandy loam, low fertility

Experimental design: A cotton field was treated the same way throughout the field, including Vitazyme applications, except for one area which received a late Vitazyme application..

Location: Kennett, Missouri

Planting date: May 6 and 7, 2005

Irrigation: center pivot

1. Vitazyme

2. Vitazyme + a late application

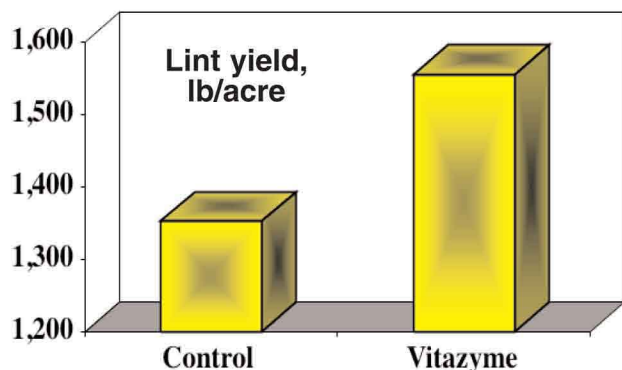
Fertilization: 85-60-0 lb/acre N-P₂O₅-K₂O dry spread after emergence

Vitazyme application: (1) Seed treatment, 5% solution on the seeds before planting; (2) 10 oz/acre banded at planting; (3) 5 oz/acre broadcast sprayed 3 weeks after emergence; (4) 5 oz/acre 3 weeks after application 3; (5) 5 oz/acre 3 weeks after application 4. The test area had an additional 11 oz/acre applied on August 8, just before boll cracking.

Sample harvest date: September 22, 2005

Yield and grain moisture results: Two replicates were harvested by hand — 50-foot-long row sections — of the treated and control areas, and lint weight was calculated

| Treatment | Rep I | | Rep II | | Average | |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| | Yield | Change | Yield | Change | Yield | Change |
| Control | 1,320 | — | 1,385 | — | 1,353 | — |
| Vitazyme | 1,560 | 240 | 1,550 | 165 | 1,555 | 202 (+15%) |



Lint increase with a late Vitazyme application: +15%

Income results: If the farmer received \$0.060/lb of lint, then the extra return from the one late Vitazyme application was \$121.20/acre.

**Increase in income from a late Vitazyme application:
\$121.20/acre**

Conclusions: In this southeastern Missouri study, with both treatments receiving five Vitazyme applications and the treated area receiving a late, pre-boll cracking treatment, the extra Vitazyme produced an extra 202 lb/acre of lint (+15%), which represented about \$121.20/acre more income. Vitazyme application this late in the season apparently stimulated additional chlorophyll synthesis, root initiation, and rhizosphere activity to allow the fixation of additional atmospheric carbon for fiber synthesis. This unforeseen response, along with more uniform bolls throughout the late-treated plants, is an indication of yet another highly profitable use for Vitazyme.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Researcher: Rodney Reed, Ph.D.

Variety: Delta and Pine 655 Bollguard RR

Tillage: no-till for seven years

Previous crop: grain sorghum

Experimental design: A uniform field area was divided into twelve plots that were each 30 x 330 feet, with three treatments and four replications, to discover if Vitazyme would enhance cotton yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme once

3. Vitazyme twice

Location: Ballinger, Texas

Planting date: June 20, 2003

Row spacing: two rows planted, a row skipped

Irrigation: center pivot (less than optimum)

Fertilizer: unknown.

Vitazyme application: Treatment 2: 3 oz of Vitazyme in 10 gallons of water, sprayed on the leaves at first square (August 1); Treatment 3: the same as Treatment 2 plus another application September 20

Harvest date: November 20, 2003

Yield results: Lint yields were as follows:

| Treatment | Lint yield* | Change |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | lb/acre | lb/acre |
| 1. Control | 1,110 | — |
| 2. Vitazyme once | 1,150 | 40 (+4%) |
| 3. Vitazyme twice | 1,180 | 70 (+6%) |

**Lint yield increase
(Vitazyme once): +4%**

**Lint yield increase
(Vitazyme twice): +6%**

*Significant differences were not given in the report.

Income results: At \$0.60/lb, the Vitazyme treatments gave income increases of from \$24 to \$42 per acre.

Conclusions: This west Texas replicated cotton trial showed that Vitazyme progressively increased lint yield with one and two applications. Increases were from 4 to 6%, giving income increases of from \$24 to \$42 per acre. These improvements resulted from applications commencing at pinhead square. Better responses would be expected if treatments had begun closer to planting.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme and Granusol-Mn on Cotton

Researcher: Paul W. Syltie, Ph.D.

Location: Vital Earth Resources Research Greenhouse, Gladewater, Texas

Variety: cotton (not specified)

Soil type: Bowie very fine sandy loam

Planting date: March 19, 2002

Pot type: 1 gallon

Population: 10 seeds/pot, thinned to 3

Experimental design: A complete block design was set up using eight replicates for each of four treatments. The soil was carefully packed into each pot, watered evenly, and then treated with the materials. Plants were watered on demand, and grown in the greenhouse at about 85°F for a high and 60°F for a low temperature.

1. Control

3. Granusol-Mn only

2. Vitazyme only

4. Vitazyme + Granusol-Mn

Fertilizer application: Each pot received 0.23 gram per pot of $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ to equal a 100 lb/acre application, or 21 lb/acre of N and 20 lb/acre of S for a “starter” effect.

Vitazyme application: After planting on February 22, 50 ml of a 0.002% Vitazyme solution was applied to the soil surface of each pot for Treatment 2. This application was equal to the amount of Vitazyme contained in the Granusol-Mn of Treatment 4.

Granusol-Mn application: Granusol-Mn granules, a “Sucrate”, were applied to the soil surface of the pots of Treatment 3 at 1 gram per pot; this rate equaled 10 lb/1,000 ft². The Granusol-Mn for Treatment 4 had been prepared earlier at the facilities of American Minerals. Two ounces of Vitazyme were mixed with the binder of 50 lb of Granusol-Mn during processing, a 0.04 oz/lb rate. At 10 lb/1,000 ft.² of Granusol-Mn application, this would then give a Vitazyme application rate of about 18 oz/acre. This product was also applied at 1 gram per pot, as for Treatment 3.

Product specifications: **Vitazyme:** a liquid fermentation product of various plant materials, organisms, simple and complex carbohydrates, and other materials to yield a multiple mode of action - multiple active agent metabolic stimulator containing natural growth regulators (triacontanol, etc.), vitamins (B-complex, etc.), enzymes, and other phytoactive substances that are biologically active at very low application rates. Producer: Vital Earth Resources, Gladewater, Texas.

Granusol-Mn: a sucrate carboxylate containing a simple carbohydrate binder, together with various minerals (Mn, 35%; CaO, 11%; Fe, 4%; SO₃, 0.8%; Zn, 0.3%), with granules able to quickly break down in water to supply nutrients to plants. Producer: American Minerals, Dunedin, Florida.

Harvest date: May 7, 2002, 49 days after planting.

Reseeding: Because the original cotton seed planted on February 22 did not germinate well, another source of seeds was found, and the seeds were replanted in the pots on March 19. The treatments which had been applied on February 22 were not reapplied.

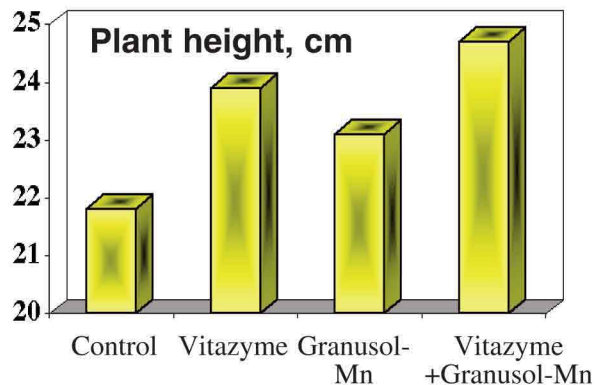
Growth observations: Noticeable growth differences occurred between the control plants and plants of the other treatments; the control plants were smaller throughout the test period. Towards the end of the test period several of the plants for Treatments 3 and 4 developed leaf shrinking and dieback. The reason for this problem was not clearly understood, although it could have been due to dripping water from the greenhouse ceiling onto leaf surfaces, causing a susceptibility to fungal infection on affected plants. Seriously affected plants were removed from

the final analysis, and pot values for height and weight were prorated using the surviving plants.

Height results: On May 7 all of the plant roots were washed clean of soil, and each plant was measured for height. An average height measurement was then calculated for the plants of each pot.

| Treatment | Plant height* | Change vs. the control |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | ----- cm ----- | |
| 4. Vitazyme + Granusol-Mn | 24.7 a | + 2.9 (+ 13%) |
| 2. Vitazyme | 23.9 a | + 2.1 (+ 10%) |
| 3. Granusol-Mn | 23.1 a | + 1.3 (+ 6%) |
| 1. Control | 21.8 b | — |

* Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10, according to the Student-Newman-Keuls Test. LSD_{0.10}=1.4 cm.

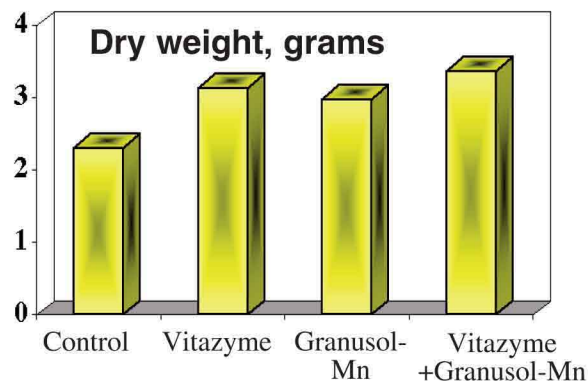


There was no significant difference in the height of the Vitazyme and Granusol treatments, although the combined products produced the tallest plants. All three of the Vitazyme and Granusol treatments were significantly greater than the control at P=0.10.

Dry weight results: The plants were dried in a drying oven at 115° F for one day, and dry weights were taken to the nearest 0.01 gram. These results showed some significant differences among treatment means.

| Treatment | Dry weight* | Change vs. the control |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | ----- grams ----- | |
| 4. Vitazyme + Granusol-Mn | 3.36 a | 1.05 (+ 45%) |
| 2. Vitazyme | 3.13 a | 0.82 (+ 35%) |
| 3. Granusol-Mn | 2.97 a | 0.66 (+ 29%) |
| 1. Control | 2.31 b | — |

* Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10, according to the Student-Newman-Keuls Test. LSD_{0.10}=0.45 g.



The dry weight of the cotton plants was significantly increased above the control by both Vitazyme and Granusol alone — 35% and 29% respectively — but especially by the combined Vitazyme and Granusol-Mn (45%). These increases were significant at P=0.001, though the LSD for that level was not calculated.

Conclusions: Both Vitazyme and Granusol-Mn were shown in this cotton study to significantly increase both plant height and dry weight. Of particular note, however, was the marked synergism between Vitazyme and Granusol-Mn, producing the tallest plants of all four treatments (+13%) and the biggest plants (+45%). These conclusions agree with two other studies conducted with Sucrate fertilizers — Granusol Greenup -6+16 on corn, and Southeast mix on wheat — which also showed that Vitazyme and the Sucrate fertilizer together produced better growth, carbon fixation, and nutrient utilization than either product alone.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Farmer: George Nickelson, Jr.

Location: Whitharral, Texas

Row spacing: 40 inches

Variety: Stoneville 2454, Roundup Ready

Planting date: May 15, 2002

Soil type: fine sandy loam

Harvest date: October 3, 2002

Experimental design: A center pivot area was divided into control and Vitazyme treated areas.

1. Control (33 acres)

2. Vitazyme (33 acres)

Fertility treatments: A preplant application of N and P were made, and 500 gal of a 11-52-0% N-P₂O₅-K₂O formulation was distributed through the center pivot system for all areas.

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre in a 10-inch band behind each row at planting; (2) 13 oz/acre sprayed on the soil and leaves at the pinhead square stage (about July 8)

Weed control treatments: (1) Treflan applied preplant over all areas in April; (2) Roundup (glyphosate) sprayed on all areas on June 20

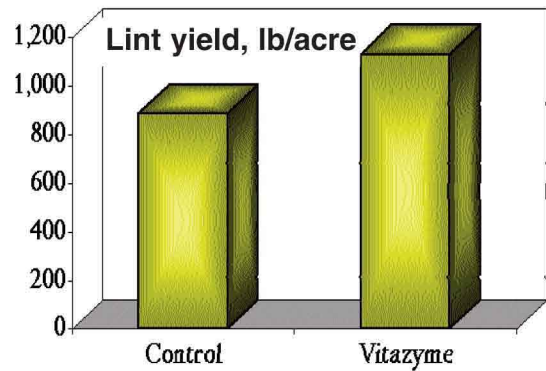
Nematode control treatments: Temik at 3 lb/acre at planting

Weather during the growing season: relatively moderate with some timely summer rains; not extremely hot

Yield results: These results represent ginned cotton.

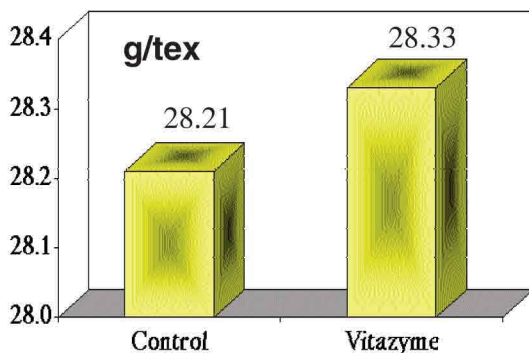
| Treatment | Lint yield | Change |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| | lb/acre | lb/acre |
| Control | 886 | — |
| Vitazyme | 1,131 | 245 (+28%) |

Yield increase: 28%

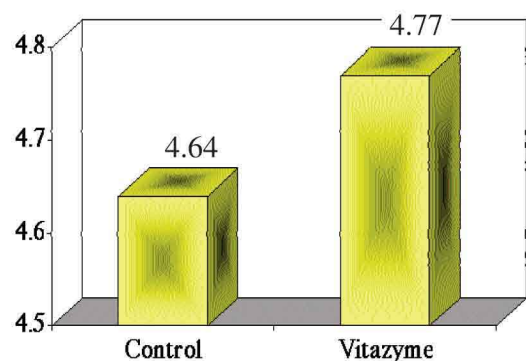


Quality results: An analysis of lint quality at Buster's Gin, Ltd., near Whitharral, Texas, revealed some differences in cotton quality for the two treatments.

Fiber Strength



Micronaire



Income results: The selling price of the lint, considering loan value, was \$0.575/lb.

| Treatment | Lint yield | Income | Change | Return per investment |
|-----------|------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | lb/acre | \$/acre | \$/acre | approximate |
| Control | 886 | 509.45 | — | — |
| Vitazyme | 1,131 | 650.33 | 140.88 | 17.6:1 |

**Income increase:
\$140.88/acre**

Conclusions: Vitazyme applied twice in this west Texas cotton study revealed that the product initiated a 28% yield increase while improving income, fiber strength, and diameter. The stimulation of rhizosphere and photosynthesis activity thus improved growth substantially to bring about the measured improvements in cotton yield and quality.

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2001 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

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Researcher: Terry Wheeler, Ph.D.

Location: Gaines and Dawson Counties, Texas

Two tests were initiated to evaluate the potential of Vitazyme to replace the highly toxic nematicide Temik in cotton production. All seed was treated with 1 lb/acre of *Trichoderma harzianum* strain T-22. Each site is discussed below.

Variety: Paymaster 2326RR + T-22

Gaines County site

Planting date: May 16, 2001

Irrigation: center pivot

Soil type: unknown

Plant population: standard for the area

Row spacing: 36 inches

Experimental design: a randomized complete block design was set up with seven replications, on two rows per treatment that varied from 150 to 187 ft long.

1. Control

2. Temik

3. Vitazyme

Fertilization: standard for the area

Vitazyme treatment: (1) 13 oz/acre with the seeds at planting; (2) 13 oz/acre sprayed in 10 gal/acre of water over the leaves and soil at the pinhead square stage on June 22.

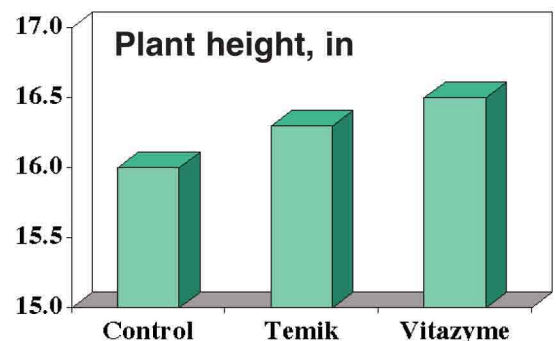
Temik treatment: 5 lb/acre in the furrow at planting

Growth results: Planting mapping was performed on September 14.

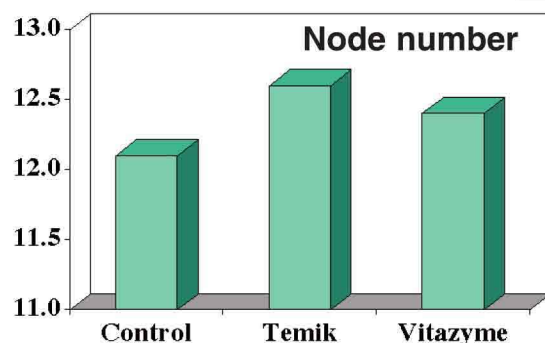
Plant height

| Treatment | Plant height | Change from the control |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | ----- in ----- | |
| Control | 16.0 | — |
| Temik | 16.3 | +0.3 (+2%) |
| Vitazyme | 16.5 | +0.5 (+3%) |

There was little difference in plant height, but Vitazyme and Temik both slightly increased height.



Node number



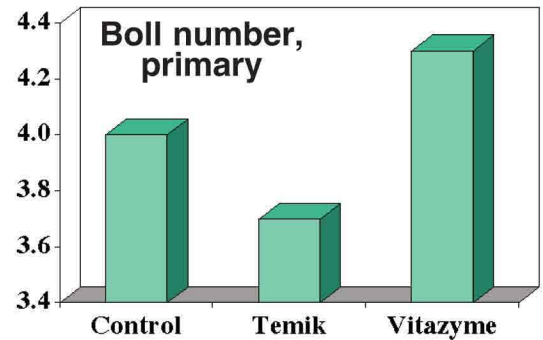
| Treatment | Nodes | Change from the control |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | ----- number ----- | |
| Control | 12.1 | — |
| Temik | 12.6 | +0.5 (+4%) |
| Vitazyme | 12.4 | +0.3 (+2%) |

Both Vitazyme and Temik slightly increased the number of nodes per plant.

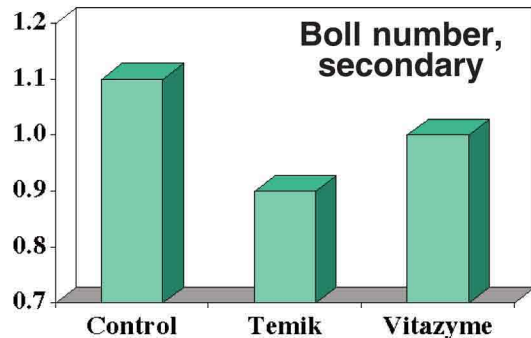
Primary bolls

| Treatment | Primary bolls | Change from the control |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | ----- number ----- | |
| Control | 4.0 | — |
| Temik | 3.7 | -0.3 (-8%) |
| Vitazyme | 4.3 | +0.3 (+8%) |

Vitazyme caused a higher number of primary bolls to be produced than any other treatment, which was 16% higher than the Temik treatment.



Secondary bolls



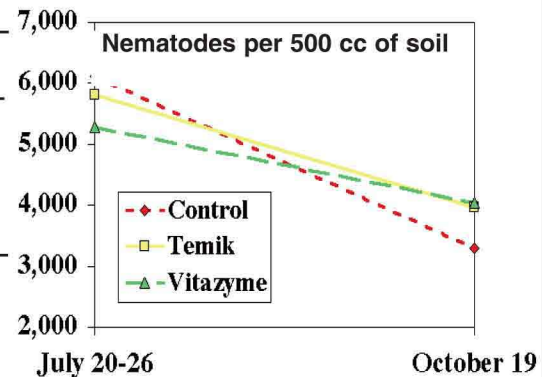
| Treatment | Secondary bolls | Change from the control |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | ----- number ----- | |
| Control | 1.1 | — |
| Temik | 0.9 | -0.2 (-18%) |
| Vitazyme | 1.0 | -0.1 (-9%) |

Both treatments had slightly lower secondary boll counts than the control, but Vitazyme treated plants had more than Temik treated plants.

Nematode numbers: Soil samples for nematode analysis were collected midseason (July 20 for reps 1 to 4, and July 26 for reps 5 to 7), and near harvest (October 19).

| Treatment | Midseason nematodes | Change vs. control | Harvest nematodes | Change vs. the control |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | ----- nematodes/500 cc of soil ----- | | | |
| Control | 6,111 | — | 3,291 | — |
| Temik | 5,811 | -300 (-5%) | 3,960 | +669 (+20%) |
| Vitazyme | 5,280 | -831 (-14%) | 4,042 | +751 (+23%) |

Nematode numbers were reduced by Vitazyme (-14%) the most early in the season, while the control had the lowest nematodes later on at harvest. Both Temik and Vitazyme had similar values throughout the season, only 9% apart in July and 3% apart in September.



Yield results: The plot was harvested on October 23 and 24. The control outyielded both the Temik and Vitazyme treatments at this site, and the Temik and Vitazyme yields were similar. It is thought that a restriction of water about two weeks after flower initiation affected yield, since many small bolls aborted as a result. With little rain during the growing season the yields were adversely affected by the severe drought.

Denver County site (AGCARES facility)

Variety: Paymaster 2326RR + T-22

Planting date: May 10, 2001

Irrigation: center pivot

Soil type: unknown

Plant population: standard for the area

Row spacing: 40 inches

Experimental design: A randomized complete block design was set up with four replications, of four rows per treatment that varied from 296 to 577 ft long.

1. Control

2. Temik

3. Vitazyme

Fertilization: standard for the area

Vitazyme treatment: (1) 13 oz/acre with the seeds at planting; (2) 13 oz/acre in 10 gal/acre of water over the leaves and soil at the pinhead square stage on June 22.

Temik application: 5 lb/acre at planting in the furrow

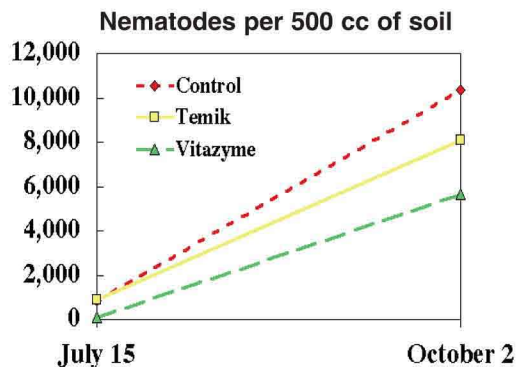
Nematode numbers: Soil samples for nematode analysis were collected on July 15, and also later near harvest time on October 2.

| Treatment | Midseason Change vs. nematodes | Harvest Change vs. control | Harvest Change vs. nematodes | Harvest Change vs. the control |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | ----- nematodes/500 cc of soil ----- | | | |
| Control | 840 | — | 10,350 | — |
| Temik | 885 | +45 (+5%) | 8,115 | -2,235 (-22%) |
| Vitazyme | 75 | -765 (-91%) | 5,640 | -4,710 (-46%) |

Vitazyme treatment produced the lowest numbers of nematodes in this test detected both midseason and at harvest, being 86% less than for Temik mid-season and 24% less than for Temik at harvest. There appears to be a definite inhibition of nematode numbers by Vitazyme in this study.

Yield results: Yield data are not included for this study due to likely soil fertility problems across the test area. The Vitazyme area was much smaller in size than the Temik area, and likely gave biased yield values.

Conclusions: Based on the results of this study, Vitazyme appears to be as effective a nematode control agent for cotton as Temik. Growth parameters were enhanced by midseason at the Gaines County site, and nematode numbers were as good, if not better, for Vitazyme than for Temik. These data are summarized to the right.



Reductions or increases in nematode numbers vs. the control

Gaines County site

Denver County site

| | Midseason | Harvest | Midseason | Harvest |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Temik | -5% | +20% | +5% | -22% |
| Vitazyme | -14% | +23% | -91% | -46% |

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

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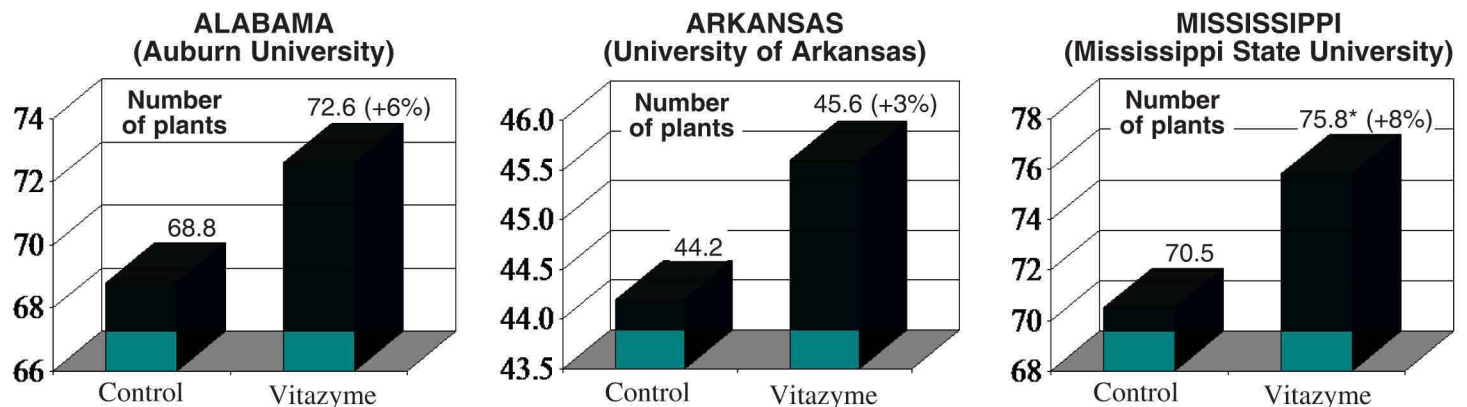
Experimental design: Two lots of a cotton variety (2,500 grams in each) were sent to Vital Earth Resources from Dr. Batson, for treatment with Vitazyme. The two treatments were as follows:

(1) Lot 1. **Regular Vitazyme** (10%), with seeds soaked for five minutes and then air dried.

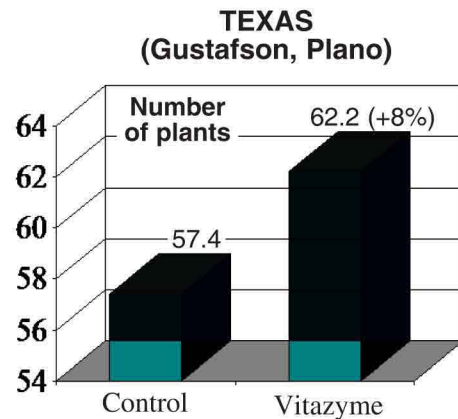
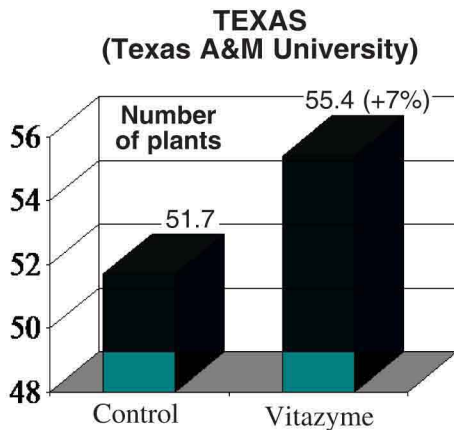
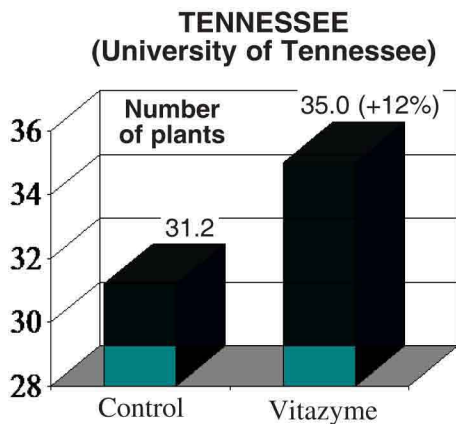
(2) Lot 2. **Autoclaved Vitazyme** (10%), with seeds soaked for five minutes and then air dried. [The Vitazyme was autoclaved at 15 lb/in² pressure for 15 minutes at 121°C and autoclaved again one day later.] All beakers and items were sterilized with 3% H₂O₂ before using the autoclaved product.

These seeds were returned to Dr. Batson in Mississippi and sent to the researchers for growth studies at the various stations. The seeds were planted in the field in 30 to 40-foot rows, and populations were determined after 28 days of growth. Final stand counts were used to determine the effectiveness of the product to enhance seed germination compared to other products and the control.

All data shown below are for the control versus non-autoclaved Vitazyme. Autoclaved Vitazyme did not give positive effects, though it did in the 1999 study.



*Significantly greater than the control at P=0.10 according to Fisher's Protected LSD procedure.



Conclusions: Vitazyme enhanced cotton seedling germination and seedling survival compared to the control by 7% over six test sites. Only one of these sites gave significant results, but the trend for all of them was positive. Due to unknown variables nearly all products used in the S-269 evaluations this year gave mediocre responses, unlike in 1999. **This trend of results shows that Vitazyme, through its rhizosphere colonization effects, inhibits the growth of various fungal and other soilborne diseases so that fewer seedlings fell prey to these serious pathogens.**

The non-autoclaved Vitazyme gave seedling responses in this study, while the autoclaved product did not. Thus, it is assumed that microorganisms in the material are in some way assisting this beneficial response to seedlings. However, the data from 1999 showed relatively equal responses of seedlings for both autoclaved and non-autoclaved Vitazyme. The reasons for this discrepancy for the two years are not understood.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Nematode counts with Temik vs. Vitazyme

Researcher: Terry Wheeler, Ph.D.
Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, Texas
Gomez, Texas

Location: Texas A&M University Agricultural
Research sites: near Lamesa, Denver City, and

Variety: unknown

Planting date: see below

Row spacing: 40 inches for Lamesa and Gomez; 36 inches for Denver City

Planting rate: unknown

Experimental design: At three locations in west Texas, replicated and randomized plots were set up with three treatments. Four replicates were used.

1. Control

2. Temik

3. Vitazyme

| Location | Plot size and character | Planting date |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Lamesa, Texas | 4 rows x 296 to 577 ft (center pivot) | May 8, 2000 |
| Denver City, Texas | 2 rows x 150 ft (center pivot) | May 23, 2000 |
| Gomez, Texas | 2 rows x 37 ft (center pivot) | May 5, 2000 |

Nematode egg and juvenile counts were made from samples collected midseason, and these samples were analyzed at the Texas A&M research station in Lubbock. Yield analyses were made later in the fall using a four row stripper having a MicroTrak yield monitor.

Fertilizer treatment: unknown

Vitazyme treatment: 13 oz/acre in the seed row at planting; 13 oz/acre sprayed at pinhead square

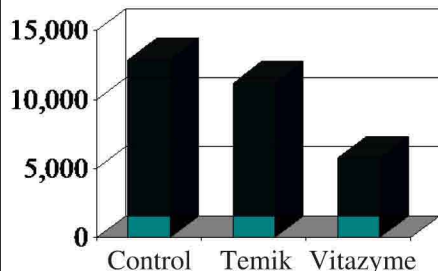
Temik treatments: Temik 15 G at 5 lb/acre in the furrow

Thrip control: Orthene 90S about three weeks after planting

Growth observations: On October 2, observations on roots

Nematode counts: Samples of soil and roots were collected midseason on July 17, August 3, and July 25 for the three locations, respectively, for analyses of *Meloidogyne* spp. eggs, and second stage juveniles (j2) for all three sites. Because of high variability of egg and juvenile populations among the replicates, none of the means are statistically different.

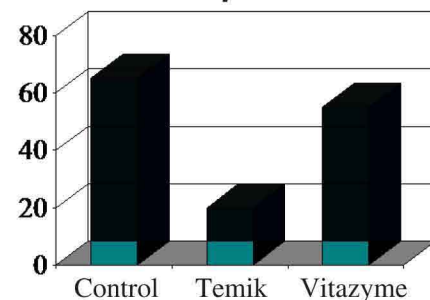
Eggs per cc of soil



Lamesa plots

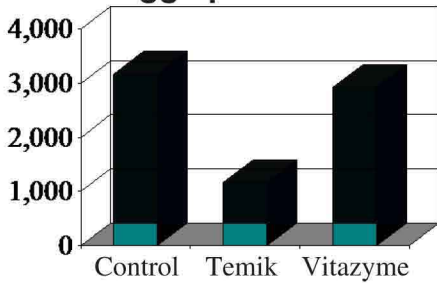
| Treatment | Eggs | j2 |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Control | 12,870 | 65 |
| Temik | 11,177 (-13%) | 20 (-69%) |
| Vitazyme | 5,730 (-55%) | 55 (-15%) |

Juveniles per cc of soil



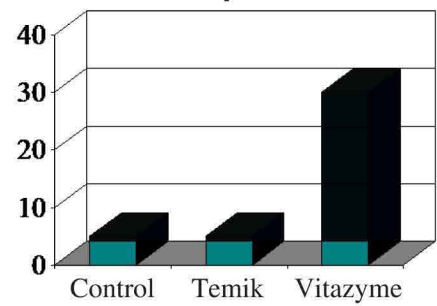
Denver City plots

Eggs per cc of soil



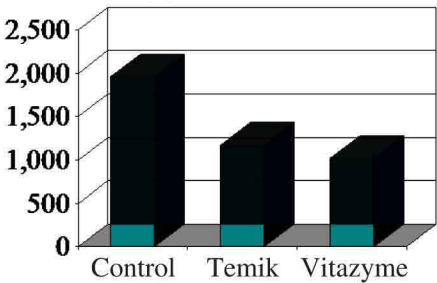
| Treatment | Eggs | j2 |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| | number/cc of soil | |
| Control | 3,165 | 5 |
| Temik | 1,170 (-63%) | 5 (0%) |
| Vitazyme | 2,925 (-8%) | 30 (+500%) |

Juveniles per cc of soil



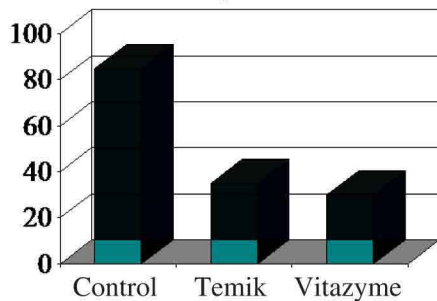
Gomez plots

Eggs per cc of soil



| Treatment | Eggs | j2 |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | number/cc of soil | |
| Control | 1,965 | 85 |
| Temik | 1,170 (-63%) | 35 (-59%) |
| Vitazyme | 1,020 (-48%) | 30 (-65%) |

Juveniles per cc of soil



Nematode Count Summary – Three Sites

| | <u>Eggs</u> | <u>j2</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Temik | -38%* | -43% |
| Vitazyme | -37% | -40%** |

* Average of the Lamesa and Gaines plots, leaving out an anomalously high 85% value for the Chavez plots.

** Average of the Lamesa and Chavez plots, leaving out an anomalously high 500% value for the Gaines plots.

Conclusions on nematode data: Both Vitazyme and Temik generally reduced nematode juvenile and egg numbers, though not significantly, at these three sites in west Texas. Both materials appeared to do equally well in reducing nematode pressure on cotton roots.

Yield results: None of the data showed significant yield responses at P = 0.05 for either Temik or Vitazyme, though the control plots were the highest yielders at Lamesa and Denver City. At Gomez the Temik treatment yielded the most.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Farmers: Driscoll Bryant

Variety: Paymaster HS-26, Roundup Ready

Planting date: May 29, 1999

Experimental design: A center pivot area was divided into two portions, one half treated with Vitazyme and the other left untreated.

Location: Littlefield, Texas

Soil type: medium sandy loam

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: 55 lb/acre N, 40 lb/acre P₂O₅, and trace elements applied before planting and incorporated

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre in a 12-inch band over the rows at planting, and 13 oz/acre sprayed over the leaves and soil near early bloom with the first boll weevil spray

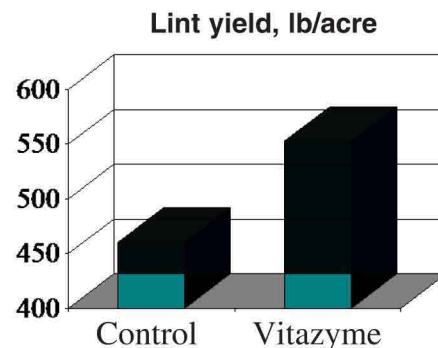
Irrigation and weather: Before planting: two irrigations at 1.5 inches each time; after planting: five irrigations at 1.0 inch each time after the June wet period. The growing period from July through harvest was extremely dry.

Harvest date: November 19 to 23, 2000 (for the Vitazyme treatment; the control was harvested two weeks earlier)

Yield results: The control side of the center pivot was harvested, after which protracted rain fell for about two weeks. Some cotton in the Vitazyme treatment was subsequently lost before harvest.

| | Control | Vitazyme | Increase |
|-------------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| | | lb | |
| Lint yield | 460.4 | 552.5 | (+) 92.1 (+20%) |

Lint yield increase: 20%



Income results: The protracted rain during harvest reduced the cotton quality so the final price was less than could have been. The projected sale price should be \$0.55 to \$0.60/lb.

| | Control | Vitazyme | Increase |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | \$/acre | |
| Income | \$276.24 | \$331.50 | \$55.26 |

Income increase: \$55.26/acre

Conclusions: Two applications of Vitazyme to this cotton crop substantially increased lint yield (20%) and income (\$55.26/acre). This increase represented about a 6:1 return: cost ratio for the investment in this product. Had the weather not adversely affected the treated half of the test area the returns and return ratio would have been even greater.

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Southern Regional Project S-269: Regional Evaluation of Biological Seed Treatments

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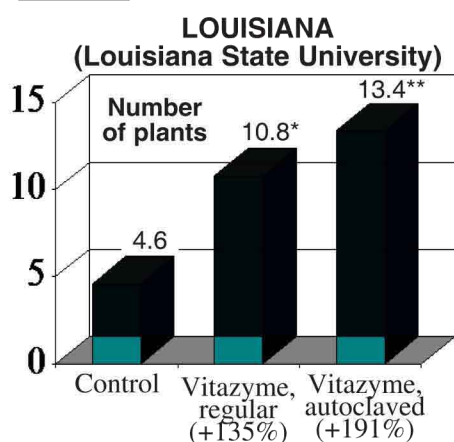
Experimental design: Two seedlots of a cotton variety (2,500 grams in each) were sent to Vital Earth Resources from Dr. Batson, for treatment with Vitazyme. The two treatments were as follows:

(1) Lot 1. **Regular Vitazyme** (10%), with seeds soaked for five minutes and then air dried.

(2) Lot 2. **Autoclaved Vitazyme** (10%), with seeds soaked for five minutes and then air dried. [The Vitazyme was autoclaved at 15 lb/in² pressure for 15 minutes at 121°C, and autoclaved again one day later.] All beakers and items were sterilized with 3% H₂O₂ before using the autoclaved product.

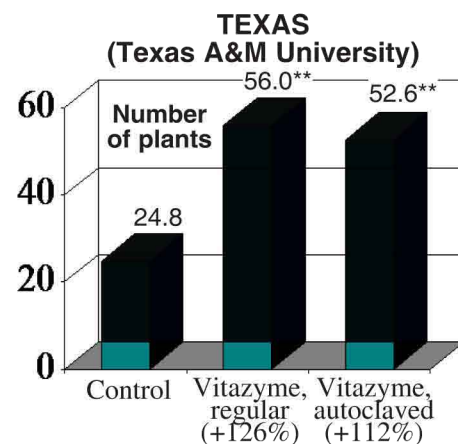
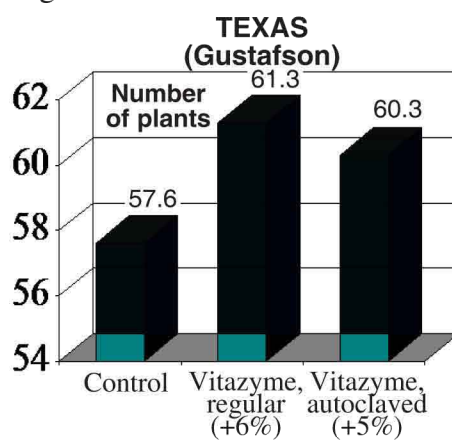
These seeds were returned to Dr. Batson in Mississippi and sent to the researchers for growth studies at the various stations. The seeds were planted in the field. Final stand counts were used to determine the effectiveness of the product to enhance seed germination compared to other products and a control.

Results: Final stand measurements are given below.



*Significantly greater than the control at P=0.06.

**Significantly greater than the control at P=0.04.



*Significantly greater than the control at P=0.01.

Conclusions: This study shows that Vitazyme can enhance the germination and survival of cotton when the seeds are treated before planting. Such an effect was not apparent at all testing sites, however.

It is also noted that the autoclaved Vitazyme performed as well as the non-autoclaved product, proving that the active-ingredients inducing the benefits of Vitazyme are non-microbial in nature. Rather, they are stimulators of microorganisms and cells in the soil and roots.

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Farmer: Mike Hewitt

Location: Littlefield, Texas

Variety: Paymaster HS-26

Planting date: May 16, 1999

Harvest date: November 15, 1999

Previous crop: cotton

Soil type: sandy loam

Row spacing: 40 inches

Seeding rate: 16 lb/acre

Irrigation: two times at 1.5 inches each time

Experimental design: A center pivot circle was divided in half, half treated with Vitazyme and half left untreated.

1. Control

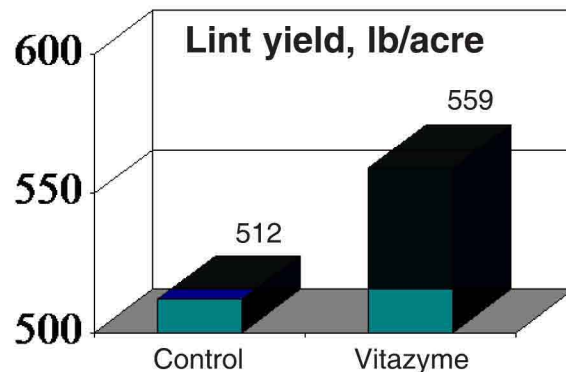
2. Vitazyme

Fertility treatments: a preplant formulation to give 11-52-11-11-5 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O-S-Mn; a sidedress application of 150 lb/acre of 32-0-0

Vitazyme application: Vitazyme was mixed with Direx at 13 oz/acre and applied over the seed row in a 10-inch band at planting. A second application was made June 22 at 13 oz/acre, band sprayed over the rows.

Yield results:

| Treatment | Lint yield lb/acre | Increase lb/acre |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Control | 512 | --- |
| Vitazyme | 559 | 47(+9%) |



Yield increase: 9%

Income increase: Cotton price after payments: \$0.60/lb.

Income increase: \$28.20/acre

Comments: The weather turned cool early in the fall and did not allow some bolls to mature. Had more warm weather continued there would have been a larger yield increase with Vitazyme, because that treatment produced more late-season balls. This field had a serious boll weevil problem, and a bad worm infestation late in the season.

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

-- Organic, Irrigated --

Farmer: Bob Birkenfeld

Location: Tulia, Texas

Variety: Paymaster HS-200

Planting date: May 13, 1999

Rowspacing: 40 inches

Seeding rate: 22 lb/acre

Soil type: sandy loam

Irrigation: all plots were furrow irrigated

Experimental design: A 32-acre field was divided into two equal parts, 16 acres (64 rows) treated with Vitazyme and 16 acres (64 rows) left untreated.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertility treatments: 2 tons/acre of steer compost in October, 1998

Vitazyme application: Vitazyme was sprayed on the soil at 13 oz/acre on May 5, two days after planting, and again at early bloom.

Harvest date: November 6, 1999

Yield results: Ginned cotton and quality data were obtained from the Lakeview Gin near Tulia, Texas.

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total ginned cotton, lb | 7,946 | 10,474 | 2,528(+32%) |
| Plot area | 16 acres | 16 acres | |
| Yield, lb/acre | 497 | 655 | 158 (+32%) |

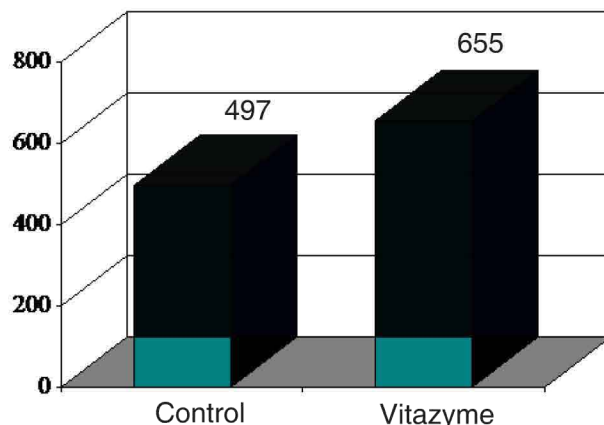
Lint increase: 32%

Income results: The price of cotton is estimated at \$0.635/lb.

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Value of cotton, gross | \$315.60/acre | \$415.93/acre | \$100.33/acre |

Income increase: \$100.30/acre

Lint yield, lb/acre



Comments: There was very little difference in the quality of the cotton for the two treatments. On September 9, the field showed a decided advantage for the Vitazyme treatment in terms of boll numbers, plant top and root growth, and yield potential.

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton Clemson University - Edisto

Researcher: Amad Khalilian, Ph.D. **Location:** Edisto Research and Education Center, Blackville, South Carolina
Variety: Delta Pine 5415 Roundup Ready **Row spacing:** 38 inches
Plant Population: 3 seeds/foot **Previous crop:** cotton **Insecticide:** 5 lb/acre Temik at planting
Soil: Varina loamy sand **Planting date:** May 14, 1999 **Harvest date:** October 15, 1999
Irrigation: 4 times by traveling gun (June 7, 0.5 in; July 26, 0.5 in; August 2, 0.25 in; August 12, 0.25 in)
Experimental design: A randomized split-plot design was arranged for a municipal solid waste (MSW) compost study, at four rates with and without Vitazyme applied twice. The main plots were eight rows wide, 25.3 x 80 ft (0.0465 acre), and were replicated four times. Subplots were four rows wide. The compost rates were located on the main plots and the Vitazyme rates were on the subplots. Treatments were as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Broadcast compost, 4 tons/acre | 8. Same as 1, with Vitazyme |
| 2. Broadcast compost, 8 tons/acre | 9. Same as 2, with Vitazyme |
| 3. Broadcast compost, 12 tons/acre | 10. Same as 3, with Vitazyme |
| 4. Injected compost, 4 tons/acre | 11. Same as 4, with Vitazyme |
| 5. Injected compost, 8 tons/acre | 12. Same as 5, with Vitazyme |
| 6. Injected compost, 12 tons/acre | 13. Same as 6, with Vitazyme |
| 7. No compost | 14. Same as 7, with Vitazyme |

Effects of Vitazyme were separated from compost effects in the statistical analysis.

Fertility and tillage treatments: 100 lb K₂O/acre before planting; 90 lb N/acre in increments of 30 lb N/acre, three times during the season

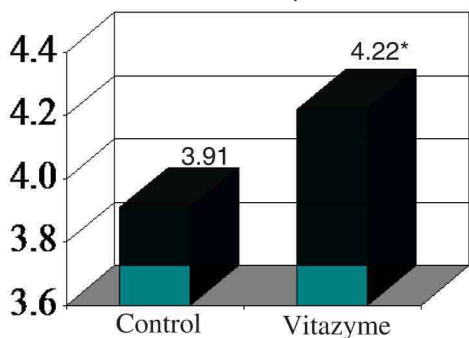
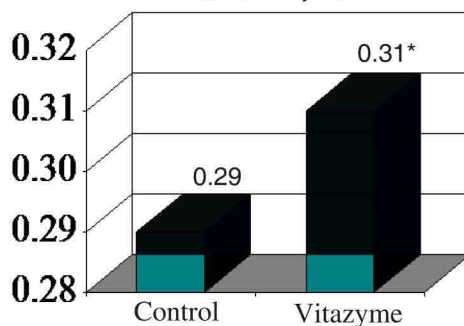
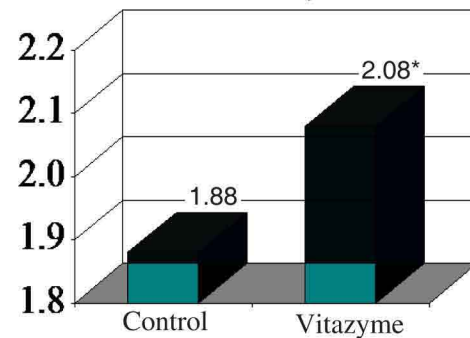
Vitazyme applications: 13 oz/acre on the seeds at planting (May 14); 13 oz/acre on the leaves at first bloom (July 19)

Plant time effects: Leaf samples were collected and analyzed 12 weeks after planting.

| | N* | P* | K* | Ca* | Mg* | S* |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | -----leaf concentration, %----- | | | | | |
| Control | 3.91b | 0.29b | 1.88b | 2.60a | 0.52a | 0.74a |
| Vitazyme | 4.22a | 0.31a | 2.08a | 2.71a | 0.54a | 0.77a |
| Increase | +8% | +7% | +16% | +4% | +4% | +4% |

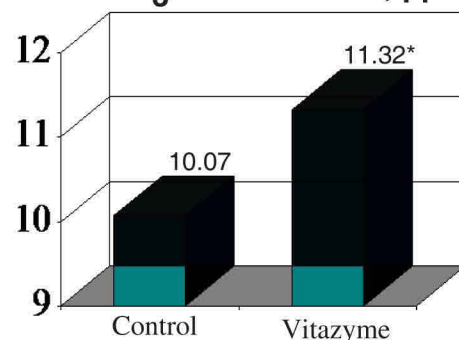
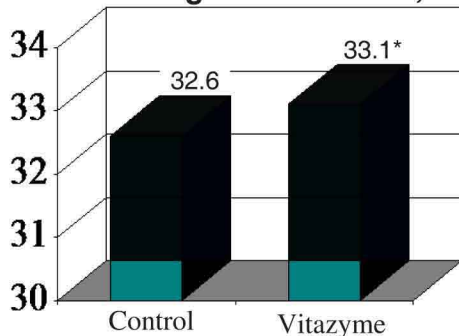
*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.05.

Note: All nutrients measured were increased, with N, P, and K registering significant increases

Leaf N, %**Leaf P, %****Leaf K, %****Soil nitrogen effects:**

| | At 6 weeks* | Increase | At 12 weeks* | Increase |
|--|---------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| -----soil NO ₃ -N, ppm----- | | | | |
| Control | 10.07b | --- | 5.71a | --- |
| Vitazyme | 11.31a | 1.25 (+12%) | 5.73a | 0.02 (<1%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P = 0.05.

Soil NO₃-N at 12 weeks, ppm**Plant height at 12 weeks, in****Plant height effects:**

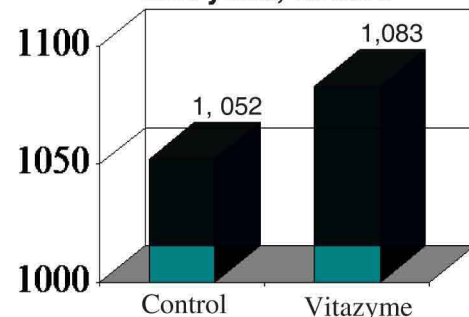
| | Plant height at 12 wk, in* | Increase, in |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| -----inches----- | | |
| Control | 32.6b | --- |
| Vitazyme | 33.1a | 0.5 (+2%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P = 0.05.

Yield effects: The two middle rows of the four subplot rows were harvested for a yield check.

| | Lint yield* | Increase |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| -----lb/acre----- | | |
| Control | 1,052b | --- |
| Vitazyme | 1,083a | 31 (+3%) |

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P = 0.05.

Lint yield, lb/acre

Conclusions: Vitazyme significantly increased the concentration of leaf tissue N, P, and K, at 12 weeks after planting, while also significantly increasing soil NO₃-N at 6 weeks after planting. Plant height and lint yield were also significantly increased. Soil organic matter percentage and plant population were not affected by Vitazyme. While some treatment means for growth parameters were not significantly greater with Vitazyme, they were all increased to some degree. This shows that the rhizosphere stimulating effects of the product are active in soils with and without added compost, to stimulate nutrient uptake and increase crop yields. The yield increase here produced an income increase of \$18.60/acre, assuming a price of \$0.60/lb.

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1997 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton

Researcher: Leroy Pelzel

Planting date: May 27, 1997

Planting rate: about 45,000 plants/acre

Row spacing: 40 inches (2 planted, one skipped)

Experimental design: A field was split into two parts, 25 acres treated with Vitazyme, and 17 areas untreated.

Location: Miles, Texas

Previous crop: sorghum

Soil type: heavy

1. Control (no Vitazyme)

2. Vitazyme at planting and at early bloom

Fertility treatments: At planting, 120 lb/acre of a 15-15-0 (s) liquid fertilizer were applied to the seeds.

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre on the seed with the fertilizer at planting, and 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at early bloom

Harvest date: October 10 and 17, 1997

Yield results:

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cotton yield (lint) | 350 lb/acre | 375 lb/acre | 25 lb/acre (+7%) |

Yield Increase with Vitazyme: 7%

Income results: A final price of about \$0.62/lb is anticipated. There was little difference in quality between the two treatments.

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total income | \$217.00/acre | \$232.50/acre | \$15.50/acre |

Income Increase with Vitazyme: \$15.50/acre

Comments: The 1997 cropping year began with good soil moisture, but late spring and summer were quite dry.

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1997 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Cotton — Organic, Irrigated —

Researcher: Bob Birkenfeld

Location: Tulia, Texas

Planting date: May 14, 1997

Variety: Paymaster HS-200

Row spacing: 40 inches

Seeding rate: 22 lb/acre

Experimental design: A 13.4-acre field was divided into two equal parts: 6.7 acres (32 rows) untreated, and 6.7 acres (32 rows) treated with Vitazyme. The field was row irrigated.

1. Control (No Vitazyme)

2. Vitazyme

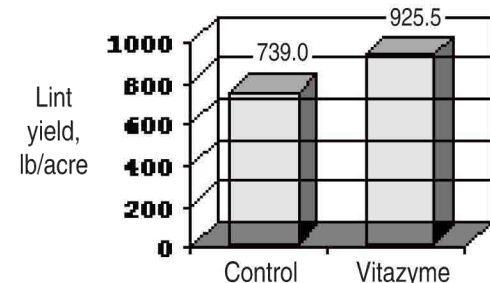
Fertility treatments: 2 tons/acre of steer compost in October, 1996

Vitazyme applications: Vitazyme on the seed at planting, and at early bloom, 13 oz/acre each time

Harvest date: November 5, 1997

Yield results: Ginned cotton and quality data were obtained from the Lakeview Gin near Tulia.

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Total ginned cotton, lb | 4,951 | 6,201 | 1,250 (+25%) |
| Plot area | 6.7 acres | 6.7 acres | |
| Yield, lb/acre | 739.0 | 925.5 | 186.5 (+25%) |



Yield increase: 25%

Income results: The cotton value, based on the loan price plus \$0.06/lb to give the likely sale price, was \$0.5860 for the Vitazyme-treated cotton, and \$0.5945 for the control cotton.

| | <u>Control</u> | <u>Vitazyme</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Value of cotton | \$439.33/acre | \$542.34/acre |

Income increase: \$103.01/acre

Comments: Both sides of this test field were treated alike throughout the season except that the Vitazyme treated cotton received an irrigation the end of July, which the control area did not receive.