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ASABE DEVELOPS STANDARD FOR SEED COTTON PROTECTIVE COVER MATERIALS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN—The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) announces completion of ASABE S615, Cotton Module Cover Material Performance.

The new standard sets minimum performance levels for materials used in the manufacture of protective covers and includes testing protocols for verification.

Protective covers are critical for maintaining the quality of seed cotton stored in modules prior to ginning. Large financial losses for both producers and ginners have been documented for modules with covers incapable of preventing water penetration. Research has shown that commercially available models vary widely in their ability to withstand exposure to sun and wind and to maintain their water resilience. Some models break down very rapidly, while others have a long life. Previously there was no basis for consumer comparison of the performance characteristics of the various commercially available products.

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