

AN OVERVIEW OF 2014 ACTIVITIES IN THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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The main objective of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter) Sugarcane Variety Development Program is to develop new, genetically improved varieties of sugarcane for the Louisiana sugar industry. This is accomplished through multidisciplinary research among a team of scientists drawn from a diversity of disciplines within the LSU AgCenter (Table 1) as well as from other organizations such as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the American Sugar Cane League. The LSU AgCenter and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) sugarcane variety development teams work independently as well as cooperatively to produce “L” and HoCP or Ho varieties, respectively. The best varieties from each program are brought together for evaluation at the nursery, infield, and outfield testing stages of the program (Table 2). Outfield testing is conducted by personnel from the LSU AgCenter, the USDA, and the American Sugar Cane League. Upon recommending a variety for commercial release, seed increase is carried out by the American Sugar Cane League and generally commences when varieties are introduced to the outfield testing stage. The cooperative effort under which the three entities (the LSU AgCenter, the USDA, and the American Sugar Cane League) participate to develop improved sugarcane varieties for the Louisiana sugarcane industry is outlined in the “Three-Way Agreement of 2007”.

Table 1. Members of the LSU AgCenter Sugarcane Variety Development Team in 2014.

Team Member	Budgetary Unit	Responsibility
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Michael Pontif	Sugar Res. Station	Crossing, Selection and Variety Testing
Sonny Viator	Iberia Research Station	Variety Testing
Niranjan Baisakh	School of Plant, Soil and Environmental Sciences	Molecular Breeding
Gene Reagan	Entomology	Insect Resistance
Jeff Hoy	Plant Pathology	Disease Resistance
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Genetic variability is an essential raw ingredient in any crop improvement program. Success in developing improved sugarcane varieties is heavily dependent on the availability of novel genetic variability made available for selection via targeted cross hybridization among desirable sugarcane parents or clones. Cultivated sugarcane does not flower naturally in Louisiana because of the cool fall temperatures hence, the breeding program must rely on artificial photoperiod treatment to induce and synchronize flowering of sugarcane parents for crossing. Photoperiod treatment to induce flowering began on June 1, and continued until

September 12, 2014. Crossing began on August 29, 2014 and ended on November 10, 2014. A total of 526 tassels of 89 clones were used to make 292 crosses with a total of 88,778 viable seeds being produced. The number of viable seeds per cross was estimated by counting the number of shoots produced per 0.5 g of seed (fuzz). A total of 81,207 seeds were produced from bi-parental crosses, and 5,128 seeds were produced from polycrosses. Far fewer tassels were produced in 2014 (755 tassels in 2013) resulting in fewer crosses (529 crosses in 2013) and viable seeds (110,953 seeds in 2013) than in most other years. Stored seed from past crossing campaigns are available to make up any potential shortfall in seed for planting in 2016. Details about the 2014 crossing campaign and plans to improve flowering, crossing and seed set in the LSU AgCenter crossing program can be found in the section titled '**2014 PHOTOPERIOD AND CROSSING IN THE LSU AGCENTER SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**'.

Seeds (fuzz) were germinated in the green house in 25 l x 15 w x 4 h inches metal trays filled with 2 inches of potting mix in January of 2014. Individual seedlings were transplanted into styrofoam trays with 128 (1.5 l x 1.5 w x 1.5 h inches per cell) cells in late February to early March of 2014. A total of 76,217 seedlings from 155 crosses most of them from the 2013 crossing campaign were transplanted to the field in April, 2014. Many of these seedlings were progeny of biparental crosses among commercial as well as superior experimental varieties. In addition, seedlings were planted in a cross appraisal trial. Individual seedling selection will be carried out next year when these seedlings are in the first stubble crop.

Individual seedling selection was practiced on 38,616 first stubble single stools in the fall of 2014. These seedlings were mostly from the 2012 crossing series that were planted to the field in 2013, allowed to overwinter and were in the first ratoon cane crop in 2014. Unlike in 2012 where the seedlings were severely lodged following Hurricane Isaac, the seedlings were mostly erect during selection which made for easier selection environment. Selection was conducted in September. Family selection, based on accumulated data from family appraisal studies and visual assessment of seedling populations, was used to discard about ten percent of families prior to selection. The selection criteria included visual appraisal of individual seedlings for disease and insect damage, lodging, yield (stalk number, stalk diameter and height) and then lastly for the absence of pith. This was followed by evaluation of the visually selected clones for Brix using a hand held refractometer. A total of 1,414 clones (3.6 % selection rate) were selected and planted in 10-foot, First Line trial plots.

The First Line trial plots established the year before (2011 crossing series) were evaluated and superior clones selected and planted into a Second Line trial. Breeders walked through the plots and dropped clones based on visual appraisal for diseases, insect damage and, if the stand was poor or weak. Clones that were not dropped the first time around were evaluated for pith, and Brix. A total of 461 clones (23.2 % selection rate) were eventually selected and planted into single row, 16-foot Second Line trial. From the Second Line trial established the year before (2010 crossing series) 294 clones were selected and planted into single row, unreplicated, 16-foot increase plots. These are tentative selections with the 'seed cane' being increased pending data from the ratoon crop. By the time clones are assigned a permanent 'L' number using both the plant and first ratoon cane crop data there will be enough material to plant replicated trials in three On Station Nurseries.

Preliminary visual ratings for cane yield and plant type were done in August on the 190 Second Line clones from the 2009 crossing series. Clones with acceptable ratings were further evaluated for lodging and/or broken tops, borer damage, disease symptoms, pith, and Brix/sugar per ton. A total of 33 experimental varieties judged to be superior to the checks were assigned permanent variety designations (“L”) in the fall of 2014 (Table 2). These newly assigned experimental varieties were entered into replicated On Station Nursery trials (2 replicates, 16-foot plots) at three locations (Sugar Research Station, Iberia Research Station and USDA-ARS Ardoyne Farm). Details about the seedling and early clonal stage selection activities can be found in the section titled ‘**SELECTIONS, ADVANCEMENTS, AND ASSIGNMENTS OF THE LSU AGCENTER’S SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 2014**’.

Seventeen experimental varieties from the 2013 Assignment series that performed well in the plant cane crop On Station Nursery trials were replanted into Infield and Off Station nursery tests (Table 2). Three varieties (L 12-201, L 12-202, 12-227) that performed well in the Infield and Off Station nurseries (plant cane crops) and On Station nurseries (first ratoon cane crops) tests were introduced to Outfield locations as increase plots. Those that continue to perform well in these tests will subsequently be planted into the Outfield testing stage of the program in 2015. Four varieties (L11-168, L11-172, L11-183 and L11-184) introduced to outfield locations last year that continued to perform well were entered into the Outfield tests. Additional information can be found in the section titled ‘**2014 LOUISIANA SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NURSERY AND INFIELD VARIETY TRIALS**’.

Rust caused by *Puccinia melanocephalacan* was not a major problem in the 2014 season. There was no need to rate trials specifically for incidence of rust infection. Only 0.65 % of clones were dropped in the First Line trial because of susceptibility to rust. Other diseases also had a minimal effect on the selection process. For example, only 0.76 % of clones were dropped from the First Line trial for susceptibility to smut compared to 1.5 % in 2012. Artificial screening for these diseases will be carried out to weed out susceptible clones before time and resources are spent evaluating them in multiple locations and years. It was not necessary to spray the crop on the station to prevent borer damage as very little incidences of borer damage were reported.

As mentioned earlier, the goals of the LSU AgCenter sugarcane crop improvement program are accomplished through a multidisciplinary effort. To this end, promising experimental varieties that made it to the more advanced stages of the program were entered into several tests to screen for resistance to prominent diseases (Dr. Jeff Hoy, Plant Pathologist) and Insect pests (Dr. Gene Reagan, Entomologist). Results gathered from these screening tests will be influential in determining which varieties to recommend for commercial release and how best to manage them during commercial production. The data will also be useful in the crossing program in determining what parents to pair in order to avoid making susceptible by susceptible crosses. Also informative was data from the molecular breeding program (Dr. Niranjana Baisakh) in deciding, which crosses to make based on genetic diversity among parents at the molecular level and, which parents harbor the Bru 1 gene that confers rust resistance.

In general, the 2014 sugarcane crop improvement program accomplished all of its goals for the year. The season started slowly because of the uncharacteristically wet conditions experienced during peak planting or harvesting times throughout the year. The planting and

harvesting operation suffered several delays but in the end all the experiments were planted and harvested as planned. The 2014 crop was spared from tropical storm damage making it easy for the Crop Improvement crew members to walk the plots and conduct selection as lodging was not prevalent. Clones naturally prone to lodging lodged easily and these were easy to identify and eliminate from the program. As in 2013, the 2014 crop experienced a freeze in late November.

The decision regarding further testing and seed increase of candidate varieties in the program was determined at the Variety Advancement Committee meeting. The 2014 meeting was held on Friday August 15, 2014 at the American Sugar Cane League office in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

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Table 2. Number of “L” varieties by assignment series for each stage of testing in 2014.

Assignment Series	Stage of Testing	Number of experimental varieties
L 2010	Outfield – Replanted and harvested as plantcane On-station nurseries - 3 rd stubble harvested Off-station nurseries and infield – 2 nd stubble harvested.	1
L 2011	Outfield – Planted On-station nurseries - 2 nd stubble harvested Off-station nurseries and infield - 1 st stubble harvested	4
L 2012	Outfield – Introduced On-station nurseries - 1 st stubble harvested Off-station nurseries and infield - plantcane harvested.	3
L 2013	On-station nurseries - plantcane harvested Off-station nurseries and infield planted	17
L 2014	Assignment On-station nurseries planted	33

2014 PHOTOPERIOD AND CROSSING IN THE LSU AGCENTER SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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The longstanding and continued goal of the LSU AgCenter's Sugarcane Variety Development Program is the development of genetically improved sugarcane varieties which will positively impact the sugar industry. The variety development program begins with the photoperiod and crossing stages. Photoperiod treatments are managed as to encourage flowering of genotypes that would otherwise not flower naturally in Louisiana's climatic conditions. Pre-planned crosses, based on an additive-model that uses the performance of sugarcane parents for several yield components as well as resistance to pests and diseases, are made through hybridization techniques. The breeding program strives to produce crosses that will yield superior progeny.

Eyepiece cuttings of breeding genotypes to be used for the 2014 crossing season were planted in October of 2013. The cuttings were planted in Styrofoam cell trays and maintained in the greenhouse. In late January of 2014, the cuttings were transferred to can culture. The transplants were planted in large cans (38 liters) containing equal parts of field soil, washed sand, and peat moss and maintained in the greenhouse. In April, after the danger of frost, the cans were moved from the greenhouse to the photoperiod rail carts. Natural lighting and six light-tight chambers were used for photoperiod treatments. Photoperiod treatments were initiated by pushing the rail carts in to a light-tight chamber shortly after twilight. The photoperiod carts remained in the light-tight chamber until a specific time each morning at which point, the photoperiod carts were moved out of the light-tight chamber into natural sunlight. The cans were placed on photoperiod carts and assigned to a specific photoperiod regime based on past flowering behavior. Genotypes that are difficult to flower were given a longer induction treatment and longer decline period. Fertilization was adjusted to condition plants for floral induction as a high C:N ratio has been shown to promote flowering in sugarcane.

The first photoperiod treatment began on June 1, 2014. All photoperiod treatments were initiated with a minimum of 37 consecutive days of 12 ½ hours of constant day length (Table 1). After the initial constant photoperiod days, artificial day length was shortened by one minute per day. Tassel (flower) initiation begins when day length begins to decrease. Treatments differed by the number of days with constant day length and the date on which the decline of photoperiod was initiated (Table 1). All photoperiod treatments were discontinued on September 12, 2014, when natural day length was less than 12 ½ hours and decreasing at a rate conducive to sugarcane flowering.

The flowering season began the last week of August in 2014. The normal time frame for first flowering can be as early as the last week of August or as late as the third week of September. There may be a slight deviation in the appearance of the first flower due to temperature during the photoperiod induction phase, varietal characteristics, and the photoperiod treatments. Flowering percentages of stalks on photoperiod carts were below average in 2014

and were especially low in photoperiod carts located in position “C” (Table 1). The total flowering percentage for the six photoperiod bays equaled 38%. The total flowering percentage was significantly below the last 5 year average. Of a total of 1,369 stalks, 526 tassels were produced (Table 2). The flowering season peaked in late September through mid-October (Fig. 1).

Crossing began on August 29, 2014 and ended on November 10, 2014. A total of 526 tassels of 89 genotypes (Table 4) were used to produce 292 crosses (Table 3, Table 5). A total of 88,778 viable seed were produced in 2014 (Table 3). A total of 81,027 seed were produced from bi-parental crosses and a total of 5,128 seed were produced from polycrosses (Table 3). Germination rate was estimated based on the germination of 0.5 g of seed under greenhouse conditions in late December of 2014. Germination rates were below average in 2014 (Table 3).

The transfer of cans to the photoperiod rail carts in 2014 was delayed due to cooler than normal spring temperatures. This delay may have contributed, in part, to the poor flowering of genotypes. In an attempt to improve monitoring capabilities of temperature and relative humidity in the crossing greenhouse, a data logging system was installed in 2014. Real-time temperature and relative humidity data was available to the persons involved in the management of plants in the crossing greenhouse through a computer terminal and handheld devices. The availability of this information allowed for better management of temperature and relative humidity. High relative humidity was maintained with the use of a misting system installed inside the crossing greenhouse. High temperatures in excess of 95°F were recorded on multiple days in the crossing greenhouse and this may have contributed to the poor seed set observed in 2014. It has been previously observed that temperatures in excess of 95°F have adverse effects on pollen viability. Additionally, several days of unfavorable weather conditions were observed during the 2014 crossing season. On multiple occasions, plants on the rail carts were moved into the photoperiod bays for protection against driving rain and wind in excess of 15 mph. To further compound poor flowering, the arrival of a flock of birds, which roosted on some flowers, caused the breakage of several stalks.

Table 1. Summary of the 2014 photoperiod treatments for the LSU AgCenter's sugarcane variety development program.

Bay	Cart	Treatment Start Date	Days of Constant Photoperiod	Date		Days of Declining Photoperiod		Mean Flowering Date	Total Stalks	Percent Flowered
				Photoperiod Decline Started	Photoperiod	Peak 1	Peak 2			
1	B	16-Jun	44	30-Jul	72	87	288±2	72	40	
1	C	16-Jun	44	30-Jul	72	87	283±2	68	28	
2	A	16-Jun	44	30-Jul	72	87	293±1	82	79	
2	B	16-Jun	44	30-Jul	72	87	287±2	74	43	
2	C	16-Jun	44	30-Jul	72	87	292±3	69	19	
3	A	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	274±3	83	57	
3	B	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	276±4	79	32	
3	C	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	279±4	74	20	
4	A	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	273±2	71	62	
4	B	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	261±4	73	10	
4	C	01-Jun	37	8-Jul	87	102	265±4	68	15	
5	A	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	281±2	81	63	
5	B	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	275±3	75	29	
5	C	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	267±7	71	18	
6	A	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	274±2	86	51	
6	B	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	287±4	85	25	
6	C	01-Jun	41	12-Jul	82	97	277±3	79	16	

Table 2. Summary of can, variety, and flower information in bays 1-6 subjected to photoperiod treatments.

Varieties used in crossing	Cans with stalks	Cans with tassels	Total stalks	Total tassels	Mean stalks per can	Mean tassels per can†	Mean pollen rating‡	Mean days to flower§
-----Number-----								
89	324	182	1369	526	4.23 ± 1.06	2.89 ± 1.40	5.19 ± 1.90	82.14 ± 14.36

† Based upon cans with tassels.

‡ Pollen rating of 1 through 4 indicates male tassel; pollen rating of 5 through 9 indicates female tassel.

§ Days from photoperiod decline start date to flowering.

Table 3. Summary of 2014 crossing and seed production.

Type of Cross	Crosses	Sum of Seed Production	Mean Seed Production Per Cross	Mean Seed Production Per Female Tassel	Mean Germination Per Gram Seed
-----Number-----					
Biparental	270	81027	299±464	299±464	27±38
Polycross	14	5128	366±637	366±637	37±62
Self	8	2623	328±587	328±587	35±63
Total	292	88778	304±475	304±475	29±41

Table 4. Varietal flowering summary in 2014 in the photoperiod bays.

Variety	Days of Constant Photoperiod	First Flower Date	Mean Days to Flower	Pollen Rating	Total Stalk Number	Total Flowers	Percent Flowering Stalks
CP1983-644	41	314	121	3	22	1	5
HO1995-988	41±1	.	.	.	8	.	.
HO2006-530	41	.	.	.	5	.	.
HO2006-563	37	267	88±5	5±1	6	6	100
HO2007-613	41±1	293	87±5	5±2	25	2	8
HO2007-617	41	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2008-709	42	288	90±4	7	11	3	27
HO2008-711	41	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2008-717	40±1	.	.	.	9	.	.
HO2008-730	41	283	90	7	5	1	20
HO2009-832	44	288	81±1	4±1	4	4	100
HO2009-840	40±1	258	72±4	7±1	15	8	53
HO2009-9401	37	251	66±1	8	6	6	100
HO2009-9402	37	253	64	5	4	1	25
HO2010-937	41	274	97±5	7	10	9	90
HO2011-512	41	290	105±4	7	9	4	44
HO2011-515	44	300	89	4	5	2	40
HO2011-529	40±1	.	.	.	8	.	.
HO2011-532	39±1	267	80±1	4	10	10	100
HO2011-556	37	286	97	4	4	1	25
HO2011-572	37	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2011-573	42±1	.	.	.	9	.	.
HO2011-9403	37	.	.	.	5	.	.
HO2011-9404	44	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2011-9405	44	288	84±4	5±1	5	3	60
HO2011-9406	44	283	73±1	6±1	4	3	75
HO2012-615	40±1	288	87±8	5±1	11	6	55
HO2012-626	44	.	.	.	5	.	.
HO2012-633	41±1	.	.	.	8	.	.
HO2012-641	41±1	.	.	.	10	.	.
HO2012-9407	37	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2012-9408	44	.	.	.	4	.	.
HO2012-9409	44	274	70±5	6±1	4	4	100
HO2012-9410	37	272	83	7	2	1	50
HO2012-9411	37	279	104±9	3	5	3	60
HOC1985-845	41±1	281	95±4	6±1	19	5	26
HOC1991-552	41±1	260	75±6	4	10	8	80
HOC1991-553	44	.	.	.	1	.	.
HOC1991-554	44	295	84	3	1	1	100
HOC1992-618	40±1	269	92±4	4	24	11	46
HOC1992-624	42±1	260	77±2	6	23	19	83
HOC1995-951	40±1	260	91±7	7	12	8	67
HOC1996-540	41±1	274	89±3	4	28	8	29
HOC1996-561	42±1	274	85±2	4	16	9	56
HOC1997-609	39±1	265	79±2	3	10	5	50
HOC2000-950	41±1	269	87±4	8	19	11	58

Table 4. Continued

Variety	Days of Constant Photoperiod	First Flower Date	Mean Days To Flower	Pollen Rating	Total Stalk Number	Total Flowers	Percent Flowering Stalks
HOCP2001-517	41±1	281	85±3	6±1	25	7	28
HOCP2001-523	43	.	.	.	15	.	.
HOCP2002-618	40±1	272	88±7	4±1	11	4	36
HOCP2004-838	42±1	253	76±5	4	20	11	55
HOCP2004-847	40±1	274	94±3	8	19	5	26
HOCP2005-902	41	290	105±6	4±1	6	3	50
HOCP2009-800	44	.	.	.	4	.	.
HOCP2009-804	38	309	120	4	16	1	6
HOCP2009-814	39±1	269	95±13	4±1	8	3	38
HOCP2009-846	44	.	.	.	4	.	.
HOCP2011-504	42±1	255	64±1	4	7	7	100
HOCP2011-516	44	288	85±5	4±1	3	3	100
HOCP2011-548	39±1	265	72	4	7	2	29
HOCP2011-576	41	.	.	.	4	.	.
L1994-426	41±1	274	81	6	16	2	13
L1994-428	44	.	.	.	5	.	.
L1994-433	37	314	125	7	6	2	33
L1997-128	41±1	265	77±3	8	23	11	48
L1998-207	43	295	89±4	7	11	3	27
L1998-209	40±1	260	82±8	6±2	11	3	27
L1999-226	41	265	85±2	3	42	25	60
L1999-233	40±1	251	76±5	4	24	15	63
L2001-283	41	283	97±5	6	28	4	14
L2001-299	40	265	80±2	5	42	25	60
L2001-315	41	.	.	.	8	.	.
L2003-371	41±1	.	.	.	15	.	.
L2005-448	40±1	253	72±2	4	9	8	89
L2005-457	41±1	251	69±3	7	21	17	81
L2006-001	41±1	274	89±2	4	31	14	45
L2006-038	39±1	260	80±6	5±1	15	4	27
L2006-040	41±1	281	79±5	6±1	20	3	15
L2007-057	39±1	248	66±3	4	14	9	64
L2007-068	44	.	.	.	5	.	.
L2008-088	44	.	.	.	2	.	.
L2008-090	40±1	262	76±1	4	31	25	81
L2009-099	41±1	276	89±7	4	22	8	36
L2009-112	41±1	.	.	.	21	.	.
L2009-117	44	.	.	.	5	.	.
L2009-123	41±1	260	71±2	7	10	9	90
L2009-125	40±1	.	.	.	9	.	.
L2009-131	37	.	.	.	9	.	.
L2011-168	40±1	274	78±3	7±1	7	5	71
L2011-172	37	272	86±2	3±1	6	5	83
L2011-178	37	.	.	.	4	.	.
L2011-183	39±1	274	95±8	6±1	9	5	56
L2011-187	41±1	267	85±3	5±1	10	5	50
L2011-191	41±1	253	69±4	3	10	5	50

Table 4. Continued

Variety	Days of Constant Photoperiod	First Flower Date	Mean Days To Flower	Pollen Rating	Total Stalk Number	Total Flowers	Percent Flowering Stalks
L2012-193	37	.	.	.	4	.	.
L2012-197	44	279	80±6	5±1	5	5	100
L2012-198	37	.	.	.	5	.	.
L2012-199	44	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2012-201	41	.	.	.	5	.	.
L2012-202	38±1	260	79±6	8	13	9	69
L2012-210	44	.	.	.	2	.	.
L2012-216	37	255	66	7	4	1	25
L2012-218	37	286	101±2	4	3	3	100
L2012-223	41	.	.	.	5	.	.
L2012-227	43±1	274	84±2	4	4	4	100
L2012-229	37	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2012-230	44	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2012-232	41	253	60	3	3	1	33
L2013-234	39±1	260	69±1	6±1	10	3	30
L2013-235	37	.	.	.	2	.	.
L2013-236	37	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2013-237	42±1	251	70±2	8	6	6	100
L2013-238	39±1	.	.	.	7	.	.
L2013-239	43±1	241	59±4	7	6	6	100
L2013-240	40±1	.	.	.	7	.	.
L2013-241	41	276	83	7	3	1	33
L2013-242	41	.	.	.	4	.	.
L2013-243	42±1	279	81±6	4	7	2	29
L2013-244	41	265	90±5	7	6	6	100
L2013-245	44	300	94±3	7±1	7	4	57
L2013-246	42	295	111±3	7	11	4	36
L2013-247	37	293	104	4	3	1	33
L2013-248	42±1	279	89±2	4	6	5	83
L2013-249	39±1	.	.	.	9	.	.
L2013-250	44	.	.	.	4	.	.
L2013-251	42	260	77±4	4	12	8	67
L2013-252	44	276	65	8	3	1	33
L2013-253	39±1	269	82±2	8±1	8	2	25
L2013-254	42±1	309	101±1	7	7	5	71
L2013-255	44	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2013-256	44	295	84	7	5	1	20
L2013-258	39±1	.	.	.	9	.	.
L2013-259	37	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2013-260	44	272	62±1	7	3	2	67
L2013-261	41	276	91±7	3	5	3	60
L2013-262	41	.	.	.	3	.	.
L2013-263	39±1	.	.	.	7	.	.
LCP1981-010	42±1	281	78±4	5±1	12	7	58
LCP1985-384	41±1	276	88±2	4	32	12	38
LCP1986-454	42±1	.	.	.	7	.	.
N27	41	265	84±8	4±1	10	3	30
US2001-040	39±1	.	.	.	6	.	.

Table 5. Crosses and seed made in 2014

Cross	Female	Male	Seed	Cross	Female	Male	Seed
XL14-001	L13-239	L13-239	28	XL14-050	L13-244	L13-234	0
XL14-002	L13-239	L07-057	1242	XL14-051	L05-457	L99-226	539
XL14-003	HO09-9401	L99-233	1017	XL14-052	L97-128	L99-226	46
XL14-004	L13-239	L05-457	18	XL14-053	HOC97-609*	L13-251	168
XL14-005	L07-057	L99-233	750	XL14-054	L01-299*	L13-251	7
XL14-006	HO09-9401	HOC94-838	815	XL14-055	HOC95-951	L01-299	589
XL14-007	L13-237	HOC94-838	422	XL14-056	L11-187	L01-299	14
XL14-008	L12-232*	HOC94-838	1270	XL14-057	L99-226*	L01-299	31
XL14-009	HO09-9401	L11-191	359	XL14-058	L09-123	HOC94-838	1709
XL14-010	HO09-9402	L11-191	1826	XL14-059	HO11-532*	HOC94-838	656
XL14-011	L05-448*	L11-191	749	XL14-060	HO11-532*	L08-090	20
XL14-012	L99-233*	L11-191	0	XL14-061	L05-457	L08-090	13
XL14-013	HO09-9401	HOC11-504	140	XL14-062	HOC97-609*	L08-090	89
XL14-014	L12-216	L11-191	19	XL14-063	L06-038*	HO6-563	98
XL14-015	L05-457	L11-191	181	XL14-064	HOC97-609*	HO6-563	1066
XL14-016	HOC94-838	L07-057	553	XL14-065	L13-239	HO11-532	430
XL14-017	L05-457	L07-057	216	XL14-066	HOC90-950	HO11-532	56
XL14-018	L05-457	HOC11-504	2242	XL14-067	L13-253	HOC99-814	12
XL14-019	HO09-840	HOC11-504	0	XL14-068	L13-239	L08-090	26
XL14-020	HO09-840	L99-233	0	XL14-069	HO11-532*	L05-448	23
XL14-021	L05-457	L99-233	2809	XL14-070	HOC92-618	14P1	0
XL14-022	HO09-9401	L99-233	229	XL14-071	L08-090	14P1	27
XL14-023	L05-457	HO09-840	193	XL14-072	HOC91-552*	L99-226	622
XL14-024	HOC92-624	HOC91-552	548	XL14-073	HO6-563	L99-226	457
XL14-025	L12-202	HOC91-552	29	XL14-074	L12-202	L99-226	12
XL14-026	HO09-9401	HOC91-552	637	XL14-075	HO6-563	L01-299	193
XL14-027	HOC91-552	HOC91-552	1151	XL14-076	L97-128	L01-299	15
XL14-028	L13-234	L98-209	1363	XL14-077	L05-457	L01-299	197
XL14-029	L12-202	L98-209	190	XL14-078	L13-260	HO11-532	64
XL14-030	HOC94-838	HOC11-504	281	XL14-079	L08-090*	HO11-532	216
XL14-031	L12-202	HOC11-504	330	XL14-080	HOC92-618*	HO11-532	42
XL14-032	HO09-840	L07-057	149	XL14-081	L99-233*	L01-299	530
XL14-033	HOC92-624	L07-057	1065	XL14-082	L13-253	L07-057	66
XL14-034	L12-202	L07-057	0	XL14-083	HOC92-618*	L07-057	12
XL14-035	HOC95-951	L13-251	284	XL14-084	L13-244	HOC92-618	201
XL14-036	L06-038	L13-251	0	XL14-085	L11-172*	HOC92-618	206
XL14-037	L09-123	L05-448	2302	XL14-086	L11-187*	HOC92-618	41
XL14-038	HOC92-624	L99-233	1340	XL14-087	HO12-9410	HOC92-618	488
XL14-039	L09-123	L99-233	927	XL14-088	HO11-532*	HOC94-838	12
XL14-040	L12-202	L99-233	102	XL14-089	HOC11-504*	HOC94-838	28
XL14-041	L12-202	L08-090	0	XL14-090	L99-233	L01-299	160
XL14-042	L09-123	L08-090	212	XL14-091	N27*	L99-226	458
XL14-043	L13-234	L08-090	304	XL14-092	L05-457	L99-226	856
XL14-044	HOC92-624	L13-251	149	XL14-093	HO09-840	L99-226	16
XL14-045	L08-090*	L01-299	31	XL14-094	HOC99-814	HOC11-504	44
XL14-046	HO09-840	L08-090	0	XL14-095	HOC92-618*	HOC11-504	77
XL14-047	N27*	L08-090	14	XL14-096	HO12-9409	HOC11-504	6
XL14-048	L09-123	HOC11-548	1288	XL14-097	L11-168	HOC92-624	181
XL14-049	L05-448	HOC11-548	724	XL14-098	HOC97-609	HOC92-624	152

Table 5. Continued

Cross	Female	Male	Seed	Cross	Female	Male	Seed
XL14-099	L13-251*	HOC92-624	565	XL14-148	HO08-730	L05-448	117
XL14-100	L09-123	HOC96-540	1253	XL14-149	L09-123	L05-448	231
XL14-101	HOC91-552*	HOC96-540	259	XL14-150	L01-283	L08-090	115
XL14-102	L11-172*	HOC96-540	917	XL14-151	HO11-9406	L08-090	105
XL14-103	HO10-937	L06-001	472	XL14-152	L09-123	L99-226	12
XL14-104	L13-260	L06-001	222	XL14-153	HOC85-845	HOC92-624	41
XL14-105	HO12-9409	L06-001	29	XL14-154	HOC92-624	HOC92-624	0
XL14-106	L94-426	L08-090	34	XL14-155	HOC04-847	L11-183	0
XL14-107	HO10-937	L08-090	99	XL14-156	L06-038	L11-183	0
XL14-108	HOC96-561*	L08-090	13	XL14-157	L12-197	L11-183	76
XL14-109	HOC04-847	L11-172	96	XL14-158	L13-237	L12-227	38
XL14-110	L11-183	L11-172	0	XL14-159	L97-128	L01-299	8
XL14-111	HO11-532*	L11-172	722	XL14-160	HO11-532*	L08-090	53
XL14-112	L98-209	L12-227	0	XL14-161	L09-099*	L08-090	45
XL14-113	L94-426	HOC04-838	58	XL14-162	LCP85-384*	LCP81-010	31
XL14-114	L13-252	LCP85-384	346	XL14-163	HOC91-552	L05-448	0
XL14-115	L13-241	LCP85-384	1705	XL14-164	L13-251*	L05-448	221
XL14-116	HO10-937	L08-090	230	XL14-165	L06-040	HOC92-624	9
XL14-117	L05-457	L09-099	911	XL14-166	L11-168	HOC92-624	0
XL14-118	L09-123	L07-057	198	XL14-167	L97-128	HOC96-540	12
XL14-119	L11-168	L11-191	952	XL14-168	HOC01-517	L01-299	1365
XL14-120	L11-183	L13-261	344	XL14-169	L08-090*	L01-299	24
XL14-121	HOC02-618	L99-233	665	XL14-170	L13-239	L01-299	689
XL14-122	L99-233	L99-233	1394	XL14-171	L13-237	L01-299	394
XL14-123	L05-457	L99-226	740	XL14-172	L01-299	L01-299	0
XL14-124	L12-197	L99-226	832	XL14-173	L01-283	L99-226	444
XL14-125	HO10-937	HOC96-540	307	XL14-174	L12-218*	L99-226	956
XL14-126	L13-244	HOC96-561	12	XL14-175	L13-244	L99-226	12
XL14-127	HOC91-552*	L13-248	14	XL14-176	L12-197	L99-226	444
XL14-128	HOC92-624*	L13-248	344	XL14-177	L05-457	L06-001	0
XL14-129	L13-243*	L13-248	35	XL14-178	L98-209	HO11-556	350
XL14-130	L13-261	14P2	2308	XL14-179	HO06-563*	L08-090	0
XL14-131	LCP85-384	14P2	1056	XL14-180	HO11-9406*	L08-090	0
XL14-132	HO12-9409	14P2	11	XL14-181	L11-168*	L08-090	8
XL14-133	HO12-9411	14P2	496	XL14-182	HOC85-845*	L08-090	9
XL14-134	L97-128	L06-001	86	XL14-183	L09-099*	HOC04-838	301
XL14-135	HOC01-517	L06-001	353	XL14-184	L06-040*	HOC04-838	0
XL14-136	L97-128	L99-233	29	XL14-185	L13-248	14P3	10
XL14-137	LCP81-010	L99-233	234	XL14-186	L13-243	14P3	20
XL14-138	HOC92-624	L99-233	56	XL14-187	L06-038	14P3	55
XL14-139	HOC85-845	L08-090	89	XL14-188	HOC91-552	14P3	504
XL14-140	L06-040	L08-090	0	XL14-189	HOC92-624	LCP85-384	1852
XL14-141	HOC95-951	HOC92-618	167	XL14-190	L01-283	HO12-615	540
XL14-142	HOC92-624	L01-299	60	XL14-191	L11-168	HO12-615	164
XL14-143	LCP81-010	L11-172	434	XL14-192	HO11-9405*	LCP85-384	87
XL14-144	L97-128	HOC92-618	219	XL14-193	HOC96-561*	LCP85-384	0
XL14-145	HOC00-950	L01-299	7	XL14-194	L13-248*	LCP85-384	7
XL14-146	HOC95-951	L01-299	129	XL14-195	L99-226	LCP85-384	0
XL14-147	L13-237	L01-299	423	XL14-196	HOC00-950	L01-299	0

Table 5. Continued

Cross	Female	Male	Seed	Cross	Female	Male	Seed
XL14-197	HOC P00-950	HOC P01-517	43	XL14-245	HOC P01-517	L13-248	76
XL14-198	HOC P04-847	HOC P01-517	27	XL14-246	L98-207	L11-191	190
XL14-199	HOC P00-950	L99-226	126	XL14-247	HOC P00-950	HOC P96-540	219
XL14-200	HO08-709	L99-226	298	XL14-248	L12-202	HO11-515	11
XL14-201	HO09-832	HOC P11-516	89	XL14-249	LCP85-384*	HO11-515	19
XL14-202	HOC P00-950	L06-001	52	XL14-250	HO11-515	HO11-515	51
XL14-203	HOC P04-847	L99-226	20	XL14-251	L13-245	HOC P91-552	0
XL14-204	L01-299	L99-226	80	XL14-252	L13-244	L06-001	0
XL14-205	L12-218*	L99-226	0	XL14-253	L01-299*	L09-099	0
XL14-206	HO12-9411*	L99-226	9	XL14-254	L09-099*	L99-226	84
XL14-207	HO10-937	L81-010	145	XL14-255	HOC P00-950	L2006-001	624
XL14-208	HO12-512	L81-010	415	XL14-256	HOC P85-845	L2006-001	1988
XL14-209	HOC P85-845	L81-010	78	XL14-257	HOC P92-624	L2006-001	1523
XL14-210	HO10-937	L12-227	200	XL14-258	L06-001	L2006-001	0
XL14-211	HOC P04-847	HOC P05-902	0	XL14-259	HO07-613	L2006-001	566
XL14-212	L01-299	HOC P05-902	110	XL14-260	HO09-840	L2006-001	1069
XL14-213	HO12-615*	HOC P04-838	15	XL14-261	HO10-937	L2006-001	628
XL14-214	L13-251*	HOC P04-838	21	XL14-262	HO11-9405	L06-001	0
XL14-215	L13-244	HO09-832	166	XL14-263	L13-246	L09-099	36
XL14-216	HOC P96-561*	HO09-832	218	XL14-264	HOC P92-624	HOC P96-540	2392
XL14-217	L12-218*	HO09-832	0	XL14-265	HOC P00-950	HOC P96-540	9
XL14-218	L13-247*	HO09-832	18	XL14-266	L01-283	HOC P96-540	596
XL14-219	HO12-615	N27	59	XL14-267	HO08-709	14P4	115
XL14-220	HOC P95-951	HOC P96-561	15	XL14-268	HOC P01-517	14P4	96
XL14-221	L01-299	HOC P96-561	0	XL14-269	HOC P11-516	14P4	430
XL14-222	HO08-709	HOC P96-561	0	XL14-270	L13-245	14P4	0
XL14-223	HO12-615	L11-187	89	XL14-271	L98-207	LCP81-010	11
XL14-224	HOC P95-951	HOC P96-540	376	XL14-272	HOC P05-902	L99-226	394
XL14-225	L01-299	HOC P96-540	136	XL14-273	L13-246	L99-226	272
XL14-226	L12-202	HO07-613	0	XL14-274	HO11-512	HOC P09-804	42
XL14-227	L13-246	HOC P92-624	404	XL14-275	HOC P09-814	HOC P96-561	0
XL14-228	HO12-9409	HOC P92-624	0	XL14-276	L11-187	L99-226	109
XL14-229	L11-187*	HOC P92-624	0	XL14-277	L13-254	L99-226	490
XL14-230	L97-128	L99-226	16	XL14-278	HOC P95-951	L09-099	45
XL14-231	L01-299	L99-226	461	XL14-279	L13-246	HO12-9411	778
XL14-232	L98-207	L99-226	836	XL14-280	HO10-937	CP83-644	0
XL14-233	HOC P92-618	HOC P04-838	262	XL14-281	LCP85-384	CP83-644	38
XL14-234	HO11-512	HOC P91-552	36	XL14-282	L13-245	CP83-644	370
XL14-235	HOC P05-902*	L13-251	0	XL14-283	HO10-937	HOC P04-838	13
XL14-236	HO11-9405*	HOC P11-516	46	XL14-284	HO12-615	HOC P04-838	0
XL14-237	HOC P01-517*	L12-197	0	XL14-285	L94-433	HOC P04-838	305
XL14-238	LCP85-384*	L12-227	39	XL14-286	L99-233	HOC P04-838	83
XL14-239	HOC P96-561*	L06-001	0	XL14-287	L13-254	HOC P96-540	171
XL14-240	L01-299	L06-001	181	XL14-288	L94-433	HOC P96-540	392
XL14-241	LCO85-384*	L06-001	317	XL14-289	HOC P92-618	HOC P96-540	49
XL14-242	L06-001	L06-001	0	XL14-290	L99-233	HOC P96-540	41
XL14-243	HO11-512	HOC P02-618	236	XL14-291	L13-254	L12-197	25
XL14-244	L13-261*	HOC P02-618	0	XL14-292	L11-183	L12-197	57

* Indicates emasculated flower

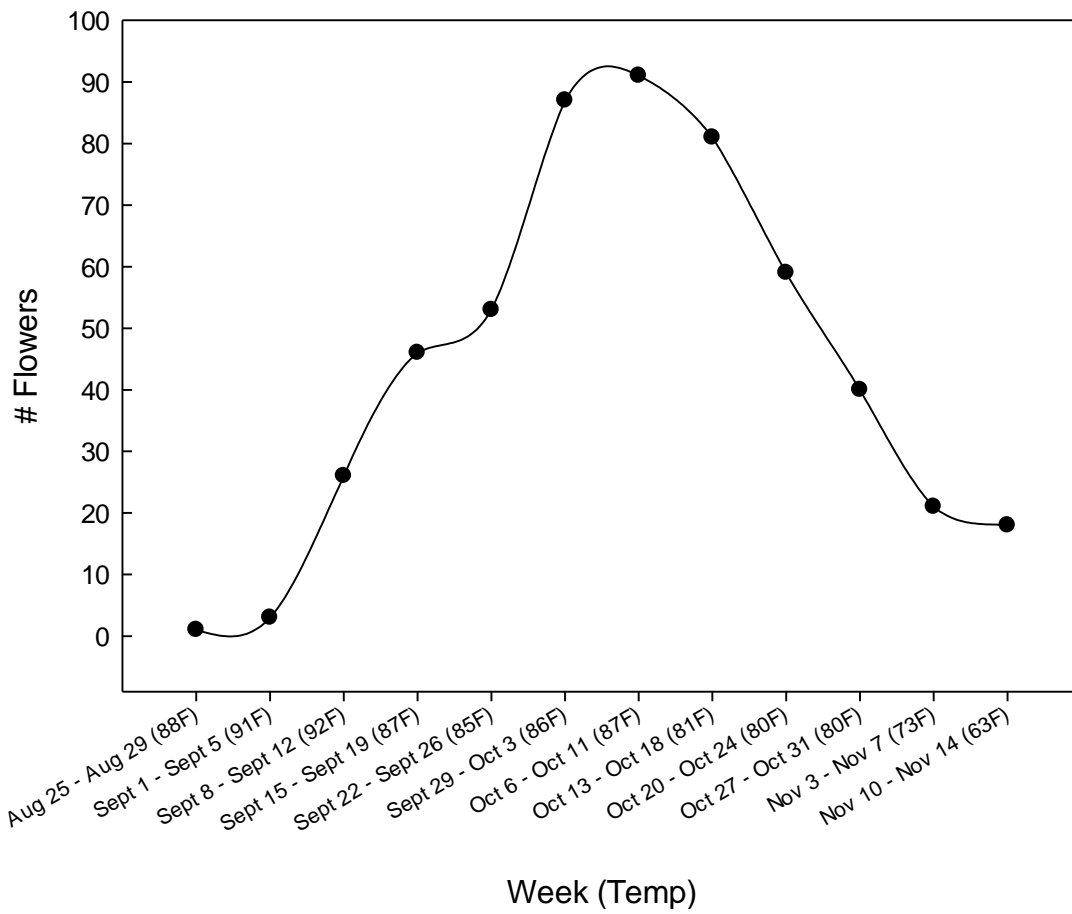


Fig. 1. Number of flowers produced during the 2014 crossing season. The average ambient temperature is reported for each week.

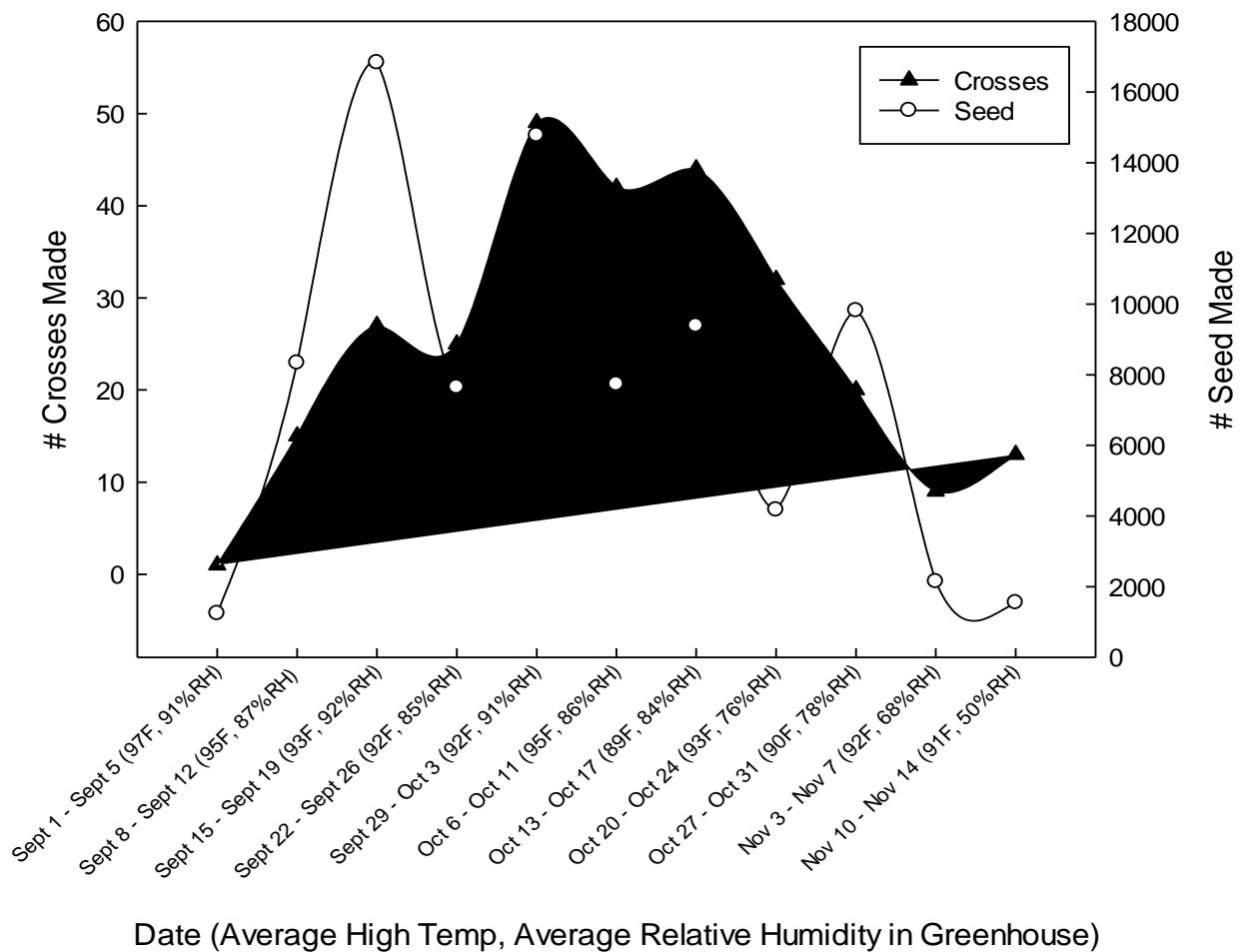


Fig. 2. Number of crosses made and number of seed made from those corresponding crosses in 2014. Average weekly high temperature and average weekly relative humidity readings were recorded inside the crossing greenhouse located in St. Gabriel, LA.

SELECTIONS, ADVANCEMENTS, AND ASSIGNMENTS OF THE LSU AGCENTER'S SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 2014

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SUMMARY

In the selection phase of the LSU AgCenter's Sugarcane Variety Development Program, superior clones are advanced through the single stool, first line, second line, and increase stages of the breeding program. In the first stubble crop of the second-line trials, those clones with acceptable breeding or commercial value are assigned a permanent variety number. A total of 76,217 seedlings from 155 crosses were planted in the field in the spring of 2014. The majority of these seedlings are progeny of bi-parental crosses among commercial and elite experimental varieties. In the fall of 2014, family selection was practiced on the 38,616 stubble seedlings surviving the winter. This selection resulted in the planting of 1,414 first-line trial plots. At the same time, superior clones were also selected and advanced through subsequent stages (461 to second line trials, 294 to the increase stage). Assignments of permanent "L14" numbers were given to the 33 best clones of the 2009 crossing series.

PROCEDURES

In the selection stage of the LSU AgCenter's Sugarcane Variety Development Program, single stools are established from seed generated in the crossing stage. After evaluating and selecting the families for cane yield potential in the cross appraisal studies, clones with desirable phenotypes are selected and advanced through single stool, first line, second line, and increase stages. In the first stubble crop of the second-line trials, clones judged to have breeding or commercial value are assigned a permanent variety number and advanced to the nursery stage of testing.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 76,217 seedlings from 155 crosses of the 2013 crossing series were planted to the field in the spring of 2014 (Table 1). Many of these seedlings were progeny of crosses among commercial and superior experimental varieties. In the fall of 2014, individual selection was practiced on the 38,616 stubble single stools of the 2012 crossing series that survived the winter. The 1,414 clones selected and advanced from the single stools were planted in 10-foot first-line trial plots. Dates of planting and harvesting of all plots in the selection phase of the program can be found in Table 2.

The 1,985 first-line trial plots of the 2011 crossing series were rated for cane yield and pest resistance in August of 2014 (Table 3). After screening for cane yield rating, acceptable clones were further evaluated for pest resistance (diseases and borer injury) stalk quality, and Brix (Table 3). This second stage of advancement was concluded with the planting of 461 clones in single row 16-foot second line trials plots.

Stalk counts were made on the 484 plant-cane second line trial plots of the 2010 crossing series in August 2013. Based on these counts and sucrose lab data collected in 2013, 294 clones

were planted in two single row 16-foot plots representing the increase stage of the program (Table 4). One replication was planted in light soil and the other in heavy soil. These clones will be candidates for assignment in 2015. Of the 120 candidates from the first stubble crop of the second line trial plots, the best 33 clones from the 2009 crossing series were assigned permanent "L14" numbers (Table 5). These newly assigned "L14" varieties were then planted in replicated nursery trials at three on station locations (Sugar Research Station, Iberia Research Station, USDA-ARS Ardoyne Farm).

The advancement summary of clones from crosses made in 2009 through 2013 is shown in Table 6. Crosses are sorted by female parent in ascending order, with the percentile ranking given for each cross in each stage of the program.

Table 1. Summary of selections, advancements and assignments made during 2014 by the Louisiana, "L" Sugarcane Variety Development Program's personnel.

Crossing series	Crosses		Plants transplanted	Over-wintered plants	Advanced to			
	Progeny test	Selection program			1st line	2nd line	Increase	On-station Nurseries (L14 Assignments)
			----- number of clones -----					
X09	60	215	76,095	41,581	1,888	393	190	33
X10	50	211	90,294	61,704	2,416	484	294	
X11	58	166	75,703	45,543	1,985	461		
X12	40	170	78,747	38,616	1,414			
X13	--	155	76,217					

Table 2. Dates of seedling and line trials planted or harvested in 2014.

Crossing Series	Test	Crop	Date Planted	Date Harvested
X13	Seedlings	Planted	4/23 – 4/28	
X12	Seedlings	First Stubble	4/9 – 4/23	9/9 -9/22
X12	Progeny Test	First Stubble	4/22	12/15
X12	First Line Trials	Planted	9/11	
X11	First Line Trials	Plant-cane	10/11/13	9/23/14
X10	First Line Trials	First Stubble	9/21/12	12/10/14
X11	Second Line Trials	Planted	9/24/14	
X10	Second Line Trials	Plant-cane	9/27/13	10/22/14
X09	Second Line Trials	First Stubble	10/12/12	10/8/14
X08	Second Line Trials	Second Stubble	09/14/11	12/2/14
X10	Light Soil Increase	Planted	10/23/14	
X09	Light Soil Increase	Plant-cane	10/17/13	12/15/14
X08	Light Soil Increase	First Stubble	10/30/12	12/3/14
X07	Light Soil Increase	Second Stubble	10/25/11	11/11/14
X10	Heavy Soil Increase	Planted	10/23/14	
X09	Heavy Soil Increase	Plant-cane	10/17/13	12/3/14
X08	Heavy Soil Increase	First Stubble	10/30/12	12/2/14
X07	Heavy Soil Increase	Second Stubble	10/25/11	11/11/14

Table 3. Numbers of experimental clones dropped for identified faults in the 2011 crossing series first-line trials.

Trait	Fault	
	Frequency	Percent
----- 1985 clones enter first round of evaluation -----		
Initial Selection (Rating)	766	38.6
----- 1219 clones enter second round of evaluation -----		
Pith	58	2.92
Smut	15	0.76
Rust	13	0.65
Tube	34	1.71
Other	7	0.35
----- 127 clones dropped -----		
----- 1092 clones enter third round of evaluation -----		
Brix	631	31.79
Clones advanced	461	23.22

Table 4. Number of experimental clones dropped for identified faults in the 2010 crossing series of the plant-cane second line trial prior to advancement to the increase stage.

Trait	Fault	
	Frequency	Percent
----- 484 clones enter first round of evaluation -----		
Stalk count <75 per plot & observations	122	25.21
Lodged	33	6.82
Pith / Tube	23	4.75
Other	12	2.48
----- 190 clones dropped -----		
Clones advanced to Increase stage	294	60.74

Table 5. Yield data for the 2014 “L” assignments made in the first-stubble second line trials.

Variety	Female	Male	Sugar Per Acre	Cane Yield	Sugar Per Ton	Stalk Weight	Stalk Number	Fiber
HoCP96-540	LCP86-454	LCP85-384	5571	34.4	162	1.9	35393	10.5
L99-226	CP89-846	LCP81-030	5034	28.4	173	2.18	25637	10.7
L01-299	L93-365	LCP85-384	9304	48.9	189	2.13	45602	11.6
L03-371	CP83-644	LCP82-089	8168	43.7	187	1.99	43787	9.8
HoCP04-838	HOCP85-845	LCP85-384	4710	25.1	188	1.39	36981	11.6
L14-264	HOCP96-561	L99-226	6339	32.1	197	1.97	32670	9.2
L14-265	HOCP04-847	HOCP96-540	7101	38.3	185	1.4	54904	11.6
L14-266	L97-128	HOCP01-517	6899	34.5	200	1.83	37661	10.4
L14-267	HOCP05-918	L01-283	8510	38.7	220	1.86	41745	10.1
L14-268	L01-283	HOCP02-610	6613	38.8	170	1.65	47190	7.2
L14-269	L01-283	HOCP02-610	6531	35.8	183	1.86	38569	10.7
L14-270	HOCP00-950	L99-226	5182	25.2	206	1.59	31763	10.8
L14-271	HOCP04-847	HOCP96-540	7146	33.5	213	1.38	48551	13.3
L14-272	HOCP92-648	L01-299	7735	47.6	162	2.47	38569	10.9
L14-273	L99-233	HOCP96-540	5255	30.1	175	1.75	34485	11.4
L14-274	HOCP00-930	HOCP96-540	7295	37	197	1.97	37661	10.1
L14-275	HOCP92-624	L99-226	5908	28.8	205	1.82	31763	11.3
L14-276	HOCP92-648	L01-299	5489	26.9	204	1.58	34031	11.7
L14-277	HOCP00-950	09P25	6910	40.8	169	1.78	45829	8.5
L14-278	L01-299	09P7	6186	30.4	204	1.84	33124	10.2
L14-279	L01-283	L99-233	5862	32.9	178	1.41	46736	13.6
L14-280	HO05-961	HOCP85-845	3613	20.2	179	1.57	25864	10.8
L14-281	HOCP04-838	L01-283	3344	17.6	190	1.77	19965	12.1
L14-282	HO06-562	L99-226	8530	46.2	185	1.85	49913	11.1
L14-284	L01-283	09P26	5511	29.7	186	2.15	27679	8.7
L14-285	HO05-961	HOCP85-845	6522	29.6	220	1.77	33578	10.3
L14-286	HOCP04-838	L01-283	7736	39.1	198	1.78	44014	10.3
L14-287	HOCP00-950	L01-283	7815	40.1	195	1.94	41291	10.3
L14-288	HOCP04-838	L01-283	7465	41.7	179	2.52	33124	9.7
L14-289	L05-448	L01-283	9053	50.8	178	2.44	41745	11.8
L14-290	L01-283	09P26	3882	23	169	1.43	32216	10.4
L14-291	HO06-523	L99-233	6220	32.6	191	1.87	34939	13.6
L14-292	L01-283	L99-233	4774	26.8	178	2.36	22688	10
L14-293	L99-233	L99-226	5505	29.1	189	1.83	31763	9.6
L14-294	L01-283	L99-233	4139	25.1	165	1.03	49005	9.4
L14-295	CP83-644	L99-226	9402	48.1	195	1.91	50366	10.9
L14-296	HO07-613	L99-226	5413	27.3	198	1.42	38569	10.7
L14-297	L01-283	09P26	9029	44.7	202	2.53	35393	9.4

Table 6. Advancement summary of the crosses in the 2009 through 2012 series.

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
2009 Crossing Series										
CP83-644	HO05-961	418	11	60	8	94	4	91	0	44
CP83-644	L01-283	118	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
CP83-644	L01-283	477	58	99	21	98	13	98		
CP83-644	L99-226	399	29	92	9	95	3	90	1	94
HO01-564	HOCP01-517	213	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO01-564	L01-299	196	13	91	1	69	1	81	0	44
HO01-564	TUCCP77-042	442	7	52	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO05-961	HOCP02-618	139	4	62	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO05-961	HOCP85-845	270	8	63	5	92	3	93	2	98
HO05-961	L01-299	184	1	48	1	69	0	32	0	44
HO05-961	L99-226	177	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO05-961	L99-226	429	0	23	0	27	0	32		
HO06-523	L99-233	545	25	76	6	78	4	89	1	92
HO06-523	LCP85-384	131	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-530	HO05-961	184	6	65	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-530	HO06-523	162	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-530	L06-038	386	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-537	L99-226	349	17	78	5	85	2	83	0	44
HO06-537	L99-233	388	20	79	5	82	1	69	0	44
HO06-562	L01-283	208	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-562	L01-283	410	17	72	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-562	L99-226	302	9	63	3	78	1	74	0	44
HO06-562	L99-226	286	16	82	7	96	3	92	1	96
HO06-562	L99-233	212	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-562	L99-233	369	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-562	LCP85-384	333	10	63	5	86	0	32	0	44
HO06-562	TUCCP77-042	389	2	48	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-563	HOCP96-540	173	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-563	HOCP96-540	146	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-563	HOCP96-540	363	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO06-563	L01-299	262	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO07-613	L99-226	465	21	74	11	96	5	92	1	93
HO07-617	HO06-523	214	4	54	1	66	1	78	0	44
HO95-988	09P21	343	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO95-988	09P24	122	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO95-988	HOCP01-523	131	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO95-988	HOCP96-540	294	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HO95-988	L01-283	445	15	67	1	57	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-930	HOCP96-540	132	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-930	HOCP96-540	441	9	55	5	79	3	87	1	93
HOCP00-930	HOCP96-540	235	20	93	1	63	0	32		
HOCP00-930	US01-040	170	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	09P25	740	27	69	4	69	3	75	1	89
HOCP00-950	HO06-562	514	9	53	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	HOCP96-540	1668	41	58	11	72	6	74	0	44
HOCP00-950	HOCP96-540	307	10	65	1	61	1	72	0	44

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP00-950	HOCP96-540	392	13	65	1	58	1	68	0	44
HOCP00-950	HOCP97-609	417	16	71	4	77	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L01-283	854	47	81	16	93	4	78	1	88
HOCP00-950	L01-299	1232	34	62	3	57	4	72	0	44
HOCP00-950	L01-299	637	74	97	10	88	4	85		
HOCP00-950	L06-001	807	27	65	6	73	1	64	0	44
HOCP00-950	L06-001	247	0	23	0	27	0	32		
HOCP00-950	L06-038	396	1	47	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L06-038	218	9	72	3	83	2	91	0	44
HOCP00-950	L08-076	196	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L94-428	218	4	53	1	65	1	77	0	44
HOCP00-950	L94-432	360	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L99-226	361	8	56	1	60	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L99-226	132	8	86	2	87	2	95	1	99
HOCP00-950	L99-233	206	2	50	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	L99-233	199	5	58	0	27	0	32		
HOCP00-950	LCP85-384	145	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	LCP85-384	201	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP00-950	LCP86-454	375	18	77	7	93	2	81	0	44
HOCP00-950	US01-040	240	15	89	1	63	1	75		
HOCP01-523	LCP85-384	174	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-*610	L01-299	424	24	83	6	84	3	88	0	44
HOCP02-610	HO06-562	173	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	HOCP01-523	163	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	HOCP96-540	337	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	HOCP96-540	244	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	HOCP97-609	166	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	L06-001	217	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	L06-001	218	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-610	L94-432	139	9	90	2	85	1	88	0	44
HOCP02-610	L99-233	573	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-618	HOCP92-618	132	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-623	HOCP96-540	639	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-623	L01-299	320	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-623	L08-089	194	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP02-623	L94-428	152	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	HOCP05-904	206	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	HOCP07-615	382	3	49	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	HOCP91-552	221	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	HOCP96-540	500	3	49	1	56	1	67	0	44
HOCP04-838	L01-283	678	42	88	9	82	5	89	3	97
HOCP04-838	L01-299	508	11	56	3	70	1	67	0	44
HOCP04-838	L06-001	202	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L06-038	182	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L06-038	160	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L94-428	164	6	70	1	71	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L94-428	201	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP04-838	L99-226	980	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L99-233	107	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L99-233	152	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-838	L99-233	207	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP04-847	HOCP96-540	222	10	74	7	97	6	98	2	99
HOCP04-847	L08-089	454	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP05-902	L01-299	380	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP05-918	L01-283	644	16	58	3	66	2	70	1	90
HOCP05-918	L01-299	369	7	54	1	59	0	32	0	44
HOCP85-845	HO95-988	523	33	89	6	79	3	84	0	44
HOCP85-845	HOCP97-609	182	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-618	09P24	131	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-618	HOCP96-540	102	6	84	1	77	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-618	L01-299	638	60	95	12	93	10	95	0	44
HOCP92-618	L05-448	142	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	HO01-564	332	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	HOCP01-523	164	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	HOCP91-552	172	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	HOCP96-540	447	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	L01-283	1178	31	60	2	56	2	66	0	44
HOCP92-624	L01-283	1152	140	99	37	97	22	97		
HOCP92-624	L01-299	419	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	L01-299	424	34	93	6	84	2	79	0	44
HOCP92-624	L01-299	436	0	23	0	27	0	32		
HOCP92-624	L06-001	131	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	L06-038	397	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	L08-089	1118	0	23	0	27	0	32		
HOCP92-624	L98-207	202	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-624	L99-226	814	75	94	10	81	3	74	1	89
HOCP92-624	L99-233	552	27	78	4	73	0	32	0	44
HOCP92-648	HOCP96-540	544	33	86	4	73	1	66	0	44
HOCP92-648	L01-283	218	26	98	2	76	1	77	0	44
HOCP92-648	L01-299	436	25	83	7	90	5	93	2	97
HOCP92-648	L94-428	175	4	57	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP96-540	09P14	155	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP96-540	L99-233	310	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP96-561	HO05-961	145	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP96-561	HOCP96-540	226	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP96-561	L99-226	629	34	81	2	61	2	71	1	91
HOCP96-561	TUCCP77-042	365	2	48	0	27	0	32	0	44
HOCP97-606	L94-426	159	9	83	2	81	1	86	0	44
L01-283	09P13	435	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L01-283	09P26	1033	62	85	19	92	13	94	3	95
L01-283	HO06-562	432	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L01-283	HOCP02-610	1106	50	74	13	80	6	82	2	91
L01-283	HOCP02-610	237	27	96	13	99	9	99		
L01-283	HOCP06-523	156	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st. Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
L01-283	L08-076	405	25	88	2	68	2	80	0	44
L01-283	L94-426	602	16	61	3	68	1	66	0	44
L01-283	L94-428	670	28	74	4	71	1	65	0	44
L01-283	L94-428	472	23	78	7	86	4	90	.	.
L01-283	L99-226	313	5	52	1	61	1	71	0	44
L01-283	L99-233	788	48	86	18	96	13	96	2	94
L01-283	L99-233	693	32	76	11	89	5	88	1	90
L01-283	L99-233	435	27	88	7	90	7	96	.	.
L01-299	09P1	603	0	23	0	27	0	32	.	.
L01-299	09P3	718	69	95	10	83	4	83	.	.
L01-299	09P4	578	41	92	11	94	4	87	.	.
L01-299	09P7	331	9	61	6	91	4	94	1	96
L01-299	TUCCP77-042	192	12	89	3	88	1	81	0	44
L01-315	HOCP96-540	416	12	62	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-448	L01-283	386	20	79	3	75	1	69	1	95
L05-457	HO01-564	301	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	HOCP02-623	158	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	HOCP91-552	154	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	HOCP96-540	635	7	50	3	66	1	65	0	44
L05-457	L01-283	521	8	51	2	62	0	32	0	44
L05-457	L01-283	401	9	56	3	74	1	68	0	44
L05-457	L01-283	1206	137	96	40	98	26	97	.	.
L05-457	L01-299	188	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	L06-038	194	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	L99-226	236	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L05-457	L99-226	239	14	84	3	81	1	76	0	44
L05-457	L99-233	197	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L06-001	L01-299	74	3	72	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-078	HO05-961	229	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-082	HOCP00-610	188	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-082	HOCP96-540	352	12	67	3	75	0	32	0	44
L08-082	HOCP96-540	394	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-082	LCP86-454	106	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-090	L01-299	413	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-094	L01-299	472	6	51	2	63	0	32	0	44
L08-094	L01-299	217	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L08-095	HOCP00-930	215	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L94-426	L06-001	192	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L94-426	L06-001	1156	79	92	11	77	7	85	.	.
L94-426	L99-226	380	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L94-426	L99-226	229	0	23	0	27	0	32	.	.
L94-428	L01-299	173	10	84	1	70	1	84	0	44
L94-432	L01-299	358	7	55	1	60	1	70	0	44
L94-433	HO05-961	184	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L94-433	HOCP05-918	303	14	76	2	72	1	73	0	44
L94-433	L01-283	304	7	57	1	61	1	73	0	44
L94-433	L01-283	419	0	23	0	27	0	32	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
L94-433	L99-226	396	14	68	1	58	0	32	0	44
L97-128	09P17	197	7	69	3	87	1	80	0	44
L97-128	09P3	144	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L97-128	HO01-564	220	8	69	1	64	1	76	0	44
L97-128	HOCP01-517	205	13	89	1	68	1	79	1	98
L97-128	L01-283	182	11	85	4	95	1	82	0	44
L97-128	L01-299	165	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L97-128	L06-038	247	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L97-128	L98-207	227	6	60	0	27	0	32	0	44
L97-128	L98-207	249	27	96	16	99	12	99	.	.
L97-128	L99-226	91	3	65	0	27	0	32	0	44
L97-128	L99-233	501	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L98-207	HO05-961	334	12	69	0	27	0	32	0	44
L98-207	HOCP01-517	344	12	68	0	27	0	32	0	44
L98-207	L01-299	121	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L98-207	TUCCP77-042	434	11	58	2	65	2	77	0	44
L98-209	L99-226	912	44	77	7	74	1	64	0	44
L98-209	L99-226	485	42	94	8	90	3	85	.	.
L99-226	09P4	392	0	23	0	27	0	32	.	.
L99-233	09P2	409	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
L99-233	HOCP96-540	506	59	97	8	88	5	92	1	92
L99-233	L08-093	180	1	49	0	27	0	32	0	44
L99-233	L99-226	944	35	70	11	80	6	86	1	88
LCP81-010	HOCP96-540	386	7	53	0	27	0	32	0	44
LCP81-010	L01-299	325	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
LCP81-010	L06-001	310	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
LCP81-010	L06-038	341	13	71	3	76	1	70	0	44
LCP81-010	L99-226	344	19	81	5	85	0	32	0	44
LCP81-010	L99-226	229	15	91	1	64	0	32	0	44
LCP81-010	L99-233	239	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
LCP85-384	HOCP96-540	634	26	72	1	55	0	32	0	44
LCP85-384	HOCP96-540	324	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
LCP85-384	L01-299	1253	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
N-27	L94-428	204	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
N-27	L94-432	211	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
N-27	L99-226	213	0	23	0	27	0	32	0	44
N-27	L99-226	392	18	76	1	58	0	32	0	44
TUCCP77-042	L01-283	169	9	80	3	91	3	96	0	44
US01-040	HOCP97-609	216	26	98	1	65	0	32	0	44
2010 Crossing Series										
CP83-644	HOCP85-845	328	6	39	2	73	0	33	.	.
CP83-644	L94-428	521	7	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
CP83-644	L99-233	304	13	69	3	80	2	83	.	.
HO06-530	10P26	212	6	49	0	30	0	33	.	.
HO06-563	10P24	240	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HO07-613	10P21	149	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HO08-709	10P6	495	15	51	0	30	0	33	.	.
HO95-988	10P7	484	30	80	0	30	0	33	.	.
HO95-988	10P9	443	8	39	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	10P18	928	26	49	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	HO95-988	166	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	L06-001	214	8	60	1	69	1	77	.	.
HOCP00-930	L06-038	189	27	98	1	70	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	L94-428	250	18	85	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	L98-207	228	3	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	L99-226	131	4	52	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-930	L99-226	172	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-950	10P36	678	9	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP00-950	L99-226	2127	33	37	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP01-517	10P12	242	7	50	4	87	2	85	.	.
HOCP01-523	L99-226	89	4	70	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP02-618	10P12	178	16	90	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP02-623	10P24	324	12	60	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP02-623	10P29	674	3	21	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP02-623	10P5	180	5	49	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP04-838	10P2	117	2	37	1	78	1	86	.	.
HOCP04-838	HOCP02-623	170	6	56	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP04-838	L06-001	170	6	56	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP05-902	10P34	440	15	54	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP85-845	10P10	488	39	88	3	73	3	81	.	.
HOCP85-845	10P11	650	6	28	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP85-845	10P13	129	9	83	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP85-845	10P28	415	18	69	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP85-845	L99-233	136	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	10P12	421	5	32	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	10P13	348	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	10P14	210	5	44	5	94	4	96	.	.
HOCP91-552	10P2	64	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	HOCP02-623	396	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	L05-448	181	9	74	1	71	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	L07-057	232	7	51	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP91-552	L09-107	694	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-618	10P12	173	6	56	1	71	1	79	.	.
HOCP92-624	10P1	244	10	66	1	65	1	73	.	.
HOCP92-624	10P11	1095	20	39	1	61	1	67	.	.
HOCP92-624	10P21	304	13	69	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	10P3	385	14	58	3	76	1	71	.	.
HOCP92-624	HO08-706	166	6	58	1	72	1	80	.	.
HOCP92-624	HO95-988	701	26	60	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP04-838	950	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	L01-299	153	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	L05-448	220	12	78	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	L05-448	489	20	66	0	30	0	33	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP92-624	L07-057	216	23	95	3	86	2	87	.	.
HOCP92-624	L07-057	385	18	71	7	89	3	84	.	.
HOCP92-624	L08-090	229	22	92	4	88	2	87	.	.
HOCP92-624	L09-106	205	24	96	7	98	3	94	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-226	1199	87	85	24	91	15	92	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-226	892	23	47	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-233	369	19	75	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-233	551	23	67	10	89	6	91	.	.
HOCP92-624	LCP86-454	182	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP92-648	L99-233	212	20	91	5	93	3	93	.	.
HOCP95-951	10P5	413	5	32	3	75	2	78	.	.
HOCP95-951	10P6	606	14	43	4	74	1	70	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P10	893	12	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P11	1117	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P12	188	10	77	2	82	0	33	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P15	1217	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P17	206	8	64	4	90	2	88	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P18	225	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOCP96-540	10P19	446	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
HOL08-720	L99-233	87	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-283	10P29	478	4	26	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-283	10P30	635	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-283	10P32	1114	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-283	10P34	194	19	92	2	81	2	89	.	.
L01-299	10P10	242	15	80	6	95	2	85	.	.
L01-299	10P11	383	10	47	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-299	10P17	234	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-299	10P38	148	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-299	10P38	472	57	97	20	99	10	97	.	.
L01-299	10P9	157	13	89	3	90	1	82	.	.
L01-315	10P12	238	3	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
L01-315	L99-233	226	9	64	5	93	5	98	.	.
L05-457	10P13	187	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L05-457	10P3	206	10	73	0	30	0	33	.	.
L05-457	HO95-988	192	10	76	2	82	1	79	.	.
L05-457	HOCP04-838	248	5	41	0	30	0	33	.	.
L05-457	L07-057	135	5	60	0	30	0	33	.	.
L05-457	L08-090	243	14	79	2	77	1	73	.	.
L05-457	L09-106	230	25	96	0	30	0	33	.	.
L05-457	L99-226	516	27	76	2	64	0	33	.	.
L05-457	L99-233	210	9	69	2	79	1	78	.	.
L06-001	10P17	138	7	75	1	75	1	84	.	.
L06-001	L99-226	123	4	53	0	30	0	33	.	.
L07-057	10P1	193	9	71	4	92	2	90	.	.
L08-090	10P11	955	24	46	0	30	0	33	.	.
L08-090	10P16	163	8	73	2	84	1	81	.	.
L09-099	10P17	304	11	58	4	85	4	93	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
L09-118	10P31	383	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L09-123	10P12	219	3	36	0	30	0	33	.	.
L09-123	10P6	122	3	46	1	77	0	33	.	.
L09-123	10P9	225	16	84	0	30	0	33	.	.
L09-125	L01-299	209	8	63	1	70	0	33	.	.
L09-130	10P9	231	16	82	1	66	1	75	.	.
L94-428	LCP85-384	243	26	95	1	65	0	33	.	.
L94-432	10P11	238	29	98	2	78	1	74	.	.
L94-432	10P13	188	10	77	4	92	2	90	.	.
L94-432	10P15	143	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L94-432	10P27	203	17	89	6	96	5	98	.	.
L94-432	10P28	1004	105	94	38	98	29	99	.	.
L94-432	10P31	226	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L97-128	10P6	225	9	64	1	67	1	75	.	.
L97-128	HOCP95-951	219	15	82	1	68	0	33	.	.
L97-128	L06-001	164	25	99	5	97	3	95	.	.
L97-128	L99-226	137	1	24	0	30	0	33	.	.
L98-207	10P27	198	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L98-207	10P6	365	2	22	0	30	0	33	.	.
L98-207	10P9	235	9	63	4	87	3	92	.	.
L98-207	LCP81-010	172	4	43	0	30	0	33	.	.
L98-209	10P5	236	13	78	6	95	4	95	.	.
L98-209	HOCP95-951	403	4	30	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-226	HO08-706	245	9	60	3	83	1	72	.	.
L99-226	L01-299	116	4	54	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-226	L06-038	152	12	87	2	85	1	83	.	.
L99-226	L06-038	613	5	26	2	63	1	69	.	.
L99-226	L99-233	557	18	53	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-233	10P11	797	7	28	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-233	10P12	597	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-233	10P2	146	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
L99-233	10P3	143	11	86	4	96	3	96	.	.
L99-233	HOCP04-838	224	23	93	1	68	1	76	.	.
LCP81-010	10P12	334	2	23	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	10P14	287	7	44	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	10P4	132	1	26	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	HO06-530	222	4	39	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	HO07-613	213	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	HO08-706	287	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	HO08-706	389	4	30	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	HOCP01-523	127	13	93	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP81-010	L01-299	937	5	22	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P17	295	6	41	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P18	197	8	66	2	81	2	89	.	.
LCP85-384	10P19	208	7	54	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P20	858	9	30	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P24	443	28	81	4	79	1	70	.	.

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Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
LCP85-384	10P28	146	7	72	2	85	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P31	604	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P32	425	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P4	252	22	90	1	64	1	71	.	.
LCP85-384	10P7	232	18	87	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP85-384	10P8	159	4	46	0	30	0	33	.	.
LCP86-454	10P9	844	7	26	0	30	0	33	.	.
N27	10P35	347	3	28	0	30	0	33	.	.
N27	10P7	932	5	22	1	62	1	68	.	.
N27	10P8	1614	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
N27	HO08-706	876	19	42	1	62	1	68	.	.
N27	HOCP96-540	1635	12	24	0	30	0	33	.	.
N27	L06-001	225	16	84	1	67	1	75	.	.
N27	L94-426	368	0	10	0	30	0	33	.	.
N27	L99-226	829	16	40	0	30	0	33	.	.
TUCCP77-042	10P37	456	6	34	0	30	0	33	.	.
<u>2011 Crossing Series</u>										
CP83-644	11P35	273	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
CP83-644	11P36	198	1	26	1	51	.	.	.	.
CP83-644	L01-283	186	7	68	1	54	.	.	.	.
HO06-563	11P11	385	16	72	2	52	.	.	.	.
HO06-563	11P28	495	3	27	1	34	.	.	.	.
HO06-563	11P29	484	20	72	1	36	.	.	.	.
HO07-613	L99-226	164	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	LCP86-454	700	46	89	10	86	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	11P22	223	6	54	2	71	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	11P23	381	11	57	3	67	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	11P26	222	3	38	3	84	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	11P32	488	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	L09-131	219	16	94	4	91	.	.	.	.
HO09-824	11P33	234	23	98	10	98	.	.	.	.
HO09-827	L07-057	738	27	66	7	74	.	.	.	.
HO09-827	LCP85-384	170	4	51	1	56	.	.	.	.
HO09-841	11P7	162	21	99	1	60	.	.	.	.
HO09-841	11P9	227	5	50	3	84	.	.	.	.
HO95-988	11P15	715	21	57	2	40	.	.	.	.
HO95-988	11P16	653	19	57	2	43	.	.	.	.
HO95-988	11P17	477	2	22	0	15	.	.	.	.
HO95-988	L09-125	251	14	83	3	81	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-930	11P26	813	50	88	6	65	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-930	HOCP96-561	485	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-930	L10-147	241	5	48	2	68	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-930	L99-226	692	13	46	2	41	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-950	11P13	535	7	35	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-950	11P33	251	10	70	2	67	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-517	11P22	648	24	66	6	73	.	.	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP01-517	L01-283	244	2	30	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-523	HOCP96-540	250	10	70	4	89	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-523	HOCP96-561	360	22	87	1	40	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-523	LCP85-384	1185	43	64	11	73	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-618	11P13	478	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-618	11P22	439	47	98	11	96	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-618	11P29	221	8	64	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-623	11P17	192	6	59	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-623	11P18	251	2	30	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-623	11P19	949	15	40	6	61	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-623	L06-001	476	15	60	6	82	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	11P10	429	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	11P18	933	4	22	3	44	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	11P20	440	29	89	3	63	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	HOCP95-951	220	3	38	1	49	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	L07-057	548	9	40	4	64	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	L08-090	926	62	90	23	95	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	L08-090	396	10	52	3	66	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-847	11P19	250	4	40	3	81	.	.	.	.
HOCP08-726	11P24	686	34	80	8	79	.	.	.	.
HOCP08-726	L06-001	131	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP08-726	L08-090	145	4	55	4	96	.	.	.	.
HOCP08-726	L99-233	501	23	77	11	94	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-803	HOCP96-540	168	1	27	1	57	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-810	11P22	686	17	52	1	33	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-846	11P23	245	15	87	1	44	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-846	11P9	206	9	74	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P10	492	34	92	3	58	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P16	677	9	35	4	56	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P17	818	3	22	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P18	667	8	33	2	42	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P19	263	4	38	4	88	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P24	255	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	11P33	710	34	79	10	85	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L01-283	57	1	44	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L10-160	378	2	26	2	53	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	HOCP04-838	210	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	L01-299	881	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-618	11P33	225	4	44	1	47	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-618	L06-001	702	1	18	0	15	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	11P3	372	18	79	8	93	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP01-523	433	30	92	5	78	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L05-457	448	15	62	3	62	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L08-090	411	19	77	1	37	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L09-125	1173	53	75	9	66
HOCP95-951	L09-099	234	9	68	3	83
HOCP97-609	11P10	488	39	96	16	98

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Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP97-609	11P15	699	38	82	13	91	.	.	.	.
HOCP97-609	11P18	212	12	85	3	86	.	.	.	.
HOCP97-609	11P19	547	7	35	5	72	.	.	.	.
HOL08-723	11P25	419	14	62	5	80	.	.	.	.
HOL08-723	L01-283	215	8	66	0	15	.	.	.	.
L01-283	11P33	231	1	22	1	46	.	.	.	.
L01-299	11P26	475	32	90	9	93	.	.	.	.
L01-299	11P27	500	23	77	1	34	.	.	.	.
L01-315	11P7	223	6	54	1	49	.	.	.	.
L01-315	L99-233	754	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L05-448	11P28	235	3	35	1	46	.	.	.	.
L05-448	11P5	215	1	26	0	15	.	.	.	.
L06-001	11P17	231	13	83	4	90	.	.	.	.
L06-040	11P25	475	1	19	1	36	.	.	.	.
L06-040	L05-448	151	6	70	0	15	.	.	.	.
L06-040	L99-233	208	8	68	2	75	.	.	.	.
L07-057	11P20	486	14	57	7	87	.	.	.	.
L08-088	11P28	230	1	22	0	15	.	.	.	.
L08-090	11P2	583	40	92	6	77	.	.	.	.
L08-090	11P3	642	32	80	6	73	.	.	.	.
L09-099	11P16	612	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L01-283	445	36	97	3	62	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L06-001	685	33	79	9	83	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L10-163	228	18	96	11	99	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L99-233	235	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-107	11P27	116	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-107	L09-125	485	8	40	5	77	.	.	.	.
L09-108	HOCP01-523	728	13	44	2	38	.	.	.	.
L09-108	HOCP92-618	452	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-121	L98-207	762	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-121	L99-226	138	4	57	3	94	.	.	.	.
L09-123	HOCP96-540	225	4	44	0	15	.	.	.	.
L09-123	L99-233	137	3	50	2	88	.	.	.	.
L10-132	11P2	195	5	53	1	51	.	.	.	.
L10-132	11P3	203	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L10-147	HOCP96-540	680	5	29	1	33	.	.	.	.
L94-426	11P14	233	3	35	2	69	.	.	.	.
L94-426	11P15	386	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L94-426	HOCP96-561	180	13	94	3	89	.	.	.	.
L94-426	L06-001	202	14	92	6	97	.	.	.	.
L94-426	L99-226	185	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L94-428	11P11	684	20	57	7	76	.	.	.	.
L94-433	11P11	498	6	33	0	15	.	.	.	.
L94-433	11P14	485	16	62	3	60	.	.	.	.
L94-433	HOCP96-540	699	3	22	1	31
L98-207	11P15	543	0	9	0	15
L98-207	11P19	669	12	44	3	49

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Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
L99-223	11P22	705	15	48	7	76	.	.	.	.
L99-226	11P13	514	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L99-226	11P14	160	10	88	3	92	.	.	.	.
L99-226	11P15	239	1	22	0	15	.	.	.	.
L99-226	11P16	1292	16	33	11	69	.	.	.	.
L99-226	11P17	971	18	46	4	44	.	.	.	.
L99-233	11P2	334	7	48	3	71	.	.	.	.
L99-233	11P3	419	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
L99-233	11P4	634	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	11P17	490	22	75	3	58	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	11P28	700	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	L10-132	952	72	95	2	36	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	L99-226	1046	45	73	6	55	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P10	691	5	29	1	31	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P12	586	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P15	575	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P16	164	2	33	1	58	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P17	696	40	85	4	55	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P22	453	18	70	4	70	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P25	224	10	75	1	49	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P28	688	40	86	5	64	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P31	850	8	31	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	11P33	434	24	83	5	78	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	L10-160	228	8	63	0	15	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	L99-226	334	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
N27	L10-144	115	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
N27	L10-163	158	6	68	1	61	.	.	.	.
N27	L99-226	695	22	60	2	41	.	.	.	.
N27	L99-233	632	10	40	3	50	.	.	.	.
US79-010	11P14	549	0	9	0	15	.	.	.	.
US79-010	11P17	230	5	50	1	46	.	.	.	.
US79-010	11P30	192	10	81	0	15	.	.	.	.
US79-010	11P31	976	4	22	2	34	.	.	.	.
US79-010	L05-448	717	2	20	2	40	.	.	.	.
US79-010	L99-226	1126	21	46	3	38	.	.	.	.
<u>2012 Crossing Series</u>										
CP83-644	12P16	948	18	64	.	.	.	.	.	.
CP83-644	HOCP04-838	444	11	73	.	.	.	.	.	.
CP83-644	L06-001	1414	42	77	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO05-961	L01-299	410	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO06-530	HOCP96-540	504	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO06-530	L11-182	451	2	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO06-563	L11-182	448	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO06-563	L99-226	399	6	57	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO07-613	L08-090	227	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO07-613	LCP85-384	972	7	44	.	.	.	.	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HO08-709	12P17	389	7	62	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	HOCP96-540	419	8	64	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	L08-090	224	2	46	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	L99-226	229	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	L99-226	1182	14	52	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-709	LCP85-384	866	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	12P17	587	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO08-717	L06-001	434	16	85	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO09-832	L11-182	250	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO09-840	12P3	388	2	39	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO95-951	L99-233	657	21	79	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-950	HOCP04-838	959	14	57	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-950	L06-001	243	3	52	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP00-950	L94-428	235	2	46	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-517	L01-299	376	7	64	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-517	L06-001	781	53	94	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-517	L07-057	693	34	91	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP01-523	L01-299	227	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP02-618	HOCP96-540	206	7	81	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	HOCP01-523	478	38	97	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP04-838	L10-147	200	1	39	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-804	L99-233	234	9	86	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-814	12P17	411	17	89	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP09-814	LCP85-384	437	8	62	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	12P11	546	17	78	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	HOCP96-540	225	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	HOCP96-540	372	4	50	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	HOCP96-540	243	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L06-001	236	1	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L06-001	748	6	45	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L08-090	209	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L11-172	139	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L11-172	497	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L99-226	499	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP85-845	L99-226	467	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	12P11	373	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	12P12	839	3	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	12P5	168	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	HOCP01-523	257	10	87	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	L01-283	473	3	42	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	L01-299	127	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	L08-090	295	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP91-552	LCP85-384	193	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-618	HOCP96-540	473	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-618	L01-299	220	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	12P1	152	5	80	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP01-523	459	11	71	.	.	.	.	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
HOCP92-624	HOCP04-847	381	8	67	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP91-552	812	30	85	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP96-540	217	10	90	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	HOCP96-540	497	12	71	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L07-057	871	30	81	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L08-090	448	36	98	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L11-172	246	12	91	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L11-190	248	3	52	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-233	765	53	95	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP92-624	L99-233	197	8	89	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP95-951	HOCP96-540	948	19	66	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP95-951	L01-299	450	3	44	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP95-951	L09-099	395	6	57	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP96-540	12P17	410	1	32	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP96-561	12P15	238	8	81	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP96-561	12P16	484	19	87	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP96-561	HOCP96-540	466	3	42	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP96-561	L06-001	432	6	56	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP97-609	12P6	674	24	84	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP97-609	12P8	387	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCP97-609	12P9	200	8	88	.	.	.	.	.	.
L01-283	12P14	247	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L01-299	12P8	244	8	80	.	.	.	.	.	.
L01-299	HOCP04-838	117	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L01-299	L99-226	187	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-448	L08-090	617	4	42	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-448	L99-233	310	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-457	12P14	222	6	74	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-457	L01-299	440	2	39	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-457	L99-233	686	37	92	.	.	.	.	.	.
L05-457	L99-233	467	27	94	.	.	.	.	.	.
L07-057	12P1	428	1	32	.	.	.	.	.	.
L08-090	12P1	1420	7	39	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	HOCP96-540	626	8	54	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	HOCP96-540	459	8	60	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L06-001	210	2	48	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L06-001	430	7	59	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L10-141	204	3	57	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L11-172	185	2	50	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-099	L11-190	231	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-123	L06-001	408	1	32	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	12P11	1312	39	77	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	12P12	476	26	93	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	HOCP96-540	433	9	67	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	HOCP96-540	328	6	62	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	HOCP96-561	192	14	96	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	L01-299	213	5	69	.	.	.	.	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
L09-131	L07-057	413	14	81	.	.	.	.	.	.
L09-131	L99-233	222	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-138	12P1	434	12	75	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-141	12P11	481	2	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-141	12P6	444	1	32	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-141	12P7	440	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-148	12P16	175	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-148	L05-448	1107	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-148	LCP85-384	818	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-156	12P6	391	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-156	L99-226	855	48	93	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-163	12P10	223	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L10-163	L99-226	350	1	34	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-167	HOCP96-561	417	12	76	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-168	HOCP09-800	90	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-168	L99-226	447	2	36	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-169	L05-448	251	20	98	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-171	12P15	437	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-173	L94-428	234	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-174	L05-448	483	3	42	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-174	L06-001	313	3	48	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-180	HOCP96-540	391	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-182	12P16	207	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-183	L01-299	225	8	84	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-183	L06-001	195	17	99	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-183	L09-099	182	2	50	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-183	L99-226	215	2	46	.	.	.	.	.	.
L11-189	12P16	357	10	75	.	.	.	.	.	.
L97-128	HOCP96-540	499	5	48	.	.	.	.	.	.
L97-128	L01-299	463	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	HOCP96-540	426	2	39	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	L01-299	385	1	34	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	L09-099	217	4	62	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	L99-226	229	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	L99-233	698	9	54	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-207	LCP85-384	192	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L98-209	HOCP04-838	325	9	75	.	.	.	.	.	.
L99-233	12P1	698	16	69	.	.	.	.	.	.
L99-233	12P11	181	3	60	.	.	.	.	.	.
L99-233	12P2	273	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L99-233	12P3	200	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
L99-233	12P6	355	27	96	.	.	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	HOCP04-838	143	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
LCP81-010	HOCP96-540	921	18	66	.	.	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	L01-283	166	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
LCP85-384	L99-233	411	9	68	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	HOCP04-847	232	3	54	.	.	.	.	.	.

Table 6. Continue

Female	Male	Survive	1 st Line		2 nd Line		Increases		Assignments	
			No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile	No	Rank Percentile
N27	L05-448	933	22	71	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	L06-001	1764	42	71	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	L07-057	439	6	56	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	L99-226	1444	50	83	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	L99-233	474	0	15	.	.	.	.	.	.
N27	L99-233	827	21	73	.	.	.	.	.	.

Table 7. Plant weight and sugar values from the 2012 crossing series first stubble cross appraisal test at the Sugar Research Station in 2014.

Cross	Female	Male	# plants	Plot Weight Avg.	Plant/Weight. (Kg/Plant)	TRS
XL12-187	HOCP04-847	L08-090	56	448	8.0	207
XL12-025	L05-448	L08-090	47	273	5.8	205
XL12-448	HO08-709	L06-001	55	485	8.8	183
XL12-379	HO06-563	L11-190	28	318	11.3	179
XL12-126	L09-099	L10-141	42	193	4.6	158
XL12-459	HO07-613	L08-090	19	150	7.9	156
XL12-416	HO05-961	L01-299	50	288	5.8	144
XL12-221	L09-099	L06-001	46	418	9.1	142
XL12-196	HOCP01-517	L07-057	47	268	5.7	139
XL12-381	L09-099	L11-190	37	403	10.9	136
XL12-531	L11-167	L99-226	40	370	9.3	134
XL12-183	L09-131	L99-226	48	260	5.4	134
XL12-219	HO08-717	L06-001	52	145	2.8	125
XL12-388	L11-169	L05-448	51	335	6.6	118
XL12-482	L09-099	L06-001	51	365	7.2	112
XL12-511	HO09-832	L11-182	52	260	5.0	110
XL12-433	L11-174	L05-448	32	118	3.7	76
XL12-432	L10-148	L05-448	24	100	4.2	69
XL12-527	L11-168	HOCP09-800	21	45	2.1	60
XL12-515	HO06-530	L11-182	34	175	5.1	24

2014 LOUISIANA SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NURSERY AND INFIELD VARIETY TRIALS

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Five years after the initial crossing of parents, clones that have met or exceeded criteria for desired characteristics at previous selection stages are assigned permanent numbers by each of the Louisiana Sugarcane Variety Development Programs. The LSU program assigns variety designations of “L,” and the USDA program assigns variety designations of “Ho” and “HoCP.” These varieties are planted in replicated nursery and infield tests at locations across the southern Louisiana sugarcane-growing areas.

The primary objective of the nursery and infield stages is to identify and select varieties that will perform well across the range of environments a commercial variety will encounter in Louisiana. Nursery tests are planted at three on-station locations (USDA-ARS - Ardoyne Farm, Iberia Research Station, and Sugar Research Station) during the year of assignment, and at four to five additional but different off-station locations the year after assignment. The off-station nurseries are Newton Cane, Inc. (Bunkie), Michael Melancon (Cecilia), and Landry Farms (Paincourtville), along with two infield trial locations at Blackberry Farms (Vacherie), and Donnie Vallot (Abbeville). Both the LSU and USDA varieties were planted at each location. The locations, soil types, dates of planting and dates of harvest are listed in Table 1.

The on-station nursery trials were planted in single row (6-foot centers), 16-foot plots with 4-foot alleys. The off-station nurseries were planted in single row, 20-foot plots with 4-foot alleys. The infield tests were planted in two-row, 24-foot plots with 4-foot alleys. The experimental design for both nursery and infield tests was a randomized complete block with two replications per location. At least four commercial check varieties, HoCP96-540, L99-226, L01-299, and / or L01-283, L03-371 or HoCP04-838 were planted in nursery and infield tests for comparison. Recommended cultural practices were followed at all test locations.

Millable stalk counts for both nursery and infield tests were made in late July and early August. A combine harvester and weigh wagon system was used to cut and weigh plots, respectively, for the infield tests. At harvest, 10-stalk samples were hand-collected and stripped of leaves. This bundle was weighed to obtain average stalk weight (lb). Samples were then analyzed for sucrose content and fiber content. At the USDA-ARS laboratory, the pre-breaker press method was used to estimate fiber content. A juice sample was sent to the laboratory to obtain Brix and pol readings, which were used to estimate theoretical recoverable sugar per ton as estimated by the Winter-Carp formula as reported by Gravois and Milligan (1992). Samples sent to the Sugar Research Station sucrose laboratory were analyzed with a NIR Spectra Cane system to estimate sucrose and fiber content. Cane yield for the nursery tests was estimated as the product of stalk weight and stalk number. Cane yield for the infield tests was determined

from the plot weights and reduced 14 percent to account for extraneous trash. Sugar per acre was calculated as the product of sugar per ton and cane yield.

The 2014 sugarcane crop experienced cold and wet conditions during January through April, which led to a slow start for the cane crop. In June and July South Louisiana experienced generally favorable conditions but with lower than average rainfall. August was the turning point for the cane crop, its warmer weather led to rapid growth helping the crop overcome a slow start. Fortunately, the Louisiana sugar industry was spared any storms spawned by tropical weather conditions in 2014. However, the crop did experience a freeze in late November 2014. Although there were several experiments harvested after the freeze these appeared not to be adversely affected because temperatures had remained cool minimizing any effects of stalk damage on juice deterioration. Overall, the 2014 harvest season went exceptionally well and the majority of the Louisiana crop was harvested by the end of December.

The leading variety grown in Louisiana in 2014 was HoCP96-540, which occupied 37% of the state's sugarcane acreage. Therefore, HoCP96-540 was used as a standard for comparison and is highlighted in the tables. To adjust for missing data, the statistical analysis calculated least square means (SAS 9 Proc Mixed). Mean separation used least square means probability differences where $P=0.05$. Varieties that are significantly higher or lower than HoCP96-540 are denoted by a plus (+) or minus (-), found next to the mean value for each trait.

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Table 1. 2014 Location, soil texture, and planting and harvest dates for the nursery and infield tests.

Series	Location†	Stage	Soil Texture	Planting Date	Harvest Date	Varieties	
					2014	No. Planted	No. Harvested
2009	Newton Cane, Inc.	Nursery	Norwood silt loam	08/26/10	11/05/14	43	3
2009	Landry Farms	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	09/15/10	10/17/14	43	3
2010	Blackberry Farms	Infield	Commerce silt loam	08/26/11	10/17/14	21	3
2010	Donnie Vallot Farm	Infield	Patoutville silt loam	09/22/11	12/04/14	21	3
2010	Newton Cane, Inc.	Nursery	Norwood silt loam	08/24/11	11/18/14	28	1
2010	Michael Melancon	Nursery	Loreauville silt loam	08/18/11	10/16/14	28	1
2010	Landry Farms	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	08/29/11	11/19/14	28	1
2011	Sugar Research Station	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/13/11	11/24/14	25	4
2011	Ardoyne Farm – U.S.D.A	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/17/11	10/31/14	25	4
2011	Iberia Research Station	Nursery	Baldwin silty clay	10/21/11	10/29/14	25	4
2011	Donnie Vallot Farms	Infield	Patoutville silt loam	09/10/12	12/04/14	13	4
2011	Blackberry Farms	Infield	Commerce silt loam	08/17/12	11/19/14	13	4
2011	Newton Cane, Inc.	Nursery	Norwood silt loam	08/22/12	11/18/14	54	9
2011	Michael Melancon	Nursery	Loreauville silt loam	09/11/12	10/29/14	54	9
2011	Landry Farms	Nursery	Sharkey silty clay loam	09/27/12	11/20/14	54	9
2012	Sugar Research Station	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/25/12	12/03/14	40	3
2012	Ardoyne Farm – U.S.D.A.	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	11/02/12	12/12/14	40	3
2012	Iberia Research Station	Nursery	Baldwin silty clay	10/23/12	12/08/14	40	3
2012	Blackberry Farms	Infield	Commerce silt loam	08/30/13	11/19/14	21	7
2012	Donnie Vallot Farms	Infield	Patoutville silt loam	09/03/13	12/04/14	21	7
2012	Newton Cane, Inc	Nursery	Norwood silt loam	08/27/13	11/05/14	58	20
2012	Michael Melancon	Nursery	Loreauville silt loam	08/20/13	11/18/14	58	20
2012	Landry Farms	Nursery	Sharkey silty clay loam	08/22/13	11/21/14	58	20
2013	Sugar Research Station	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/29/13	12/04/14	30	17
2013	Ardoyne Farm – U.S.D.A.	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/31/13	12/11/14	30	17
2013	Iberia Research Station	Nursery	Baldwin silty clay	11/06/13	12/08/14	30	17
2013	Blackberry Farms	Infield	Commerce silt loam	08/26/14		34	
2013	Donnie Vallot Farms	Infield	Patoutville silt loam	09/11/14		34	
2013	Newton Cane, Inc.	Nursery	Norwood silt loam	08/20/14		67	
2013	Michael Melancon	Nursery	Loreauville silt loam	08/22/14		67	
2013	Landry Farms	Nursery	Sharkey silty clay lo	08/19/14		67	
2014	Sugar Research Station	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/27/14		33	
2014	Ardoyne Farm – U.S.D.A	Nursery	Commerce silt loam	10/30/14		33	
2014	Iberia Research Station	Nursery	Baldwin silty clay	10/28/14		33	

† Ardoyne-U.S.D.A. Ardoyne Farm (Chacahoula), Blackberry Farms (Vacherie), Iberia Research Station (Jeanerette), Newton Cane, Inc. (Bunkie), Sugar Research Station (St. Gabriel), Michael Melancon (Cecilia), Sugarland Acres Inc. (Youngsville), Donnie Vallot Farm (Abbeville), Landry Farms (Paincourtville).

Table 2. Nursery third-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho”, “HoCP” assignment series on a Moreland silt loam soil at Newton Cane, Inc. in Bunkie, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP96-540	4704	21.8	212	2.16	21054	-----
L 99-226	15511 +	63.5	243 +	2.64 +	47916 +	-----
L 99-233	11732 +	53.7	218	2.06	52091 +	-----
L 01-283	12442 +	48.8	256 +	2.02	48461 +	-----
L 01-299	12132 +	49.3	246 +	2.01	49368 +	-----
HoCP 09-804	9315	37.8	247 +	1.65 -	45920 +	-----
Ho 09-840	7575	32.8	231	1.33 -	49550 +	-----

Table 3. Nursery third-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho”, “HoCP” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Landry Farms in Paincourtville, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP96-540	6066	25.2	244	1.56	32126	-----
L 99-226	6228	25.7	249	1.97	25229	-----
L 99-233	6688	29.4	228	1.49	39567	-----
L 01-283	10314	41.3	250	1.52	54813 +	-----
L 01-299	10537	41.7	260	1.52	53906 +	-----
HoCP 09-804	6494	26.2	249	1.30	40293	-----
Ho 09-840	7721	30.4	253	1.35	45375	-----

Table 4. Nursery third-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho”, “HoCP” assignment series across 2 locations (Newton and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP96-540	5385	23.5	228	1.86	26590	-----
L 99-226	10869	44.6	246	2.30 +	36572	-----
L 99-233	9210	41.6	223	1.77	45829	-----
L 01-283	11378	45.0	253	1.77	51637	-----
L 01-299	11334	45.5	253	1.76	51637	-----
HoCP 09-804	7905	32.0	248	1.47	43106	-----
Ho 09-840	7648	31.6	242	1.34 -	47462	-----

Table 5. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2010 “L” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at Melancon Farms in Henderson, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	5325	20.3	262	1.77	23232	12.5
L 99-226	9348	33.7	280	2.39 +	27588	11.9
L 01-299	8698	29.9	291 +	1.69	35756	12
L 03-371	10922	40.3	269	1.86	41927	11.5
HoCP 04-838	9829	35.1	281	1.77	40656	13.5
L 10-147	6826	26	263	1.69	30311	11.2

Table 6. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2010 “L” assignment series on a Moreland silt loam soil at Newton Cane, Inc. in Bunkie, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	5969	29.1	206	1.81	32126	11
L 99-226	15302 +	59.5 +	258 +	2.88 +	41201	12.2
L 01-299	9785	44	222	1.77	49913	12.5
L 03-371	11532 +	49.6 +	232 +	2.25 +	44105	10.6
HoCP 04-838	10745 +	45.7 +	235 +	1.9	48642	13.9 +
L 10-147	9276	42.8	217	2.04	41927	10.4

Table 7. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2010 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Landry Farms in Paincourtville, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7661	37.5	205	1.87	40293	11
L 99-226	15670 +	62.2 +	252 +	2.38	52454 +	12.3
L 01-299	9638	46.1	209	1.65	56265 +	12.4
L 03-371	9734	40.2	243 +	1.52	52998 +	10.1
HoCP 04-838	11365 +	48.6	233 +	1.51	64433 +	12.3
L 10-147	10529 +	47.2	224	1.73	54450 +	11.1

Table 8. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2010 “L” assignment series across 3 locations (Newton, Melancon and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	6318	29	224	1.81	31883	11.5
L99-226	13440 +	51.8 +	263 +	2.55 +	40414 +	12.2
L 01-299	9374 +	40 +	241	1.7	47311 +	12.3
L 03-371	10729 +	43.4 +	248 +	1.88	46343 +	10.8
HoCP 04-838	10646 +	43.1 +	250 +	1.73	51243 +	13.2 +
L 10-147	8877 +	38.6 +	235	1.82	42229 +	10.9

Table 9. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “L” assignment series on a, Baldwin silty clay soil at Melancon Farms in Henderson, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8893	33.3	267	2.13	31400	12.1
L 99-226	10866	37.2	292 +	1.99	37208	13.1
L 01-299	9209	34.8	266	1.72	40112 +	13.2
L 03-371	8469	30.3	279	1.57	38660 +	11.4
L 11-168	7189	25.0	287 +	1.67	30129	13.1
L 11-172	4500	16.3	276	1.5	21780 -	13.0
L 11-183	9829	35.2	280	1.99	35393	11.7
L 11-187	7474	24.8	301 +	1.58	31400	12.6
Ho 11-511	8711	30.9	279	2.12	28677	12.0
Ho 11-512	9736	31.9	305 +	1.77	35937	11.2
Ho 11-515	8592	30.1	285 +	1.51	39930 +	12.6
Ho 11-532	10147	35.3	287 +	1.71	41201 +	12.9
Ho 11-556	11224	38.4	293 +	1.71	45012 +	12.8

Table 10. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “L” assignment series on a Moreland silt loam soil at Newton Cane, Inc. in Bunkie, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8896	47.1	190	2.58	36119	10.4
L 99-226	13590	56.4	241 +	2.83	40112	11.6
L 01-299	10784	48.8	221 +	2.05	47916 +	11.4
L 03-371	10884	48.9	222 +	2.07	47009 +	9.2
L 11-168	8877	42.8	205	2.45	35211	11.9 +
L 11-172	6772	34.9	194	2.06	33941	10.7
L 11-183	11025	48.0	230 +	2.24	43016	11.3
L 11-187	12156	53.7	226 +	2.3	46827 +	11.9 +
Ho 11-511	8268	40.4	206	2.57	31218	12.0 +
Ho 11-512	11398	45.5	251 +	2.52	36300	11.6
Ho 11-515	9778	47.2	207	2.32	40656	10.5
Ho 11-532	9706	44.4	218 +	2.24	39567	11.3
Ho 11-556	10237	47.6	215 +	1.85	51365 +	10.6

Table 11. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Landry Farms in Paincourtville, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	4552	22.9	199	1.97	23414	-----
L 99-226	7291	32.9	222 +	2.17	30311	-----
L 01-299	7946	37.1	213	1.89	39204 +	-----
L 03-371	6415	31.7	204	1.81	35574 +	-----
L 11-168	4972	23.6	211	1.56 -	30492 +	-----
L 11-172	4565	20.2	226 +	2.00	20328	-----
L 11-183	5853	28.3	207	1.83	31037	-----
L 11-187	5797	27.9	208	1.54 -	36300 +	-----
Ho 11-511	5940	27.2	218 +	2.01 -	26499	-----
Ho 11-512	7415	31.7	234 +	1.74 -	36482 +	-----
Ho 11-515	6666	30.3	219 +	1.61 -	37571 +	-----
Ho 11-532	7765	35.2	220 +	1.72	40838 +	-----
Ho 11-556	6220	27.0	231 +	1.56 -	34667 +	-----

Table 12. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “L” assignment series across 3 locations (Newton, Melancon and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7447	34.4	218	2.23	30311	11.21
L 99-226	10583 +	42.2 +	252 +	2.33	35877	12.37
L 01-299	9313 +	40.2	233	1.88 -	42411 +	12.28
L 03-371	8589	37.0	235	1.82 -	40414 +	10.31
L 11-168	7013	30.5	234	1.89 -	31944	12.50
L 11-172	5279 -	23.8 -	232	1.85 -	25350	11.83
L 11-183	8902	37.2	239 +	2.02	36482 +	11.49
L 11-187	8476	35.5	245 +	1.81 -	38176 +	12.23
Ho 11-511	7640	32.8	234	2.23	28798	11.99
Ho 11-512	9516 +	36.4	263 +	2.01	36240 +	11.43
Ho 11-515	8345	35.9	237 +	1.81 -	39386 +	11.55
Ho 11-532	9206 +	38.3	242 +	1.89 -	40535 +	12.10
Ho 11-556	9227 +	37.7	246 +	1.70 -	43681 +	11.69

Table 13. Nursery plantcane means of the 2012 “Ho”, “HoCP”, and “L” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at Melancon Farms in Henderson, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8464	39.7	214	2.52	31400	11.9
L 99-226	9956	46.3	215	2.87	32307	13.3
L 01-283	8552	37.5	228 +	1.99 -	37752	13.7 +
L 01-299	7303	34.7	210	2.29	30401	12.2
HoCP 04-838	8002	37.4	214	1.96 -	38206	13.7 +
L 12-201	7256	31.9	227 +	2.48	25864	10.8
L 12-202	7972	35.1	227 +	2.28	31127	13.9 +
L 12- 227	7124	33.1	216	2.51	26953	15.0 +
Ho 12-612	9433	43.6	217	2.31	37571	15.0 +
Ho 12-615	9316	40.9	228 +	1.71 -	48007 +	13.6 +
Ho 12-616	8646	35.0	247 +	2.12	33124	14.8 +
Ho 12-617	8470	40.7	206	1.66 -	49005 +	11.2
Ho 12-626	10535	48.1	219	2.34	41110 +	12.1
Ho 12-627	11486 +	48.3	238 +	2.38	40475 +	13.1
Ho 12-630	7526	38.4	196 -	2.00 -	38569 +	13.2
Ho 12-633	8238	34.2	241 +	1.9 -	36663	14.5 +
Ho 12-638	7452	33.6	222	1.86 -	36119	15.0 +
HoCP 12-640	7106	33.1	215	2.13	31037	12.6
HoCP 12-641	8936	42.2	212	2.12	39839 +	12.7
HoCP 12-643	5790 -	26.5 -	217	1.68 -	31309	11.2
HoCP 12-647	7674	33.8	227 +	2.15	31490	12.2
HoCP 12-649	7842	34.0	230 +	2.06	33124	12.0
HoCP 12-656	7231	31.5	230 +	1.64 -	38478 +	12.2
HoCP 12-667	9035	41.0	220	2.22	36754	13.6 +
HoCP 12-671	9253	39.6	234 +	2.29	34667	10.6
HoCP 12-673	8464	39.7	214	2.52	31400	11.9

Table 14. Nursery plantcane means of the 2012 “Ho”, “HoCP”, and “L” assignment series on a Moreland silt loam soil at Newton Cane, Inc. in Bunkie, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	10259	39.1	262	2.82	27770	-----
L 99-226	16592 +	54.7 +	303 +	3.04	35756	-----
L 01-283	13023	47.3	274	2.30 -	41201 +	-----
L 01-299	10824	36.9	290	2.07 -	38660 +	-----
HoCP 04-838	10423	38.9	267	2.10 -	36935 +	-----
L 12-201	11084	40.3	275	2.55	31581	-----
L 12-202	13174	52.1 +	253	2.70	38569 +	-----
L 12- 227	9582	34.0	282	2.79	24503	-----
Ho 12-612	9612	32.5	291 +	2.18 -	31400	-----
Ho 12-615	13996 +	54.9 +	255	1.98 -	55539 +	-----
Ho 12-616	11428	39.0	293 +	2.45 -	31853	-----
Ho 12-617	11702	42.1	278	1.76 -	47825 +	-----
Ho 12-626	13630	51.8	263	2.18 -	47553 +	-----
Ho 12-627	13682	52.2	260	2.81	38750 +	-----
Ho 12-630	8431 -	34.4	247	2.30 -	29857	-----
Ho 12-633	10438	39.8	263	2.10 -	38024 +	-----
Ho 12-638	8459 -	35.7	238 -	1.75 -	40838 +	-----
HoCP 12-640	9430	34.2	275	1.66 -	41382 +	-----
HoCP 12-641	11014	41.3	267	2.30 -	36209 +	-----
HoCP 12-643	11927	42.5	278	1.95 -	43469 +	-----
HoCP 12-647	11688	46.6	251	2.15 -	43832 +	-----
HoCP 12-649	11378	46.1	244	2.29 -	38115 +	-----
HoCP 12-656	12695	47.5	268	2.14 -	44558 +	-----
HoCP 12-667	9998	38.7	259	2.15 -	35937	-----
HoCP 12-671	10935	44.1	249	2.56	34213	-----
HoCP 12-673	10259	39.1	262	2.82	27770	-----

Table 15. Nursery plantcane means of the 2012 “Ho”, “HoCP”, and “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Landry Farms in Paincourtville, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	5414	31.5	172	2.16	29312	10.9
L 99-226	10088 +	47.8	210 +	2.49	38660	12.2
L 01-283	7515	35.6	211 +	1.87	38297	11.4
L 01-299	7183	38.4	185	2.32	32670	12.6 +
HoCP 04-838	9244 +	48.5	190	2.6	37480	14.3 +
L 12-201	8863 +	42.8	208 +	2.67	32398	10.7
L 12-202	9181 +	47.8	194	2.73	35030	13.3 +
L 12- 227	6831	35.3	195 +	2.57	27497	14.3 +
Ho 12-612	6873	39.0	178	2.17	35937	12.6 +
Ho 12-615	6579	37.3	176	1.78	41927 +	11.9
Ho 12-616	6165	32.2	191	2.22	29040	14.4 +
Ho 12-617	6595	37.9	174	1.59	48007 +	9.5 -
Ho 12-626	7671	40.2	193	2.26	35120	12.3
Ho 12-627	10359 +	50.9	204 +	2.32	44468 +	12.3
Ho 12-630	5948	30.9	193	2.16	28677	12.8 +
Ho 12-633	8095	44.2	181	2.38	37026	11.7
Ho 12-638	7230	45.0	161	2.08	43016 +	12.8 +
HoCP 12-640	8068	44.5	180	2.06	43379 +	10.9
HoCP 12-641	7634	41.6	183	2.43	34939	12.3
HoCP 12-643	8385	40.7	206 +	2.09	39023	11.1
HoCP 12-647	8561 +	43.4	197 +	1.99	43379 +	13.9 +
HoCP 12-649	6098	34.6	179	2.21	30946	11.8
HoCP 12-656	11567 +	52.9	219 +	2.03	51909 +	12.3
HoCP 12-667	7088	35.1	202 +	1.95	35937	13.3 +
HoCP 12-671	8108	43.9	186	2.34	37389	9.1 -
HoCP 12-673	5414	31.5	172	2.16	29312	10.9

Table 16. Nursery plantcane means of the 2012 “Ho”, “HoCP”, and “L” assignment series across 3 locations (Newton, Melancon and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8046	36.8	216	2.50	29494	11.4
L 99-226	12212 +	49.6 +	243	2.80	35574	12.7
L 01-283	9697	40.1	238	2.05 -	39083 +	12.5
L 01-299	8376	36.9	226	2.26	33910	12.4
HoCP 04-838	9223	41.6	224	2.22	37540 +	14.0 +
L 12-201	9068	38.3	237	2.57	29948	10.7
L 12-202	10109 +	45.0	225	2.57	34909	13.6 +
L 12- 227	7846	34.1	231	2.62	26318	14.7 +
Ho 12-612	8806	39.7	227	2.24	34969	13.8 +
Ho 12-615	9964	44.3	220	1.82 -	48491 +	12.8
Ho 12-616	8746	35.4	244	2.26	31339	14.6 +
Ho 12-617	8922	40.2	219	1.67 -	48279 +	10.4
Ho 12-626	10612 +	46.7 +	225	2.26	41261 +	12.2
Ho 12-627	11870 +	50.5 +	235	2.45	41231 +	12.7
Ho 12-630	7302	34.6	212	2.15 -	32368	13.0 +
Ho 12-633	8924	39.4	228	2.13 -	37238 +	13.1 +
Ho 12-638	7714	38.1	207	1.90 -	39991 +	13.9 +
HoCP 12-640	8201	37.3	223	1.95 -	38599 +	11.7
HoCP 12-641	9195	41.7	221	2.28	36996 +	12.5
HoCP 12-643	8701	36.6	233	1.90 -	37934 +	11.2
HoCP 12-647	9308	41.3	225	2.09 -	39567 +	13.0 +
HoCP 12-649	8291	37.2	219	2.17 -	34062	11.9
HoCP 12-656	10498 +	43.9	239	1.93 -	44982 +	12.2
HoCP 12-667	8707	38.3	227	2.11 -	36209 +	13.5 +
HoCP 12-671	9432	42.5	223	2.40	35423	9.9 -
HoCP 12-673	8046	36.8	216	2.50	29494	11.4

Table 17. Infield and nursery second-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho” and “HoCP” and 2010 “L”, assignment series across 5 locations (Blackberry, Melancon, Newton, Westfield, and Donnie Vallot Farms) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7430	33.9	225	2.03	27275	12.0
L 99-226	11918 +	46.9	256 +	2.63	31531	12.5
L 01-299	9435 +	41.0	236	1.68	37696 +	12.5
L 03-371	10362 +	41.7	249 +	1.93	35542 +	11.0 -
HoCP 04-838	9774 +	39.9	248 +	1.76	38702 +	12.9 +
HoCP 09-804	10340 +	41.3	254 +	1.54	39087 +	12.9 +
Ho 09-840	9113	37.7	248 +	1.39	41809 +	11.6
L 10-147	9207 +	38.9	243 +	1.88	33512 +	11.3

Table 18. Infield and nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “L” and “Ho” assignment series across 5 locations (Blackberry, Melancon, Newton, Sugarland Acres, and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8954	39.8	225	2.24	26437	12.2
L 99-226	11476 +	44.8	257 +	2.38	28763	12.8
L 01-299	11721 +	49.1 +	238 +	1.92 -	35504 +	12.6
L 03-371	9824	40.3	245 +	1.91 -	32968 +	10.5 -
L 11-168	8198 -	34.0 -	242 +	1.86 -	27478	12.9
L 11-172	7108 -	30.8 -	234	2.00 -	22591	12.9
L 11-183	10609 +	42.1	250 +	2.07	30056	11.4
L 11-187	9777	39.7	249 +	1.92 -	30369	12.5
Ho 11-511	9115	37.7	241 +	2.29	23083	12.4
Ho 11-512	10991 +	41.3	269 +	2.06	30525	11.8
Ho 11-515	9820	40.8	243 +	1.87 -	33671 +	12.0
Ho 11-532	10681 +	43.2	248 +	1.95 -	34820 +	12.5
Ho 11-556	10702 +	42.6	253 +	1.76 -	37966 +	12.1

Table 19. Infield and nursery plantcane means of the 2012 “L”, assignment series across 5 locations (Blackberry, Melancon, Newton, Sugarland Acres, and Westfield) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	9027	38.4	232	2.46	24843	11.8
L 99-226	12218 +	47.0 +	260 +	2.67	28136	12.3
L 01-299	10528 +	40.1	259 +	1.97 -	31443 +	11.8
L 03-371	9111	37.7	240	2.18 -	27563	12.9 +
L 12-201	8773	35.8	248	1.81 -	30067	12.5
L 12-202	9974	39.2	254 +	2.59	24291	10.5 +
L 12- 227	10874 +	44.6	244	2.49	27146	13.0 +

Table 20. Nursery plantcane means of the 2013 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	11454	54.5	210	2.80	39023	11.7
L 99-226	14640	67.1	219	3.44	39023	11.2
L 01-299	12248	57.6	213	3.23	35393	12.5
HoCP 04-838	14343	64.3	223	2.87	44468	13.0
L 13-234	10161	48.8	209	2.23	43560	12.4
L 13-236	12664	52.3	243 +	2.94	35619	13.1
L 13-240	11422	47.0	242 +	2.85	32443	12.6
L 13-241	8868	38.1	232	2.52	30174 -	11.7
L 13-242	13928	60.1	231	3.30	36073	13.4 +
L 13-243	14335	72.9	198	3.54	41064	11.6
L 13-245	6818	30.5 -	223	2.15	28586 -	11.3
L 13-246	10868	46.4	233 +	2.12	43787	13.3 +
L 13-250	12090	57.6	208	2.44	47190	15.0 +
L 13-251	15270	67.4	227	3.38	39930	13.6 +
L 13-254	7829	34.2 -	229	1.63 -	42199	12.9 +
L 13-256	8203	38.6	213	1.93 -	40384	13.4 +
L 13-257	14442	60.8	238 +	3.17	38115	11.5
L 13-258	8096	43.8	183 -	2.65	32897	14.1 +
L 13-259	9447	41.0	230	2.16	37888	12.1
L 13-260	11525	52.0	222	2.35	44241	13.5 +
L 13-263	13687	61.2	221	2.39	50593 +	13.4 +

Table 21. Nursery plantcane means of the 2013 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at U.S.D.A-Ardoyne Farm in Chacahoula, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	10189	46.2	222	2.63	34939	10.9
L 99-226	13692	58.0	237	3.37 +	34712	10.3
L 01-299	8061	35.0	232	2.14	32670	12.1
HoCP 04-838	13540	58.5	232	2.76	43106	12.7 +
L 13-234	11013	46.4	237	2.30	40157	12.9 +
L 13-236	7730	30.7	252 +	2.24	27679	12.2
L 13-240	7288	29.8 -	244 +	2.46	24276	11.5
L 13-241	9409	40.6	232	2.72	29948	10.5
L 13-242	8632	36.9	234	2.52	29267	12.9 +
L 13-243	11326	48.5	236	2.91	32670	11.0
L 13-245	10326	40.8	253 +	2.45	33351	10.7
L 13-246	9878	38.5	257 +	2.14	36073	10.9
L 13-250	10709	44.5	240 +	1.94 -	46283 +	13.7 +
L 13-251	13397	61.6	217	3.15 +	39249	12.1
L 13-254	7350	31.7	232	1.84 -	34485	10.7
L 13-256	8474	33.7	251 +	1.95 -	34712	12.9 +
L 13-257	10069	44.9	225	3.05 +	29494	11.1
L 13-258	6009 -	27.6 -	218	2.34	23595 -	12.7 +
L 13-259	7710	31.4	241 +	1.77 -	35166	12.7 +
L 13-260	10991	46.2	238	2.37	39023	12.3
L 13-263	9065	39.8	228	2.16	36981	13.5 +

Table 22. Nursery plantcane means of the 2013 “L” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7187	28.2	255	1.95	29040	10.5
L 99-226	11500 +	43.0 +	267	2.46	34939	11.3
L 01-299	7949	31.3	254	2.01	31309	11.4 +
HoCP 04-838	11167 +	43.4 +	257	2.39	36300 +	12.2 +
L 13-234	8292	32.2	258	1.89	34031	11.9 +
L 13-236	8703	31.4	278	2.06	30174	12.1 +
L 13-240	6132	23.0	268	2.40	19284 -	11.5 +
L 13-241	7078	26.4	267	2.12	24956	11.2
L 13-242	7655	30.8	249	2.09	29494	12.9 +
L 13-243	10034 +	40.8 +	247	2.63 +	30855	11.1
L 13-245	5867	21.1	278	1.73	24729	10.8
L 13-246	4574	15.9 -	289 +	1.73	18377 -	11.4 +
L 13-250	6851	26.6	258	1.76	30174	14.3 +
L 13-251	11672 +	44.4 +	263	2.66 +	33578	12.1 +
L 13-254	5509	20.8	267	1.46	28359	10.7
L 13-256	6980	27.3	256	1.77	31309	12.4 +
L 13-257	10991 +	45.5 +	241	2.59 +	35166	12.0 +
L 13-258	7066	30.8	231	1.92	31989	13.3 +
L 13-259	5957	21.9	272	1.53	28586	12.7 +
L 13-260	7888	31.3	251	1.79	34939	12.8 +
L 13-263	8721	33.3	260	1.92	34712	13.0 +

Table 23. Nursery plantcane means of the 2013 “L” assignment series across 3 locations (St.Gabriel, Iberia and U.S.D.A.- Ardoyne Farms) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	9610	43.0	229	2.46	34334	11.0
L 99-226	13277 +	56.0 +	241	3.09 +	36224	10.9
L 01-299	9419	41.3	233	2.46	33124	12.0 +
HoCP 04-838	13017 +	55.4 +	237	2.67	41291 +	12.6 +
L 13-234	9822	42.5	235	2.14	39249	12.4 +
L 13-236	9699	38.1	258 +	2.41	31158	12.5 +
L 13-240	8281	33.3 -	251 +	2.57	25334 -	11.9 +
L 13-241	8452	35.0	244	2.45	28359	11.1
L 13-242	10071	42.6	238	2.64	31611	13.1 +
L 13-243	11898 +	54.1 +	227	3.03 +	34863	11.3
L 13-245	7670	30.8 -	252 +	2.11 -	28889	10.9
L 13-246	8440	33.6 -	260 +	1.99 -	32746	11.9 +
L 13-250	9883	42.9	235	2.05 -	41216 +	14.4 +
L 13-251	13447 +	57.8 +	236	3.06 +	37586	12.6 +
L 13-254	6896 -	28.9 -	243	1.64 -	35014	11.4
L 13-256	7886	33.2 -	240	1.88 -	35468	12.9 +
L 13-257	11834 +	50.4 +	235	2.94 +	34258	11.5
L 13-258	7057 -	34.0	211 -	2.30	29494	13.3 +
L 13-259	7705	31.4 -	248 +	1.82 -	33880	12.5 +
L 13-260	10134	43.2	237	2.17	39401	12.9 +
L 13-263	10491	44.8	236	2.16	40762	13.3 +

Table 24. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	11993	56.3	213	2.70	41745	11.3
L 99-226	17856	75.6	231	3.22	47190	11.9
L 01-299	12432	59.2	210	2.25	52408	12.9 -
L 03-371	12494	54.9	226	2.14	51274	10.8
L 12-201	15638	70.3	224	3.22	43560	12.3
L 12-202	11600	49.7	233	3.08	32897	13.7 +
L 12-227	12135	54.0	225	2.69	40611	14.6 +

Table 25. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at U.S.D.A-Ardoyne Farm in Chacahoula, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8641	35.9	241	2.09	34485	11.0
L 99-226	11597 +	45.9 +	253	2.42	37888	12.3 +
L 01-299	11647 +	47.1 +	247	1.89	49913 +	13.4 +
L 03-371	13256 +	56.0 +	236	1.87	59895 +	11.7
L 12-201	12103 +	49.9 +	243	2.64 +	37888	10.9
L 12-202	10349 +	41.8	248	2.33	36527	12.4 +
L 12-227	13480 +	53.8 +	250	2.49	43333	13.4 +

Table 26. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “L” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	12714	51.3	248	2.49	41291	11.2
L 99-226	12790	49.9	257	2.94 +	34258	12.2 +
L 01-299	15333	64.2	239	2.32	55131 +	12.2 +
L 03-371	12489	48.7	257	1.98 -	49005	11.1
L 12-201	17509	69.0	254	3.04 +	45829	10.2 -
L 12-202	14734	57.3	257	2.27	50366	12.6 +
L 12-227	13359	52.8	253	2.65	40157	13.2 +

Table 27. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “L” assignment series across 3 locations (St. Gabriel, Iberia and U.S.D.A. - Ardoyne Farms) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	11116	47.8	234	2.42	39174	11.2
L 99-226	13991	57.1	247 +	2.86	39779	12.2
L 01-299	13137	56.8	232	2.15	52484 +	12.8 +
L 03-371	12746	53.2	240	2.00	53391 +	11.2
L 12-201	15083	63.0	240	2.97	42426	11.2
L 12-202	12228	49.6	246 +	2.56	39930	12.9 +
L 12-227	12991	53.5	243	2.61	41367	13.7 +

Table 28. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	4823	28.0	173	2.16	25864	10.7
L 99-226	12536	63.5	196	2.76	45602	12.4
L 01-299	10310	56.2	184	2.34	47417	12.9
L 03-371	7774	43.9	177	2.04	42879	10.6
HoCP 04-838	9215	47.3	195	1.99	47870	11.3
L11-168	4987	28.4	176	1.87	30174	12.1
L11-172	8468	47.7	178	2.41	39930	12.2
L11-183	8479	41.5	204	2.10	39476	10.8
L11-187	6741	35.8	190	1.89	37888	12.7

Table 29. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at U.S.D.A-Ardoyne Farm in Chacahoula, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7783	33.1	233	1.78	36981	-----
L 99-226	13132	49.6	265 +	2.60 +	38115	-----
L 01-299	10015	37.8	265 +	1.68	45148	-----
L 03-371	11267	43.0	263 +	1.68	51047	-----
HoCP 04-838	8725	33.6	259 +	1.62	41518	-----
L11-168	8718	33.1	262 +	1.56	43106	-----
L11-172	9655	36.5	264 +	1.87	39023	-----
L11-183	8478	32.8	258 +	1.66	40611	-----
L11-187	10632	38.2	278 +	1.69	45148	-----

Table 30. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	3842	16.7	230	1.59	21099	-----
L 99-226	8915 +	35.8 +	249	2.22 +	32443	-----
L 01-299	10531 +	42.4 +	249	1.78	49005 +	-----
L 03-371	8652 +	33.8 +	256 +	1.81	37434 +	-----
HoCP 04-838	8789 +	34.5 +	255 +	1.61	42879 +	-----
L11-168	6979 +	27.0 +	258 +	1.43	38115 +	-----
L11-172	5028	22.5	224	2.02 +	22234	-----
L11-183	8711 +	37.7 +	230	1.64	45829 +	-----
L11-187	8243 +	31.6 +	262 +	1.61	39249 +	-----

Table 31. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series across 3 locations (St. Gabriel, Iberia and U.S.D.A.- Ardoyne Farms) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs./A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar Per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	5483	26.0	212	1.84	27981	10.7
L 99-226	11527 +	49.6 +	236	2.53 +	38720 +	12.4
L 01-299	10286 +	45.5 +	232	1.93	47190 +	12.9
L 03-371	9231 +	40.2 +	232	1.84	43787 +	10.6
HoCP 04-838	8910 +	38.4 +	236	1.74	44089 +	11.3
L11-168	6895	29.5	232	1.62	37132	12.1
L11-172	7717	35.6	222	2.10 +	33729	12.2
L11-183	8556 +	37.3	231	1.80	41972 +	10.8
L11-187	8539 +	35.2	243	1.73	40762 +	12.7

2014 LOUISIANA “Ho” NURSERY AND INFIELD VARIETY TRIALS

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In the Sugarcane Research Unit’s sugarcane variety program, promising experimental varieties are assigned permanent “HoCP” or “Ho” numbers three years after selection in the seedling stage. These varieties are then planted in replicated yield trials at SRU’s Ardoyne Farm in Schriever and at the LSU AgCenter’s Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette and Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel. The following year, experimental varieties advanced for further testing are combined with varieties from the LSU AgCenter program (“L” series) and planted in replicated nursery yield trials on commercial farms (Paincourtville, Cecilia, and Bunkie, LA) that collectively represent the different regions of the sugarcane belt. From this stage on, varieties from the SRU and LSU AgCenter are included in all yield tests (infield and outfield trials) and yield estimates are based on plot weights. Two years after assignment, infield trials are planted at three locations (USDA’s Ardoyne Farm in Schriever and commercial farms located in Vacherie and Abbeville), and seed plots are established at three primary stations and twelve outfield locations.

The SRU’s nursery test plots planted during the year of assignment employ a randomized complete block design with two replications. Plots are 16 feet long by six feet (one row) wide with a four-foot alley between plots. A minimum of three commercial varieties are planted in each test for comparison purposes. In addition to experimental commercial varieties, clones from the SRU Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program are included in nursery trials. Yield data collected on RSB clones give breeders additional agronomic data to aid in selection of parents for use in the breeding program. The year after assignment, varieties from SRU’S program are combined with varieties from the LSU program and planted in nurseries on commercial farms. The plot lengths in these tests are increased from 16 feet to 20 feet.

In the spring and summer, researchers rate nursery test plots for yield traits such as population, height, diameter, erectness, etc. Mature, millable stalks are counted in each plot in late July or August. A 10-stalk sample is hand-cut from plots of active varieties during the harvest season. Samples from USDA nurseries are taken to the Juice and Milling Quality Laboratory at the USDA Ardoyne Farm, where they are weighed to determine stalk weight and processed for sucrose analysis. Brix and pol values are used to estimate the yield of theoretical recoverable sugar (TRS) per ton of cane. Estimated yields of cane and sugar per acre, and number of stalks per acre are calculated based on results from juice analyses, mature millable stalk counts, and mean stalk weight. Varieties with yields equal or higher than the control varieties (both cane tonnage and sugar per ton) and not appearing susceptible to diseases are advanced for further testing.

Infield evaluations on commercial farms are conducted cooperatively with LSU AgCenter sugarcane variety personnel. Infield tests are planted in a randomized complete block design with two replications and at least three commercial varieties as controls. The plot size in infield tests are two rows wide by 24 feet long. A 10-stalk sample is hand-cut from each plot just prior to combine harvesting and sent to the lab at the Ardoyne Farm, where it is weighed and processed through the pre-breaker/press for sucrose and fiber analysis. Brix and pol values are then used to calculate the yield of theoretical recoverable sugar (TRS) per ton of cane. Plots are weighed with a tractor-pulled weigh-wagon fitted with electronic load cells mounted in the axle and hitch. The weight of harvested cane in each plot, stalk weight, and sucrose content are used to estimate sugar per acre, tons of cane per acre, sugar per ton of cane, and number of stalks per acre.

Table 1 lists planting and harvest dates of USDA nursery and infield evaluations. Results of infield and nursery trials are presented in Tables 2 to 24. Statistical analyses were done for each test and for each series combined across locations using PROC MIXED procedures in SAS (version 9.1). For purposes of comparison, the check variety, HoCP 96-540, currently the leading variety in acreage in the state, is highlighted in each table. Yield values that are significantly higher or lower ($P=0.05$) than values for HoCP 96-540 are noted with a '+' or '-', respectively.

Table 1. Planting and harvest dates of “Ho” nursery & infield tests in 2014.

Series	Location ^{1/}	Soil Series ^{2/}	Test type	Planting Date	Harvest Dates		
					2012	2013	2014
2009	AFH	Sc	Infield	9/28/11	11/13	11/22	11/12
2009	BLK	Csl	Infield	8/26/11	12/13	12/17	10/17
2009	VAL	Pasl	Infield	9/22/11	12/12	12/09	12/04
2011	AFH	Csl	Nursery	10/20/11	12/10	10/30	10/29
2011	IRS	Bsc	Nursery	10/21/11	11/14	11/19	10/23
2011	STG	Sc	Nursery	10/25/11	12/06	-	-
2010	AFH	Sc	Infield	10/30/12		11/22	-
2010	BLK	Csl	Infield	8/17/12		11/12	11/19
2010	VAL	Pasl	Infield	9/10/12		12/09	12/04
2012	AFH	Csl	Nursery	10/17/12		12/16	11/18
2012	IRS	Bsc	Nursery	10/29/12		12/12	11/21
2012	STG	Sc	Nursery	10/19/12		12/10	11/25
2011	AFH	Sc	Infield	9/30/13			11/12
2011	BLK	Csl	Infield	8/30/13			11/19
2011	VAL	Pasl	Infield	9/03/13			12/4
2013	AFH	Csl	Nursery	11/06/13			12/11
2013	IRS	Bsc	Nursery	11/13/13			11/24
2013	STG	Sc	Nursery	11/08/13			12/10
2012	AFH			9/25/14			
2012	BLK			8/26/14			
2012	VAL			9/11/14			
2014	AFH			10/21/14			
2014	IRS			10/23/14			
2014	STG			10/24/14			

^{1/} AFH = Ardoyne Farm heavy soil and AFL = Ardoyne Farm Light soil in Schriever, BLK = Blackberry Farms in Vacherie, , IRS = Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, STG = St. Gabriel Research Station in St. Gabriel, VAL = Vallot Farm in Abbeville.

^{2/} Bsc = Baldwin silty clay, Cosl = Coteau silt loam, Csl = Commerce silty clay loam, Csl = Commerce silt loam, Pasl = Patoutville silt loam, Sc = Sharkey clay

Table 2. Infield second-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho” assignment series on a Sharkey clay soil at Ardoyne Farm in Schriever, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	4560	22.3	204	1.86	24164	11.7
L 99-226	8511 +	34.8 +	245 +	1.76	39618 +	12.5
L 01-299	8150 +	34.2 +	239 +	1.38 -	49830 +	13.1
L 03-371	5246	21.7	244 +	1.38 -	31349	11.6
HoCP 04-838	5329	21.9	243 +	1.21 -	36234	12.7
HoCP 09-804	4262	18.2	233	1.01 -	36229	13.0
Ho 09-840	5808	22.8	255 +	1.24 -	36836	12.4

Table 3. Infield second-stubble means of the 2009 “Ho” and 2010 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Blackberry Farms in Vacherie, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	9248	47.9	193	2.36	40806	12.0
L 99-226	9025	41.6	216 +	2.51	34044	12.0
L 01-299	8689	45.8	190	1.59 -	58340	12.6
L 03-371	9110	41.5	218 +	1.87	44086	10.7
HoCP 04-838	8679	40.0	217 +	1.77	45512	12.0
HoCP 09-804	10872	44.4	245 +	1.52 -	59324	12.4
Ho 09-840	9827	43.2	227 +	1.42 -	61032	12.1
L 10-147	11511	50.4	228 +	1.73 -	59313	11.8

Table 4. Infield second-stubble means of the 2009 “HoCP” and 2010 “L” assignment series on a Patoutville silt loam soil at Vallot Farm in Abbeville, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8948	34.5	260	2.36	29826	13.5
L 99-226	10244	37.2	275	2.99 +	24950	14.1
L 01-299	10365	39.0	266	1.70 -	46143 +	13.0
L 03-371	10512 +	37.1	283 +	2.13	34895	12.2
HoCP 04-838	8253	30.2	273	1.85 -	32782	13.0
HoCP 09-804	9552	36.6	261	1.74 -	43117 +	14.0
Ho 09-840	8144	30.6	267	1.54 -	39986	11.6 -
L 10-147	7895	28.0 -	282 +	2.20	25442	11.8 -

Table 5. Infield second -stubble means of the 2009 “HoCP” assignment series across three locations (Ardoyne Farm, Blackberry Farms, and Vallot Farm) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	7585	34.9	219	2.19	31599	12.4
L 99-226	9260	37.9	245 +	2.42	32871	12.9
L 01-299	9068	39.7	232	1.56 -	51438 +	12.9
L 03-371	8289	33.4	248 +	1.79 -	36777	11.5
HoCP 04-838	7420	30.7	244 +	1.61 -	38176	12.6
HoCP 09-804	8229	33.1	247 +	1.42 -	46223 +	13.1
Ho 09-840	7926	32.2	250 +	1.40 -	45951 +	12.1

Table 6. Infield first-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Blackberry Farms in Vacherie, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	13421	56.7	237	2.18	53569	13.5
L 99-226	13135	51.8	253 +	2.44	42551	13.5
L 01-299	15613	63.9	244	1.97	65107	12.8
L 03-371	13237	53.7	246	2.13	51931	10.9 -
L 11-168	11467	46.2	248 +	1.78	51895	13.3
L 11-172	10678	44.7 -	239	2.18	40952	13.3
L 11-183	14352	53.5	268 +	2.06	51973	12.0 -
L 11-187	14413	56.0	258 +	1.81	62441	13.4

Table 7. Infield first-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series on a Patoutville silt loam soil at Vallot Farm in Abbeville, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	9009	39.1	231	2.35	34693	13.0
L 99-226	12497	45.5	274 +	2.49	36624	13.2
L 01-299	15051 +	61.0 +	246	1.96	62239 +	13.2
L 03-371	10114	36.9	275 +	1.96	38043	10.5 -
L 11-168	8486	32.6	259 +	1.86	34911	13.3
L 11-172	9023	38.1	237	2.27	33561	14.6 +
L 11-183	11988	45.5	264 +	2.21	41218	10.5 -
L 11-187	9044	36.0	251	2.38	33088	12.1

Table 8. Infield first-stubble means of the 2011 “L” assignment series across two locations (Blackberry Farms and Vallot Farm) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	11215	47.9	234	2.27	44131	13.3
L 99-226	12816	48.7	264 +	2.46	39587	13.3
L 01-299	15332 +	62.4 +	245	1.97	63673 +	13.0
L 03-371	11676	45.3	260 +	2.04	44987	10.7 -
L 11-168	9976	39.4	254	1.82 -	43403	13.3
L 11-172	9851	41.4	238	2.23	37256	14.0
L 11-183	13170	49.5	266 +	2.14	46596	11.2 -
L 11-187	11729	46.0	254	2.09	47765	12.8

Table 9. Infield plant-cane means of the 2011 “Ho” assignment series on a Sharkey clay soil at Ardoyne Farm in Schriever, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8714	41.8	209	3.00	28312	11.2
L 99-226	11132	50.4	218	3.28	30731	12.3
L 01-283	11128	45.0	247 +	2.41 -	37322	11.8
L 01-299	9034	37.7	240 +	2.53	29822	12.8
HoCP 04-838	12675 +	50.7	250 +	2.26 -	44979 +	13.0
Ho 11-511	11897	48.6	245 +	2.90	33709	11.8
Ho 11-512	12664 +	43.6	291 +	2.98	29597	11.6
Ho 11-515	12473 +	47.1	264 +	2.61	36372	11.1
Ho 11-532	11706	44.8	261 +	2.20 -	40928 +	12.4
Ho 11-556	14189 +	53.1 +	267 +	2.12 -	50598 +	12.2

Table 10. Infield plant-cane means of the 2011 “Ho” and 2012 “L” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at Blackberry Farms in Vacherie, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	12133	45.8	262	2.74	33362	11.8
L 99-226	13806	48.9	285 +	2.39	41012	11.2
L 01-283	15416	51.5	299 +	1.90 -	54555 +	10.6
L 01-299	11760	46.8	251	1.94 -	48343	13.1
HoCP 04-838	10823	39.8	273	1.91 -	41530	12.4
Ho 11-511	15926	53.3	299 +	2.25 -	48594	11.1
Ho 11-512	19246 +	60.8 +	315 +	2.23 -	55888 +	9.9
Ho 11-515	14743	52.8	279	1.92 -	54991 +	11.4
Ho 11-532	13699	53.5	257	2.07 -	52091 +	13.6
Ho 11-556	10553	39.7	265	1.59 -	49910	12.3
L 12-201	13316	47.2	282	2.82	33706	9.6
L 12-202	14717	53.7	275	2.28 -	47065	11.8
L 12-227	11114	42.0	264	2.62	32066	13.6

Table 11. Infield plant-cane means of the 2011 “Ho” and 2012 “L” assignment series on a Patoutville silt loam soil at Vallot Farms in Abbeville, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	8863	35.7	249	2.07	34469	12.6
L 99-226	10646	37.1	287 +	2.58	28920	12.4
L 01-283	8134	28.6	284 +	1.79	32225	11.6
L 01-299	8443	31.6	267	2.04	31047	13.1
HoCP 04-838	6545	24.7 -	265	2.05	24249	13.4
Ho 11-511	8874	32.8	271 +	2.38	27564	13.1
Ho 11-512	9464	31.1	301 +	2.25	29435	12.3
Ho 11-515	8663	33.2	262	1.99	33581	12.3
Ho 11-532	9086	35.8	254	2.01	36911	13.9
Ho 11-556	8676	30.8	281 +	1.92	32244	12.3
L 12-201	9351	33.6	278 +	2.44	27609	11.1
L 12-202	9328	34.5	270 +	2.48	27893	12.9
L 12-227	7849	28.8	272 +	2.34	25155	14.1

Table 12. Infield plant-cane means of the 2011 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series across three locations (Ardoyne Farm, Blackberry Farms, and Vallot Farm) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	9903	41.1	240	2.60	32048	11.8
L 99-226	11861	45.5	263	2.75	33554	12.0
L 01-283	11559	41.7	277 +	2.03 -	41367	11.4
L 01-299	9746	38.7	253	2.17 -	36404	13.0
HoCP 04-838	10015	38.4	263	2.07 -	36920	12.9
Ho 11-511	12233	44.9	272 +	2.51	36622	12.0
Ho 11-512	13791 +	45.1	302 +	2.49	38306	11.3
Ho 11-515	11960	44.3	268 +	2.17 -	41648	11.6
Ho 11-532	11497	44.7	257	2.09 -	43310 +	13.3 +
Ho 11-556	11139	41.2	271 +	1.88 -	44250 +	12.3

Table 13. Infield plant-cane means of the 2011 “L” assignment series across two locations (Blackberry Farms and Vallot Farm) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)	Fiber (%)
HoCP 96-540	10498	40.8	255	2.41	33916	12.2
L 99-226	12226	43.0	286 +	2.49	34966	11.8
L 01-283	11775	40.1	292 +	1.84 -	43390	11.1
L 01-299	10102	39.2	259	1.99 -	39695	13.1
HoCP 04-838	8684	32.3	269	1.98 -	32890	12.9
Ho 11-511	12400	43.1	285 +	2.31	38079	12.1
Ho 11-512	14355	45.9	308 +	2.24	42661	11.1
Ho 11-515	11703	43.0	271	1.95 -	44286	11.9
Ho 11-532	11392	44.7	255	2.04	44501	13.8 +
Ho 11-556	9614	35.3	273	1.75 -	41077	12.3
L 12-201	11334	40.4	280 +	2.63	30657	10.3 -
L 12-202	12022	44.1	273	2.38	37479	12.4
L 12-227	9481	35.4	268	2.48	28611	13.9 +

Table 14. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at the Ardoyne Farm in Schriever, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	8745	38.0	230	1.92	39703
L 99-226	9887	41.2	238	2.20 +	37434
L 01-299	8920	34.5	258 +	1.43 -	48438
L 03-371	10332	38.5	269 +	1.48 -	52068
HoCP 04-838	8520	31.4	271 +	1.56 -	40724
Ho 11-511	9205	35.7	255	2.16	33527
Ho 11-512	9967	33.0	301 +	1.76	37775
Ho 11-515	8111	32.8	248	1.46 -	45148
Ho 11-529	5582 -	19.9 -	281 +	1.06 -	37434
Ho 11-532	9829	36.2	270 +	1.62 -	44354
Ho 11-556	9440	36.0	265 +	1.56 -	46283
Ho 11-573	11827 +	46.5	254	2.01	46283
Ho 11-9627 ^{3/}	5797 -	25.7 -	227	1.00 -	50707
Ho 11-9628 ^{3/}	6805	32.0	214	1.25 -	51728
Ho 11-9629 ^{3/}	8529	37.2	230	1.53 -	49005
Ho 11-9630 ^{3/}	7256	27.3 -	265 +	1.32 -	41858

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU’s Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 15. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at the Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	8422	42.8	196	2.47	35052
L 99-226	15039 +	59.1 +	256 +	2.82	41745
L 01-299	14057 +	57.3 +	245 +	1.93 -	59328 +
L 03-371	9849	38.8	254 +	1.67 -	46623 +
HoCP 04-838	10230	38.6	266 +	1.61 -	47984 +
Ho 11-511	10262	42.1	244 +	2.19	38455
Ho 11-512	11981 +	42.6	280 +	1.96 -	43106 +
Ho 11-515	9478	38.7	244 +	1.67 -	46396 +
Ho 11-532	12038 +	47.0	256 +	1.79 -	52862 +
Ho 11-556	7201	29.8 -	242 +	1.48 -	40270
Ho 11-573	9816	38.3	257 +	2.18	35052
Ho 11-9627 ^{3/}	7136	33.1	216	1.10 -	60462 +
Ho 11-9628 ^{3/}	8433	44.2	191	1.41 -	62844 +
Ho 11-9629 ^{3/}	7832	45.4	175	1.37 -	66361 +
Ho 11-9630 ^{3/}	9415	38.9	242 +	1.65 -	47303 +

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU’S Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 16. Nursery second-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series across two locations (Ardoyne Farm & Iberia Research Station) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	8583	40.4	213	2.20	37378
L 99-226	12463	50.1	247 +	2.51	39590
L 01-299	11489	45.9	252 +	1.68 -	53883 +
L 03-371	10090	38.6	262 +	1.57 -	49345 +
HoCP 04-838	9375	35.0	268 +	1.59 -	44354
Ho 11-511	9724	38.8	250 +	2.15	36144
Ho 11-512	10974	37.8	291 +	1.86	40440
Ho 11-515	8794	35.7	246 +	1.56 -	45772
Ho 11-532	10933	41.6	263 +	1.70 -	48608
Ho 11-556	8320	32.9	253 +	1.52 -	43276
Ho 11-573	10982	42.4	259 +	2.11	40027
Ho 11-9627 ^{3/}	6467	29.4	221	1.05 -	55584 +
Ho 11-9628 ^{3/}	7619	38.1	202	1.33 -	57286 +
Ho 11-9629 ^{3/}	8180	41.3	202	1.45 -	57683 +
Ho 11-9630 ^{3/}	8336	33.1	254 +	1.48 -	44581

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU'S Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 17. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at the Ardoyne Farm in Schriever, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	7535	32.7	231	2.04	32216
L 99-226	9889	36.2	272 +	2.72 +	28246
L 01-299	6394	25.6	251	1.67	30628
L 03-371	7372	29.8	248	1.65	36073
Ho 11-9403	8840	32.3	272 +	1.69	38455
Ho 12-612	7922	30.9	257 +	1.70	36300
Ho 12-615	8957	33.8	265 +	1.91	36300
Ho 12-616	7356	27.1	272 +	1.86	29153
Ho 12-626	10939 +	38.8	281 +	1.61	48551 +
Ho 12-627	7663	27.9	274 +	1.58	35166
Ho 12-630	7353	27.3	268 +	2.03	27225
Ho 12-633	8434	33.0	256 +	1.78	37094
Ho 12-638	6967	25.1	276 +	1.80	27906
HoCP 12-640	8305	34.3	242	2.07	33464
HoCP 12-641	6165	24.5	251	1.69	29040
HoCP 12-643	6486	27.7	234	1.81	30855
HoCP 12-647	8129	30.4	268 +	1.56	38909
HoCP 12-649	6941	24.3	286 +	1.44 -	33804
HoCP 12-656	6474	26.0	249	1.65	31536
HoCP 12-667	9763	35.0	280 +	1.94	36187
HoCP 12-671	11021 +	41.8	264 +	2.22	37661
HoCP 12-673	7522	28.6	263 +	1.94	29607
Ho 12-9631 ^{3/}	4388 -	20.5 -	214	2.20	18831 -
Ho 12-9632 ^{3/}	8478	31.2	267 +	2.36	26318
Ho 12-9633 ^{3/}	8275	30.4	273 +	1.85	32670
Ho 12-9634 ^{3/}	7615	36.7	208	1.60	46169 +

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU’s Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 18. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at the Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	12943	50.8	256	2.44	41858
L 99-226	18425 +	63.6 +	290 +	3.21 +	39703
L 01-299	13693	50.7	270	2.04	49686
L 03-371	11368	40.7	281 +	1.93 -	42312
Ho 12-612	11360	40.4	282 +	2.40	33691
Ho 12-615	12860	47.8	267	1.79 -	53429 +
Ho 12-616	14069	46.9	298 +	2.58	35960
Ho 12-626	14223	51.9	273	2.18	47757
Ho 12-627	12952	43.5	298 +	2.05	42426
Ho 12-630	11173	42.4	263	2.18	39023
Ho 12-633	12929	49.7	260	2.27	44014
Ho 12-638	11251	41.4	271	2.07	40043
HoCP 12-640	10141	40.2	252	1.93 -	41632
HoCP 12-641	9770	35.5 -	275	1.78 -	39817
HoCP 12-643	14899	54.7	274	2.42	45035
HoCP 12-647	7966 -	29.1 -	274	1.41 -	41291
HoCP 12-649	12169	43.3	281 +	2.09	41518
HoCP 12-656	13639	49.3	277 +	2.32	42539
HoCP 12-667	16658 +	56.6	294 +	2.68	42312
HoCP 12-671	10298	37.9 -	272	2.24	33804
HoCP 12-673	13994	50.4	279 +	2.41	41632
Ho 12-9631 ^{3/}	9129 -	37.7 -	242	2.80	26998 -
Ho 12-9632 ^{3/}	13257	49.6	268	3.46 +	28700 -
Ho 12-9633 ^{3/}	8930 -	32.1 -	279 +	1.96 -	32783 -
Ho 12-9634 ^{3/}	8991 -	38.2 -	235	1.86 -	41064

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU’s Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 19. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2012 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	9029	39.1	231	2.25	34598
L 99-226	13876 +	57.3 +	242	2.98 +	38569
L 01-299	13709 +	53.7	255 +	2.25	47871
L 03-371	9705	37.7	257 +	1.91	39703
Ho 12-612	10136	43.2	235	2.33	37094
Ho 12-615	15412 +	63.3 +	242	2.23	56265 +
Ho 12-616	10747	39.6	268 +	2.13	37208
Ho 12-626	12161	51.1	238	1.84 -	56378 +
Ho 12-627	11643	47.3	244	2.12	44241
Ho 12-630	9199	36.7	251	2.57	28700
Ho 12-633	10235	42.3	242	2.13	40384
Ho 12-638	5792	23.4	246	1.82	25410
HoCP 12-640	8383	37.0	225	2.03	36640
HoCP 12-641	11479	50.7	225	2.17	46283
HoCP 12-643	12161	47.7	254	2.27	41972
HoCP 12-647	6861	27.0	254	1.59 -	34258
HoCP 12-649	8583	35.9	236	2.04	34485
HoCP 12-656	8753	35.0	248	2.20	31536
HoCP 12-667	11420	43.5	262 +	2.00	43560
HoCP 12-671	8784	35.8	243	2.10	33918
HoCP 12-673	8069	35.0	229	2.17	31989
Ho 12-9631 ^{3/}	6586	31.9	207 -	2.76 +	23255
Ho 12-9632 ^{3/}	12093	48.5	250	2.90 +	34031
Ho 12-9633 ^{3/}	7525	30.3	248	1.95	31309
Ho 12-9634 ^{3/}	7930	40.2	197 -	1.67 -	48211

Table 20. Nursery first-stubble means of the 2011 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series across locations (Ardoyne Farm, Iberia Research Station, & Sugar Research Station) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	9836	40.9	239	2.24	36224
L 99-226	14063 +	52.4 +	268 +	2.97 +	35506
L 01-299	11265	43.4	259 +	1.99	42728
L 03-371	9482	36.1	262 +	1.83 -	39363
Ho 12-612	9806	38.2	258 +	2.14	35695
Ho 12-615	11938	46.4	258 +	1.95	47400 +
Ho 12-616	10724	37.8	279 +	2.19	34107
Ho 12-626	12441 +	47.3	264 +	1.88 -	50896 +
Ho 12-627	10608	38.7	274 +	1.90 -	40101
Ho 12-630	9241	35.5	261 +	2.26	31649
Ho 12-633	10533	41.7	253	2.06	40497
Ho 12-638	8338	31.3	266 +	1.92	32386
HoCP 12-640	8943	37.2	240	2.01	37245
HoCP 12-641	8769	35.2	252	1.85 -	37057
HoCP 12-643	11182	43.3	254	2.16	39287
HoCP 12-647	7652	28.8 -	265 +	1.52 -	38153
HoCP 12-649	9231	34.5	268 +	1.86 -	36603
HoCP 12-656	9749	37.3	258 +	2.05	36081
HoCP 12-667	12613 +	45.0	279 +	2.20	40686
HoCP 12-671	10034	38.5	259 +	2.19	35128
HoCP 12-673	10132	38.8	259 +	2.19	35050
Ho 11-9403	10983	40.6	272 +	1.91	42333
Ho 12-9631 ^{3/}	6701 -	30.0 -	221 -	2.59 +	23028 -
Ho 12-9632 ^{3/}	11276	43.1	261 +	2.90 +	29683
Ho 12-9633 ^{3/}	8243	30.9 -	266 +	1.92 -	32254
Ho 12-9634 ^{3/}	8179	38.4	213 -	1.71 -	45148 +

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU’s Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 21. Nursery plant cane means of the 2013 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series on a Sharkey clay soil at the Ardoyne Farm in Schriever, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	14788	58.9	248	2.71	43333
L 99-226	17574	69.9	252	3.57	39249
L 01-283	12557	51.4	243	2.48	41178
L 01-299	10529 -	41.4 -	254	2.45	34372
HoCP 04-838	12497	48.4	258	2.60	37208
Ho 11-9403	12032	50.0	240	2.34	42879
Ho 13-700	12876	52.9	246	2.56	41064
Ho 13-701	13794	56.8	248	3.58 +	31309 -
Ho 13-703	10936	45.2	242	2.57	35279
Ho 13-705	14580	54.6	268	2.41	45715
Ho 13-707	13575	53.4	254	2.68	39817
Ho 13-708	16859	64.2	263	3.35 +	38342
Ho 13-710	11044	42.2 -	262	2.25	37548
Ho 13-711	13309	51.5	259	2.57	40384
Ho 13-713	11650	44.1	264	2.57	34598
Ho 13-714	13762	53.2	259	2.76	38569
Ho 13-715	12832	52.0	247	2.45	42426
Ho 13-720	12527	47.5	264	2.56	37208
HoCP 13-721	13754	52.0	265	2.49	41745
HoCP 13-723	11840	43.6	272 +	2.38	37094
HoCP 13-726	14263	52.9	269	2.84	37548
HoCP 13-730	12694	49.9	254	2.96	33691 -
HoCP 13-731	12135	49.1	247	2.10 -	46850
HoCP 13-733	14489	52.4	277 +	2.37	44694
HoCP 13-734	12161	51.7	235	2.94	35279
HoCP 13-736	13978	60.2	233	2.82	42879
HoCP 13-737	15136	54.4	278 +	2.77	38682
HoCP 13-738	12850	47.9	269	2.49	38342
Ho 13-739	17119	60.1	285 +	2.99	40043
HoCP 13-740	11443	46.8	245	2.49	37548
HoCP 13-742	12961	53.3	243	2.72	39249
Ho 13-745	7931 -	32.5 -	245	2.30	28133 -
HoCP 13-747	11052	41.8 -	265	2.23	37434
Ho 13-748	11058	44.5	248	2.52	35279
HoCP 13-749	11928	45.0	265	2.46	36981
HoCP 13-751	10071 -	41.5 -	243	2.32	35846
HoCP 13-752	13593	56.9	239	2.94	38796
HoCP 13-754	12120	48.3	251	2.84	34145
HoCP 13-755	13342	53.9	250	2.49	43106

Table 21. (Continued)

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 13-756	11028	43.3	255	2.24	38569
HoCP 13-758	15426	58.9	262	2.94	39930
HoCP 13-761	12120	49.3	245	2.26	43447
Ho 13-762	10955	42.3 -	259	2.74	31082 -
HoCP 13-763	10149 -	38.4 -	264	2.30	33351 -
HoCP 13-765	13483	48.6	278 +	2.73	35619
HoCP 13-766	12437	56.2	221 -	3.14	35733
HoCP 13-767	13028	52.3	249	2.48	42199
Ho 13-769	13991	56.2	248	2.56	44127
HoCP 13-770	13236	53.2	247	2.15 -	49232
HoCP 13-771	10888	42.4 -	256	1.99 -	42993
HoCP 13-772	13132	50.2	261	2.43	41291
HoCP 13-774	13896	50.2	277 +	2.37	42426
HoCP 13-775	13480	53.7	252	2.62	40724
HoCP 13-777	12226	45.5	269	2.61	35052
HoCP 13-778	13887	48.2	287 +	2.42	39703
Ho 13-9635 ^{3/}	10772	49.7	218 -	2.91	34031
Ho 13-9636 ^{3/}	8084 -	44.0	183 -	2.29	38455
Ho 13-9637 ^{3/}	9873 -	38.9 -	254	1.53 -	51047

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU's Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 22. Nursery plant-cane means of the 2013 "Ho" and "HoCP" assignment series on a Baldwin silty clay soil at the Iberia Research Station in Jeanerette, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	9370	34.4	274	2.23	30742
L 99-226	8179	28.5	287	2.47	23141
L 01-283	6355	21.9 -	283	1.76 -	25977
L 01-299	9793	35.4	279	1.86	37775
HoCP 04-838	6490	24.7	260	2.08	24503
Ho 11-9403	8419	30.7	271	1.75 -	34939
Ho 13-700	8991	31.4	285	1.66 -	37775
Ho 13-701	9812	34.8	283	2.86 +	24276
Ho 13-703	7420	27.3	270	1.68 -	31989
Ho 13-705	10754	36.6	295	1.92	38342
Ho 13-707	9917	36.3	274	2.20	33010
Ho 13-708	11846	41.3	287	2.95 +	28019
Ho 13-710	10480	36.3	289	2.04	35619
Ho 13-711	5735 -	19.8 -	291	1.64 -	24276

Table 22. (Continued)

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
Ho 13-713	8542	29.5	290	1.78 -	33351
Ho 13-714	7565	24.6	307 +	1.91	26204
Ho 13-715	7786	28.0	278	1.58 -	34712
Ho 13-720	8053	27.2	296	1.75 -	31082
HoCP 13-721	6942	23.6	295	1.54 -	30628
HoCP 13-723	9535	31.6	302	1.94	32557
HoCP 13-726	9618	31.2	309 +	1.90	33124
HoCP 13-730	5888 -	20.7 -	284	1.86	23028
HoCP 13-731	11953	43.2	280	1.78 -	48098
HoCP 13-733	6926	23.2	298	1.38 -	33918
HoCP 13-734	9504	34.4	277	2.28	30174
HoCP 13-736	9943	34.9	285	2.15	32897
HoCP 13-737	9284	33.0	281	2.01	33010
HoCP 13-738	8656	30.0	289	2.02	30628
Ho 13-739	6249	22.3 -	280	1.98	22688
HoCP 13-740	11756	40.1	293	1.91	41972
HoCP 13-742	7769	28.0	272	2.27	25637
Ho 13-745	8316	31.4	264	1.89	33237
HoCP 13-747	9495	33.4	285	1.78 -	37548
Ho 13-748	6149	22.4 -	274	2.02	22234
HoCP 13-749	8908	32.2	275	2.42	27338
HoCP 13-751	8541	31.6	271	1.78 -	35279
HoCP 13-752	9121	35.9	254	2.23	32443
HoCP 13-754	10213	34.6	294	2.56	26998
HoCP 13-755	12003	38.5	312 +	2.00	39136
HoCP 13-756	7755	27.3	285	1.74 -	31309
HoCP 13-758	11918	40.1	297	2.20	36640
HoCP 13-761	8630	33.2	260	2.06	32330
Ho 13-762	8129	28.6	279	1.96	28700
HoCP 13-763	6443	23.2	270	1.87	24956
HoCP 13-765	10122	33.5	302	2.27	29607
HoCP 13-766	9912	37.1	268	2.87 +	26318
HoCP 13-767	7402	26.3	280	1.92	26998
Ho 13-769	9504	32.2	292	1.87	34258
HoCP 13-770	9255	33.9	274	1.90	35506
HoCP 13-771	11354	38.7	292	1.93	40157
HoCP 13-772	8210	32.2	255	2.20	29267
HoCP 13-774	7388	25.8	288	2.40	21440
HoCP 13-775	12272	42.4	290	2.13	40043
HoCP 13-777	6591	22.5 -	290	2.17	21099
HoCP 13-778	8499	27.9	304 +	1.78 -	31876

Table 22. (Continued)

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
Ho 13-9635 ^{3/}	7902	31.1	252	2.29	27452
Ho 13-9636 ^{3/}	6412	28.1	224 -	1.87	30968
Ho 13-9637 ^{3/}	5890 -	22.4 -	261	1.41 -	31649

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU's Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 23. Nursery plant cane means of the 2013 "Ho" and "HoCP" assignment series on a Commerce silt loam soil at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, LA in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	12749	50.2	254	3.05	33010
L 99-226	15734	65.6	244	3.46	37661
L 01-283	10181	36.9	274	2.65	28133
L 01-299	12586	47.2	267	2.19 -	43106
HoCP 04-838	13547	49.2	277	2.37 -	41064
Ho 11-9403	13359	51.6	259	2.40 -	43333
Ho 13-700	13502	53.5	251	2.72	39023
Ho 13-701	12820	53.9	239	3.26	33351
Ho 13-703	7640	31.3	245	2.06 -	30401
Ho 13-705	11999	45.1	264	2.25 -	39703
Ho 13-707	13538	56.2	240	2.70	41745
Ho 13-708	12759	52.2	244	3.06	33918
Ho 13-710	13749	50.7	273	2.35 -	43106
Ho 13-711	12561	45.0	279	2.31 -	38909
Ho 13-713	11151	42.5	262	2.05 -	41178
Ho 13-714	13180	52.5	251	2.61	40270
Ho 13-715	11107	42.4	261	2.34 -	35619
Ho 13-720	13510	47.1	287 +	2.58	36527
HoCP 13-721	12764	53.1	245	2.44 -	43560
HoCP 13-723	13665	47.6	286 +	2.22 -	42993
HoCP 13-726	11045	42.0	263	2.15 -	38796
HoCP 13-730	13105	52.1	253	2.72	38569
HoCP 13-731	10598	44.8	241	2.08 -	42993
HoCP 13-733	10494	40.4	258	2.18 -	36867
HoCP 13-734	10638	41.0	259	2.58	31989
HoCP 13-736	7210 -	41.8	172 -	2.30 -	36300
HoCP 13-737	9502	37.0	257	2.12 -	35052
HoCP 13-738	12837	48.4	265	3.00	32443
Ho 13-739	13744	53.2	258	3.12	34031
HoCP 13-740	19013 +	82.2 +	227	2.92	56038 +

Table 23. (Continued)

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 13-742	12465	52.3	238	2.73	38682
Ho 13-745	11198	45.3	246	2.34 -	38455
HoCP 13-747	11399	43.7	261	2.22 -	39703
Ho 13-748	16279	65.0	251	2.85	45602
HoCP 13-749	11838	47.0	251	2.28 -	41064
HoCP 13-751	10067	39.8	253	2.27 -	35166
HoCP 13-752	12183	51.3	237	2.84	36187
HoCP 13-754	13991	53.2	263	3.49	30515
HoCP 13-755	15122	56.6	270	2.53	44468
HoCP 13-756	13451	54.1	249	2.27 -	47644 +
HoCP 13-758	16141	58.1	278	2.66	44127
HoCP 13-761	12973	47.3	274	2.41 -	39249
Ho 13-762	10150	39.5	257	2.14 -	37661
HoCP 13-763	9670	41.4	234	1.89 -	44014
HoCP 13-765	10279	38.0	270	2.35 -	32330
HoCP 13-766	9165	52.6	174 -	3.10	33918
HoCP 13-767	9526	37.3	253	2.42 -	31649
Ho 13-769	18322 +	66.7	276	2.92	45375
HoCP 13-770	10872	47.6	229	2.48 -	38115
HoCP 13-771	11622	43.8	265	2.24 -	39249
HoCP 13-772	11734	45.9	255	2.64	35393
HoCP 13-774	8900	32.2	276	2.16 -	30515
HoCP 13-775	14245	54.4	261	2.70	40384
HoCP 13-777	17388	66.6	259	2.80	46963
HoCP 13-778	11057	41.5	267	2.27 -	36640
Ho 13-9635	9325	42.3	220 -	2.45 -	34712
Ho 13-9636	11321	61.8	183 -	2.54	47871
Ho 13-9637	8151	33.4	243	1.49 -	45148
HoCP 13-770	10872	47.6	229	2.48 -	38115
HoCP 13-771	11622	43.8	265	2.24 -	39249
HoCP 13-772	11734	45.9	255	2.64	35393
HoCP 13-774	8900	32.2	276	2.16 -	30515
HoCP 13-775	14245	54.4	261	2.70	40384
HoCP 13-777	17388	66.6	259	2.80	46963
HoCP 13-778	11057	41.5	267	2.27 -	36640
Ho 13-9635 ^{3/}	9325	42.3	220 -	2.45 -	34712
Ho 13-9636 ^{3/}	11321	61.8	183 -	2.54	47871 +
Ho 13-9637 ^{3/}	8151	33.4	243	1.49 -	45148

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU's Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

Table 24. Nursery plant cane means of the 2013 “Ho” and “HoCP” assignment series across locations (Ardoyne Farm, Iberia Research Station, and Sugar Research Station) in 2014.

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 96-540	12302	47.8	258	2.66	35695
L 99-226	13829	54.6	261	3.16 +	33351
L 01-283	9698	36.7 -	267	2.29 -	31763
L 01-299	10969	41.4	266	2.17 -	38418
HoCP 04-838	10845	40.7	265	2.35	34258
Ho 11-9403	11270	44.1	257	2.16 -	40384
Ho 13-700	11790	45.9	260	2.31 -	39287
Ho 13-701	12142	48.5	257	3.23 +	29645
Ho 13-703	8665 -	34.6 -	252	2.10 -	32557
Ho 13-705	12444	45.4	276	2.19 -	41253
Ho 13-707	12343	48.6	256	2.53	38191
Ho 13-708	13821	52.5	264	3.12 +	33426
Ho 13-710	11758	43.1	275	2.21 -	38758
Ho 13-711	10535	38.7	276	2.17 -	34523
Ho 13-713	10448	38.7	272	2.13 -	36376
Ho 13-714	11502	43.4	272	2.42	35014
Ho 13-715	10575	40.8	262	2.12 -	37586
Ho 13-720	11363	40.6	282 +	2.30 -	34939
HoCP 13-721	11153	42.9	268	2.15 -	38644
HoCP 13-723	11680	41.0	287 +	2.18 -	37548
HoCP 13-726	11642	42.0	280 +	2.29 -	36489
HoCP 13-730	10562	40.9	264	2.51	31763
HoCP 13-731	11562	45.7	256	1.99 -	45980 +
HoCP 13-733	10636	38.7	278	1.98 -	38493
HoCP 13-734	10767	42.4	257	2.60	32481
HoCP 13-736	10377	45.6	230 -	2.42	37359
HoCP 13-737	11307	41.5	272	2.30 -	35582
HoCP 13-738	11448	42.1	274	2.50	33804
Ho 13-739	12371	45.2	275	2.70	32254
HoCP 13-740	14071	56.3	255	2.44	45186 +
HoCP 13-742	11065	44.5	251	2.57	34523
Ho 13-745	9148 -	36.4 -	252	2.18 -	33275
HoCP 13-747	10648	39.6	271	2.08 -	38228
Ho 13-748	11162	44.0	257	2.46	34372
HoCP 13-749	10891	41.4	264	2.39	35128
HoCP 13-751	9559	37.7	255	2.12 -	35430
HoCP 13-752	11632	48.1	244	2.67	35808
HoCP 13-754	12108	45.4	269	2.96	30553

Table 24. (Continued)

Variety	Sugar/ acre (lbs.)	Tons/ acre (tons)	Sugar/ ton (lbs.)	Weight/ stalk (lbs.)	Stalks/ acre (no.)
HoCP 13-755	13489	49.7	277	2.34	42237
HoCP 13-756	10745	41.5	263	2.08 -	39174
HoCP 13-758	14495	52.4	279 +	2.60	40233
HoCP 13-761	11241	43.3	260	2.24 -	38342
Ho 13-762	9745	36.8 -	265	2.28 -	32481
HoCP 13-763	8754 -	34.3 -	256	2.02 -	34107
HoCP 13-765	11295	40.0	283 +	2.45	32519
HoCP 13-766	10505	48.6	221 -	3.03 +	31989
HoCP 13-767	9985	38.7	261	2.27 -	33615
Ho 13-769	13939	51.7	272	2.45	41253
HoCP 13-770	11121	44.9	250	2.18 -	40951
HoCP 13-761	11241	43.3	260	2.24 -	38342
Ho 13-762	9745	36.8 -	265	2.28 -	32481
HoCP 13-763	8754 -	34.3 -	256	2.02 -	34107
HoCP 13-765	11295	40.0	283 +	2.45	32519
HoCP 13-766	10505	48.6	221 -	3.03 +	31989
HoCP 13-767	9985	38.7	261	2.27 -	33615
HoCP 13-771	11288	41.6	271	2.05 -	40800
HoCP 13-772	11025	42.8	257	2.42	35317
HoCP 13-774	10061	36.1 -	280 +	2.31 -	31460
HoCP 13-775	13332	50.2	268	2.48	40384
HoCP 13-777	12068	44.9	273	2.53	34372
HoCP 13-778	11148	39.2	286 +	2.16 -	36073
Ho 13-9635 ^{3/}	9333 -	41.0	230 -	2.55	32065
Ho 13-9636 ^{3/}	8606 -	44.6	197 -	2.23 -	39098
Ho 13-9637 ^{3/}	7971 -	31.6 -	253	1.47 -	42615

^{3/} Varieties from the SRU's Recurrent Selection for Borers (RSB) program.

2014 LOUISIANA SUGARCANE VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OUTFIELD VARIETY TRIALS

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The outfield variety trials are the final stage of testing experimental varieties for their potential commercial production in Louisiana. Results from these trials are used in both variety advancement and crossing decisions. The outfield variety trials are cooperatively conducted at 12 locations throughout the Louisiana sugarcane belt by the LSU AgCenter, the USDA-ARS, and the American Sugar Cane League.

To be considered for release, an experimental variety must equal or exceed the performance of commercial varieties with regard to yield and harvestability across locations, crops, and years. Accurate varietal evaluation requires overall yield performance information in addition to performance under adverse harvest conditions. The objective of this report is to provide overall and specific location yield data by crop for the 2014 outfield tests. Included are multi-year yield analyses for appropriate test varieties.

The experimental design used at each outfield location was a randomized complete block design with three replications per location. Test plots were two rows wide and 50 feet long with a 5-foot alley between plots. All locations were harvested with a combine harvester and each plot was weighed with a weigh wagon fitted with load cells mounted on each axle and hitch. A 10-stalk, whole-stalk sample, not stripped of leaves, was taken from each plot and sent to the USDA-ARS sucrose laboratory. Samples were hand cut for all tests. The samples were weighed, milled, and the juice analyzed for Brix and pol. Pounds of theoretical recoverable sugar per ton of cane were reported.

Cane yield for each plot was estimated by plot weight, less 14% to adjust for leaf-trash weight and 10% for harvester efficiency. Stalk number was calculated by dividing adjusted cane yield by stalk weight. Adjustments made to cane yield resulted in lower estimated stalk numbers than those achieved by growers.

Interpreting one year of yield data can be misleading because varieties may differ in relative performance from year to year. Across location means can likewise be misleading since a variety, experimental or commercial, may not perform consistently at all locations. Multi-year and multi-location testing solves these problems by averaging the inconsistent performances.

The most widely grown variety in Louisiana in 2013 was HoCP96-540, occupying 37% of the state's acreage. Accordingly for comparison, HoCP96-540 is used as the check variety in all comparisons and is highlighted in the tables. To adjust for missing data, the SAS analysis

calculated least square means (v 9.2, Proc Mixed). Mean separation used least square mean probability differences (P=0.05). Varieties that are significantly higher or lower than HoCP96-540 are denoted by a plus (+) or minus (-), respectively, next to the value for each trait.

Twenty experimental varieties representing the 2012 assignment series were introduced to outfield locations for seed increase in 2014 (Table 1). Ten experimental and seven commercial varieties were planted at 12 outfield locations. Thirty-nine tests were harvested in 2014 including twelve plantcane, twelve first-stubble, eleven second-stubble, and four third-stubble crops (Table 2).

Variety yield traits are reported by crop and trait with overall means and individual location data in the same table and in summary tables by crop. A combined analysis of plantcane, first-stubble, second-stubble, and third-stubble crops averaged over several years is also provided.

The Louisiana sugar industry experienced cold and wet conditions during January through April, which led to a slow start for the cane crop. In June and July South Louisiana experienced favorable conditions with less rainfall. August was the turning point for the cane crop, warmer weather led to rapid growth. The Louisiana sugar industry was spared of tropical activity in 2014. The 2014 grinding season in Louisiana began on September 25, 2014. The grinding season was excellent with an extended dry time frame. However, an early season freeze occurred in mid-November. The freeze caused the sugar content of the crop to drop, but even with the freeze event, Louisiana had a record sugar recovery of 232 lbs./ton of cane. All tests were harvested by the last full week of December. The last raw sugar factory ended its processing season on January 10, 2015.

Ho 07-613 was released in the spring of 2014, and was harvested in plantcane through third stubble crops in 2014. Experimental varieties HoCP09-804 and Ho09-840 were harvested in plantcane through first stubble in 2014, and will be considered for release in the spring of 2016.

Data were obtained through a cooperative effort of personnel from the LSU AgCenter, USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory, and the American Sugar Cane League in accordance to the provisions of the “Three-way Agreement of 2007.” Outfield testing would not be possible without the full cooperation of the growers at each outfield location.

Table 1. Commercial and experimental varieties planted in the outfield in 2014.

Commercial Varieties		Experimental Varieties		Experimental Varieties Introduced to the Outfield			
HoCP96-540	HoCP04-838	HoCP09-804	L11-187	L12-201	Ho12-616	Ho12-638	HoCP12-649
L99-226	Ho07-613	HoCP09-840	Ho11-511	L12-202	Ho12-626	HoCP12-640	HoCP12-656
HoCP00-950		L11-168	Ho11-515	L12-227	Ho12-627	HoCP12-641	HoCP12-667
L01-283		L11-172	Ho11-532	Ho12-612	Ho12-630	HoCP12-643	HoCP12-671
L01-299		L11-183	Ho11-556	Ho12-615	Ho12-633	HoCP12-647	HoCP12-673

Table 2. Harvest and planting dates for all outfield locations harvested in 2014.

Location	Parish	Plantcane			First-stubble		Second-stubble		Third-stubble	
		2014 Planting Date	2014 Harvest Date	2013 Planting Date	2014 Harvest Date	2012 Planting Date	2014 Harvest Date	2011 Planting Date	2014 Harvest Date	2010 Planting Date
A. Landry	Iberville	08/27	11/12	09/06	11/12	09/25	**	08/11	**	08/16
Allains	St. Mary	10/13	11/11	09/19	11/10	09/27	11/10	08/31	11/11	09/17
Alma	Pointe Coupee	10/09	12/02	08/28	12/02	08/17	10/31	09/14	10/31	09/13
Bon Secour	St. James	09/09	12/01	08/29	11/24	09/07	12/01	09/13	11/24	09/15
Brunswick	Pointe Coupee	09/17	11/25	09/04	11/25	09/05	11/25	09/09	**	09/02
F. Martin	St. Mary	10/08	11/21	10/05	11/21	09/26	10/30	09/15	**	09/10
Glenwood	Assumption	10/07	11/28	08/23	11/04	09/24	11/04	09/01	**	09/20
Lanaux	St. John	08/25	11/13	09/10	11/13	08/23	11/13	08/31	**	09/23
Levert-St. John	St. Martin	09/10	11/20	09/03	11/20	09/06	11/20	09/02	**	09/09
Magnolia	Terrebonne	10/27	11/26	11/05	11/26	09/11	11/26	09/21	**	09/16
Mary	Lafourche	10/28	12/22	09/17	11/03	09/12	11/03	10/11	**	09/24
R. Hebert	Iberia	09/29	12/18	09/05	12/18	09/25	10/10	09/16	10/10	09/01

* No test planted at this location.

** No test harvested at this location.

Table 3. Plantcane sugar per acre for eight commercial and two experimental varieties at twelve outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs./A)												
HoCP96-540	8082	8611	6112	10205	5657	9329	8799	7601	8609	8665	9219	7534	8202
L99-226	10514	8985	6283	10981	6203	9380	9320	8916	10362	11612 +	8911	10742 +	9351 +
HoCP00-950	9965	9585	7229	11560	6553	8620	9343	7480	9737	10584 +	10253	10029 +	9245 +
L01-283	9860	10187	5778	10312	5979	9827	6909 -	8029	8527	9037	9280	9542 +	8606
L01-299	9581	8522	5640	10177	4506	9941	7814	7487	8307	7307	9657	7453	8033
L03-371	8595	8509	6868	10112	6953	8326	8565	9169	7827	9882	9677	10031 +	8710
HoCP04-838	9241	10001	7530	10557	5650	8411	7838	8221	8966	10137	10049	8937	8795 +
Ho07-613	8623	8950	6113	11112	5222	9640	8201	9132	7171	9642	10037	9254 +	8591
HoCP09-804	9898	9672	5633	10257	5692	10858	7506	7668	9230	9922	9597	9075 +	8751
Ho09-840	9161	8277	6751	10395	5059	8960	7140 -	7611	9327	8315	8364	10012 +	8281

Table 4. Plantcane cane yield for eight commercial and two experimental varieties at twelve outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(tons/A)												
HoCP96-540	29.0	36.1	26.1	38.2	24.8	41.7	35.0	29.3	34.3	35.0	37.5	30.6	33.1
L99-226	33.6	33.7	26.2	39.6	25.5	37.2	33.1	31.4	36.0	40.1	32.3 -	36.7	33.8
HoCP00-950	30.8	33.0	24.8	36.7	24.5	32.3	30.5 -	24.8	32.6	36.0	37.1	31.3	31.2 -
L01-283	31.4	34.9	21.6	32.6	22.4	38.4	25.2 -	28.0	29.2	32.5	36.3	34.0	30.5 -
L01-299	31.6	34.0	24.0	36.4	18.8	39.9	31.9	28.3	30.5	30.2	37.2	28.9	31.0 -
L03-371	27.1	29.8 -	27.7	34.8	27.6	33.7	30.0 -	29.7	27.0	34.6	33.4 -	36.3	31.0 -
HoCP04-838	29.0	35.8	29.0	37.2	22.4	34.2	29.9 -	27.6	31.7	37.6	36.0	32.4	31.9
Ho07-613	27.3	34.0	23.1	36.1	20.9	37.7	29.7 -	30.0	26.2	34.1	36.7	32.7	30.7 -
HoCP09-804	32.7	36.2	21.6	35.2	22.7	40.8	27.8 -	26.9	32.7	34.7	35.4	33.2	31.7
Ho09-840	30.5	30.6 -	26.3	36.7	19.4	36.5	27.1 -	25.8	33.6	31.3	31.3 -	35.4	30.4 -

Table 5. Plantcane sugar per ton for eight commercial and two experimental varieties at twelve outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs./tons)												
HoCP96-540	279	240	234	267	229	224	252	259	251	248	245	246	248
L99-226	313 +	266 +	240	279	244	253 +	282 +	285 +	287 +	289 +	276 +	293 +	275 +
HoCP00-950	324 +	293 +	289 +	316 +	267 +	266 +	306 +	301 +	299 +	295 +	276 +	320 +	296 +
L01-283	314 +	293 +	267 +	316 +	268 +	256 +	274 +	289 +	293 +	279 +	256	280 +	282 +
L01-299	303 +	255	236	280	243	249 +	246	265	273 +	244	260	258	259 +
L03-371	317 +	286 +	247	291 +	253 +	248 +	286 +	307 +	291 +	287 +	290 +	277 +	281 +
HoCP04-838	318 +	281 +	258 +	284	252 +	246 +	261	298 +	282 +	271 +	280 +	276 +	276 +
Ho07-613	315 +	265	265 +	309 +	251 +	255 +	276 +	305 +	273 +	283 +	273 +	282 +	279 +
HoCP09-804	303 +	268 +	261 +	291 +	251 +	266 +	270 +	284 +	282 +	286 +	271 +	274 +	276 +
Ho09-840	301 +	272 +	257 +	284	264 +	245 +	263	295 +	277 +	266	267 +	284 +	273 +

Table 6. Plantcane stalk weight for eight commercial and two experimental varieties at twelve outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs.)												
HoCP96-540	2.26	2.53	2.27	2.45	2.04	2.75	2.35	2.66	2.31	2.58	2.61	2.64	2.45
L99-226	3.12 +	3.62 +	2.77 +	2.88 +	2.61 +	3.25	2.83 +	2.97	2.82 +	2.89	3.03	3.07	2.99 +
HoCP00-950	2.25	2.15	1.99	2.05 -	2.36	2.31	1.94 -	2.75	2.23	2.11	2.20	2.38	2.23 -
L01-283	2.30	2.33	2.02	1.87 -	1.92	2.23	2.03	2.25 -	1.84 -	2.35	2.14	2.06	2.11 -
L01-299	2.13	2.28	2.27	2.08 -	2.08	2.35	2.27	2.13 -	1.94	2.42	2.38	2.68	2.25 -
L03-371	2.13	2.64	2.24	1.90 -	2.09	2.44	2.07	2.31	1.58 -	2.34	2.12	2.65	2.21 -
HoCP04-838	2.18	2.22	2.19	1.88 -	1.79	2.14 -	2.21	2.17 -	1.65 -	2.48	2.21	2.51	2.14 -
Ho07-613	2.53	2.56	2.14	2.27	2.19	2.68	2.44	2.38	2.19	2.43	2.98	2.72	2.46
HoCP09-804	1.99	2.20	1.73 -	1.73 -	1.67	2.15 -	1.74 -	1.95 -	1.56 -	2.07	1.86 -	2.15	1.90 -
Ho09-840	1.70 -	1.71 -	1.51 -	1.52 -	1.56 -	1.60 -	1.48 -	1.61 -	1.50 -	2.31	1.30 -	1.95 -	1.65 -

Table 7. Plantcane stalk number for eight commercial and two experimental varieties at twelve outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(stalks/A)												
HoCP96-540	25677	28423	22975	31738	24042	30494	29982	22162	30528	27260	29065	23531	27156
L99-226	21584	18710 -	18842	27485	19805	23034	23710	21158	25747	28137	21718	24105	22836 -
HoCP00-950	27460	31054	25311	35723	20305	27801	32479	18501	29408	34121	33749	28102	28668
L01-283	27286	30455	21227	34986	23539	35683	25377	25025	31667	28245	34401	33259 +	29263
L01-299	30396	29822	21221	35836	17897	34514	28613	26699	32137	25044	32237	21693	28009
L03-371	25441	23025	24908	36928	26334	29007	29289	26219	34146	29837	32101	27588	28735
HoCP04-838	26670	32200	26439	40091	24780	32413	27165	25573	38555	30226	32672	25987	30231 +
Ho07-613	21948	27172	21941	31755	19127	28535	24446	25273	23873	29272	25284	24946	25298
HoCP09-804	33052 +	32806	24923	41076 +	27051	38115	31933	27657	43693 +	34241	38379	31009	33661 +
Ho09-840	35770 +	36319	35255 +	48611 +	24678	45493 +	36778 +	32213 +	44718 +	27239	49598 +	36495 +	37764 +

Table 8. First-stubble sugar per acre for two experimental and eight commercial varieties at ten outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs./A)												
HoCP96-540	10102	6214	5825	9149	5290	7118	7402	5697	5962	7531	9021	6616	7161
L99-226	9775	8200 +	8283	10444	6493	7640	8753 +	8785 +	9141 +	8652	8558	10963 +	8803 +
HoCP00-950	9984	6698	6517	9200	5708	7140	8311	6580	7454 +	8043	11047 +	10053 +	8061 +
L01-283	10485	9902 +	7133	9440	5566	9141 +	8087	7584 +	9079 +	8685	10609 +	10617 +	8861 +
L01-299	11242	8957 +	6994	10455	5701	7906	8613 +	9291 +	8573 +	7943	11389 +	10600 +	8972 +
L03-371	10491	5325	7979	7639	5586	8589 +	8396	7431 +	7889 +	8102	10623 +	10085 +	8178 +
HoCP04-838	9898	8268 +	6405	8684	5288	7402	6996	5713	8697 +	8182	8811	-----	7784 +
Ho07-613	8655	6559	7326	9963	6379	8070	8799 +	5292	8068 +	7210	7971	7392	7640
HoCP09-804	10228	9096 +	5768	8914	5266	8760 +	8998 +	9180 +	7784 +	8463	10438 +	10531 +	8619 +
Ho09-840	9557	8307 +	6640	8432	5025	7904	7922	8731 +	8782 +	7113	9132	9708 +	8104 +

Table 9. First-stubble cane yield for two experimental and eight commercial varieties at ten outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(tons/A)												
HoCP96-540	37.0	25.8	22.6	28.6	20.9	28.3	27.5	24.0	24.2	27.7	28.9	25.8	26.8
L99-226	33.3	32.1 +	28.4	29.8	24.9	30.5	28.8	31.0 +	31.3 +	28.8	27.1	36.5 +	30.2 +
HoCP00-950	31.3 -	24.0	22.4	26.9	20.2	22.7 -	25.6	22.3	24.2	26.0	34.4 +	32.9 +	26.1
L01-283	34.0	32.3 +	22.9	27.2	19.9	31.1	26.4	27.5	31.5 +	27.7	33.3 +	36.9 +	29.2 +
L01-299	38.7	33.2 +	24.9	30.5	21.6	31.9	31.1 +	36.6 +	32.5 +	29.4	34.7 +	36.3 +	31.8 +
L03-371	34.0	21.7	26.2	24.0	22.3	30.6	28.9	28.2	27.0	26.1	31.5	33.0 +	27.8
HoCP04-838	33.9	31.6 +	22.3	26.9	20.6	27.0	23.7 -	24.2	31.8 +	28.0	27.0	-----	27.4
Ho07-613	28.9 -	25.4	26.0	29.4	23.8	28.2	28.9	19.0 -	26.9	24.4	25.1 -	26.5	26.0
HoCP09-804	34.2	32.4 +	20.8	27.5	19.8	30.6	30.5	31.4 +	27.0	28.6	33.7 +	36.6 +	29.4 +
Ho09-840	33.4	31.5 +	23.6	27.8	17.9	30.5	27.5	30.3 +	31.1 +	24.9	29.8	35.7 +	28.7

Table 10. First-stubble sugar per ton for two experimental and eight commercial varieties at ten outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs./tons)												
HoCP96-540	274	241	257	320	253	252	270	238	247	272	312	256	266
L99-226	294 +	252	291 +	351 +	261	252	304 +	284 +	293 +	300 +	315	300 +	291 +
HoCP00-950	319 +	281	292 +	342 +	282	314 +	324 +	294 +	308 +	310 +	321	306 +	308 +
L01-283	309 +	306	311 +	347 +	280	294 +	306 +	275 +	289 +	315 +	320	288 +	303 +
L01-299	290 +	270	280	342 +	262	248	277	255	267 +	270	328 +	292 +	282 +
L03-371	310 +	251	303 +	320	249	281 +	291 +	263	295 +	310 +	339 +	306 +	293 +
HoCP04-838	292 +	259	286 +	323	257	275 +	295 +	237	274 +	293 +	327 +	-----	283 +
Ho07-613	299 +	256	282 +	339 +	268	285 +	305 +	278 +	300 +	295 +	318	280 +	292 +
HoCP09-804	299 +	281	277	324	266	286 +	295 +	292 +	290 +	296 +	310	288 +	292 +
Ho09-840	286	263	280	304	281	258	288 +	288 +	284 +	286	306	272 +	283 +

Table 11. First-stubble stalk weight for two experimental and eight commercial varieties at ten outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs.)												
HoCP96-540	2.55	2.42	1.83	2.00	1.79	2.24	2.09	2.43	2.14	2.11	2.41	2.29	2.19
L99-226	2.89	3.35 +	2.51 +	2.50 +	2.09	2.48	2.83 +	3.21 +	2.49	2.53	2.66	2.81	2.69 +
HoCP00-950	2.07	2.06	1.64	1.84	1.94	1.82 -	1.82	2.56	2.06	2.00	1.90 -	2.50	2.02 -
L01-283	1.91 -	1.88 -	1.74	1.54 -	1.41 -	2.05	1.72 -	1.94 -	1.89	1.86	1.86 -	2.23	1.84 -
L01-299	2.45	1.86 -	1.74	1.97	1.73	2.15	1.77	2.11	2.08	2.35	1.73 -	1.95	1.99 -
L03-371	1.85 -	2.13	1.85	1.94	2.11	1.94	1.88	2.34	2.09	2.13	2.17	1.71 -	2.01 -
HoCP04-838	1.98 -	1.99	1.84	1.62 -	1.41 -	1.91	2.03	2.04	2.02	1.78	1.63 -	-----	1.85 -
Ho07-613	2.33	2.62	2.29 +	1.79	1.81	2.08	2.80 +	1.88 -	2.20	2.09	2.18	2.01	2.17
HoCP09-804	1.91 -	1.96	1.60	1.62 -	1.42 -	1.97	1.75 -	1.96 -	1.68	1.52	1.63 -	1.74 -	1.73 -
Ho09-840	1.66 -	1.76 -	1.34 -	1.45 -	1.25 -	1.54 -	1.49 -	1.59 -	1.58	1.70	1.61 -	1.67 -	1.55 -

Table 12. First-stubble stalk number for two experimental and eight commercial varieties at ten outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F.Martin	Landry	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(stalks/A)												
HoCP96-540	28985	21718	24677	28765	23643	25385	26890	19896	23478	27379	24217	24152	24932
L99-226	23142	19106	22642	24094	24441	25389	20540 -	20756	25174	23546	20738	26050	22940
HoCP00-950	30190	24056	28238	29864	20868	24956	28458	17451	23778	28031	36676 +	26722	26607
L01-283	36291	34549 +	26396	36058 +	28476	30500	30511	28932 +	33310	29652	36117 +	33626	32035 +
L01-299	33594	35781 +	28601	31046	24970	29721	35642 +	34834 +	31772	26446	40273 +	37929 +	32551 +
L03-371	36650	20228	28152	24641	21298	31758 +	31367	24062	25306	24690	29119	39355 +	28052 +
HoCP04-838	35685	31899 +	24506	33298	29635	28512	23362 -	26057	31956	31960	33054 +	-----	30284 +
Ho07-613	24993	19426	22647	33078	26482	27272	20763 -	20375	24378	25518	24033	26296	24605
HoCP09-804	35930	33184 +	26221	34212	27883	31211	35593 +	32489 +	32568	39230	41429 +	42240 +	34349 +
Ho09-840	41725 +	36433 +	35321 +	38234 +	28755	40019 +	37425 +	39200 +	39239 +	29459	37140 +	43081 +	37169 +

Table 13. Second-stubble sugar per acre for nine commercial varieties at eleven outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F. Martin	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John		
	(lbs./A)												
HoCP96-540	8963	5351	6634	4647	6561	6158	4393	5015	5982	6666	5535	5991	
L99-226	10507	7413 +	6617	4912	5891	7560	8048 +	7052 +	7921	7362	8351	7421 +	
L99-233	9353	7713 +	6190	2914	6091	6626	7726 +	6686 +	7507	7915	7472	6927 +	
HoCP00-950	9920	8730 +	6599	-----	5363	7579	7092 +	7067 +	8145	9548 +	10277 +	7781 +	
L01-299	10987	9187 +	8537	5344	6480	7494	7842 +	7316 +	8170	9745 +	7768	8079 +	
L03-371	10543	6685	7489	-----	6187	7591	8434 +	6194 +	8319	6683	4165	7028 +	
HoCP04-838	9820	7548 +	6800	4707	5096	6729	7380 +	6608 +	8885	10179 +	5426	7227 +	
Ho05-961	9327	7751 +	7858	4142	5433	7184	7879 +	6951 +	8795	8836 +	9340 +	7591 +	
Ho07-613	9388	6012	5207	3620	6305	7003	3636	6783 +	7477	6095	4149	5971	

Table 14. Second-stubble cane yield for nine commercial varieties at eleven outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F. Martin	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John		
	(tons/A)												
HoCP96-540	32.2	24.8	24.9	15.6	22.5	22.6	19.3	19.5	21.4	28.4	20.8	22.9	
L99-226	34.8	29.8	24.6	17.1	19.3	25.1	30.5 +	24.7 +	27.2	28.9	29.1	26.5 +	
L99-233	33.3	31.8 +	26.0	10.5	20.6	24.3	32.1 +	24.2 +	26.4	31.9	28.8	26.4 +	
HoCP00-950	30.8	29.8	21.5	-----	17.1	24.1	24.2	22.4	26.1	37.4 +	32.8 +	25.6	
L01-299	38.5 +	36.1 +	32.0	17.1	22.9	26.8	30.8 +	27.6 +	29.1	40.0 +	28.6	30.0 +	
L03-371	37.2 +	28.3	28.1	-----	20.5	26.8	31.6 +	21.7	28.3	24.8	15.5	25.4	
HoCP04-838	33.0	28.9	24.8	17.1	18.2	23.0	27.8 +	23.2	30.9	37.4 +	21.1	26.0 +	
Ho05-961	29.8	28.0	28.1	14.7	18.6	24.8	29.3 +	24.3 +	28.9	33.4 +	32.4 +	26.6 +	
Ho07-613	31.0	24.2	19.7	12.4	20.5	23.5	14.1	22.9	25.6	21.9 -	15.7	21.0	

Table 15. Second-stubble sugar per ton for nine commercial varieties at eleven outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy					Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F. Martin	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs./tons)											
HoCP96-540	278	217	266	296	290	272	227	257	278	234	263	262
L99-226	302 +	250 +	274	282	305	301 +	265 +	286 +	291	257	287	282 +
L99-233	281	242	243	278	296	273	240	275 +	284	249	258	265
HoCP00-950	322 +	294 +	308	-----	315 +	316 +	293 +	315 +	312	255	313 +	306 +
L01-299	285	254 +	267	312	284	280	255 +	265	281	243	268	272 +
L03-371	284	236	267	-----	303	283	267 +	286 +	294	269	265	277 +
HoCP04-838	297 +	260 +	274	276	279	293 +	265 +	285 +	286	272	258	277 +
Ho05-961	313 +	276 +	279	281	292	290 +	267 +	287 +	304	264	288	286 +
Ho07-613	303 +	247	273	294	309 +	298 +	257 +	297 +	291	279	266	283 +

Table 16. Second-stubble stalk weight for nine commercial varieties at eleven outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy					Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F. Martin	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John	
	(lbs.)											
HoCP96-540	2.10	2.35	1.48	1.27	1.77	2.10	2.60	1.68	1.65	2.28	1.95	1.93
L99-226	2.95 +	3.12 +	1.98	1.49	1.82	2.15	2.98 +	1.92	2.20	2.48	2.66 +	2.34 +
L99-233	1.94	1.99	1.39	1.08	1.42	1.80	2.04 -	1.54	1.56	1.76	2.10	1.69 -
HoCP00-950	2.06	1.79 -	1.59	-----	1.43	1.98	2.19 -	1.74	1.74	2.05	2.13	1.81
L01-299	1.99	1.92	1.69	1.54	1.73	1.86	2.02 -	1.66	1.62	1.93	1.92	1.81
L03-371	2.33	1.82	1.71	-----	1.71	1.93	2.09 -	1.64	1.69	1.62 -	1.64	1.76
HoCP04-838	2.24	1.93	1.47	1.06	1.56	1.72 -	2.12 -	1.32	1.81	2.14	1.71	1.74 -
Ho05-961	1.92	2.17	1.63	1.05	1.35	1.64 -	2.09 -	1.62	1.95	1.99	1.84	1.75 -
Ho07-613	2.14	2.09	1.60	1.14	1.57	2.69 +	1.74 -	1.77	1.83	2.23	2.09	1.90

Table 17. Second-stubble stalk number for nine commercial varieties at eleven outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy						Light						Mean
	Allains	Alma	F. Martin	Magnolia	Mary	Bon Secour	Brunswick	Glenwood	Lanaux	R.Hebert	St. John		
	(stalks/A)												
HoCP96-540	31049	21467	34316	24959	25933	21526	14917	23461	2605	25095	21698	24589	
L99-226	23747 -	19320	25163	23533	21281	23720	20521	25693	2492	23824	22090	23074	
L99-233	34272	32027 +	37367	19600	30414	27207	31746 +	31390	3412	36294 +	27527	31088 +	
HoCP00-950	30032	33696 +	26956	-----	25002	25077	22829	25788	3002	36526 +	31697 +	28498 +	
L01-299	38743 +	37379 +	37872	22322	26617	28927 +	31087 +	34597	3796	41592 +	29567	33333 +	
L03-371	32360	31124 +	33381	-----	23796	28198 +	31479 +	26536	3344	30869	18518	28916 +	
HoCP04-838	29619	30015 +	33794	32270	23904	26940	26216 +	36409	3483	35078 +	24690	30446 +	
Ho05-961	31034	25747	34970	27957	27830	30342 +	28565 +	29910	2991	33830 +	35504 +	30510 +	
Ho07-613	29504	23220	24511	21510	26763	17389	16209	25828	2905	19782	15078 -	22622	

Table 18. Third-stubble sugar per acre for ten commercial varieties at four outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy			Light		Mean
	Allains	Alma	Bon Secour	R.Hebert		
	(lbs./A)					
HoCP96-540	6455	5760	7039	5317	6143	
L99-226	8632	5929	8196 +	-----	7465 +	
L99-233	6047	6437	7655	8335 +	7119	
HoCP00-950	7558	7016 +	8360 +	7848 +	7696 +	
L01-283	10350	7320 +	9067 +	8020 +	8689 +	
L01-299	8947	7586 +	9135 +	8484 +	8538 +	
L03-371	6784	7280 +	9865 +	6822 +	7688 +	
HoCP04-838	8053	6271	8652 +	7179 +	7539 +	
Ho05-961	6630	5873	7543	5879	6481	
Ho07-613	6029	5768	7758	4304 -	5965	

Table 19. Third-stubble cane yield for ten commercial varieties at four outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy		Light		Mean
	Allains	Alma	Bon Secour (tons/A)	R.Hebert	
HoCP96-540	21.3	24.1	26.9	28.6	25.2
L99-226	27.2	24.8	27.1	-----	27.8
L99-233	20.5	26.6	28.2	39.7 +	28.8
HoCP00-950	22.6	24.5	27.6	33.3 +	27.0
L01-283	32.9	25.7	30.0 +	36.2 +	31.2 +
L01-299	30.0	30.0 +	34.7 +	40.7 +	33.8 +
L03-371	22.2	28.4 +	33.4 +	31.4	28.9
HoCP04-838	27.2	24.2	29.9 +	31.3	28.2
Ho05-961	21.5	22.0	26.1	26.3	24.0
Ho07-613	18.9	22.2	25.9	21.4 -	22.1

Table 20. Third-stubble sugar per ton for ten commercial varieties at four outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy		Light		Mean
	Allains	Alma	Bon Secour (lbs./tons)	R.Hebert	
HoCP96-540	300	239	262	186	247
L99-226	317	240	302 +	-----	269 +
L99-233	294	242	271	211 +	255
HoCP00-950	336 +	289 +	303 +	237 +	291 +
L01-283	315	286 +	303 +	221 +	281 +
L01-299	299	255	264	209 +	257
L03-371	307	257 +	295 +	217 +	269 +
HoCP04-838	296	260 +	290 +	230 +	269 +
Ho05-961	309	268 +	288 +	225 +	273 +
Ho07-613	316	260 +	299 +	203	270 +

Table 21. Third-stubble stalk weight for ten commercial varieties at four outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy		Light		Mean
	Allains	Alma	Bon Secour (lbs.)	R.Hebert	
HoCP96-540	1.93	1.97	2.30	2.41	2.15
L99-226	2.44	2.39	2.76 +	-----	2.55 +
L99-233	1.81	1.84	1.85 -	1.98	1.87 -
HoCP00-950	2.07	1.86	1.90	1.37	1.80 -
L01-283	1.85	1.61	1.60 -	1.72	1.70 -
L01-299	2.05	1.86	1.77 -	2.23	1.98
L03-371	2.06	1.75	1.81 -	2.07	1.92
HoCP04-838	2.00	1.54	1.65 -	2.09	1.82 -
Ho05-961	1.99	1.82	1.97	2.12	1.97
Ho07-613	1.77	1.86	2.07	1.98	1.92

Table 22. Third-stubble stalk number for ten commercial varieties at four outfield locations in 2014.

Variety	Heavy		Light		Mean
	Allains	Alma	Bon Secour (stalks/A)	R.Hebert	
HoCP96-540	21877	24728	23420	23909	23484
L99-226	22320	20994	19712	-----	22278
L99-233	22321	29129	30703	40313	30617
HoCP00-950	22865	26223	29518	82832 +	40359
L01-283	35712	32214	37906	42211	37011
L01-299	29082	32137	41278	36622	34780
L03-371	21460	34758 +	37155	30640	31003
HoCP04-838	27210	31257	36883	29880	31308
Ho05-961	21698	24261	26502	24986	24362
Ho07-613	20822	24552	25102	21646	23030

Table 23. Plantcane means from twelve outfield locations in 2014: Allains, Alma, Bon Secour, Brunswick, F. Martin, Glenwood, Lanoux, Landry, Magnolia, Mary, R. Hebert and St. John.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	8202	33.1	248	2.45	27156
L99-226	9351 +	33.8	275 +	2.99 +	22836 -
HoCP00-950	9245 +	31.2 -	296 +	2.23 -	28668
L01-283	8606	30.5 -	282 +	2.11 -	29263
L01-299	8033	31.0 -	259 +	2.25 -	28009
L03-371	8710	31.0 -	281 +	2.21 -	28735
HoCP04-838	8795 +	31.9	276 +	2.14 -	30231 +
Ho07-613	8591	30.7 -	279 +	2.46	25298
HoCP09-804	8751	31.7	276 +	1.90 -	33661 +
Ho09-840	8281	30.4 -	273 +	1.65 -	37764 +

Table 24. First-stubble means from twelve outfield locations in 2014: Allains, Alma, Bon Secour, Brunswick, F. Martin, Glenwood, Lanoux, Landry, Magnolia, Mary, R. Hebert and St. John.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	7161	26.8	266	2.19	24932
L99-226	8803 +	30.2 +	291 +	2.69 +	22940
HoCP00-950	8061 +	26.1	308 +	2.02 -	26607
L01-283	8861 +	29.2 +	303 +	1.84 -	32035 +
L01-299	8972 +	31.8 +	282 +	1.99 -	32551 +
L03-371	8178 +	27.8	293 +	2.01 -	28052 +
HoCP04-838	7936 +	28.0	283 +	1.87 -	30390 +
Ho07-613	7640	26.0	292 +	2.17	24605
HoCP09-804	8619 +	29.4 +	292 +	1.73 -	34349 +
Ho09-840	8104 +	28.7	283 +	1.55 -	37169 +

Table 25. Second-stubble means from eleven outfield locations in 2014: Allains, Alma, Bon Secour, Brunswick, F. Martin, Glenwood, Lanoux, Magnolia, Mary, R. Hebert and St. John.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	5991	22.9	262	1.93	24589
L99-226	7421 +	26.5 +	282 +	2.34 +	23074
L99-233	6927 +	26.4 +	265	1.69 -	31088 +
HoCP00-950	7781 +	25.6	306 +	1.81	28498 +
L01-299	8079 +	30.0 +	272 +	1.81	33333 +
L03-371	7028 +	25.4	277 +	1.76	28916 +
HoCP04-838	7227 +	26.0 +	277 +	1.74 -	30446 +
Ho05-961	7591 +	26.6 +	286 +	1.75 -	30510 +
Ho07-613	5971	21.0	283 +	1.90	22622

Table 26. Third-stubble means from four outfield locations in 2014: Allains, Alma, Bon Secour and R.Hebert

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	6143	25.2	247	2.15	23484
L99-226	7465 +	27.8	269 +	2.55 +	22278
L99-233	7119	28.8	255	1.87 -	30617
HoCP00-950	7696 +	27.0	291 +	1.80 -	40359 +
L01-283	8689 +	31.2 +	281 +	1.70 -	37011
L01-299	8538 +	33.8 +	257	1.98	34780
L03-371	7688 +	28.9	269 +	1.92	31003
HoCP04-838	7539 +	28.2	269 +	1.82 -	31308
Ho05-961	6481	24.0	273 +	1.97	24362
Ho07-613	5965	22.1	270 +	1.92	23030

Table 27. Combined plantcane means across outfield locations from 2010 to 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	8202	33.1	248	2.45	27156
L99-226	9351 +	33.8	275 +	2.99 +	22836 -
HoCP00-950	9245 +	31.2 -	296 +	2.23 -	28668
L01-283	8606	30.5 -	282 +	2.11 -	29263
L01-299	8033	31.0 -	259 +	2.25 -	28009
L03-371	8710	31.0 -	281 +	2.21 -	28735
HoCP04-838	8795 +	31.9	276 +	2.14 -	30231 +
Ho07-613	8591	30.7 -	279 +	2.46	25298
HoCP09-804	8751	31.7	276 +	1.90 -	33661 +
Ho09-840	8281	30.4 -	273 +	1.65 -	37764 +

Table 28. Combined first-stubble means across outfield locations from 2011 to 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	7161	26.8	266	2.19	24932
L99-226	8803 +	30.2 +	291 +	2.69 +	22940
HoCP00-950	8061 +	26.1	308 +	2.02 -	26607
L01-283	8861 +	29.2 +	303 +	1.84 -	32035 +
L01-299	8972 +	31.8 +	282 +	1.99 -	32551 +
L03-371	8178 +	27.8	293 +	2.01 -	28052 +
HoCP04-838	7784 +	27.4	283 +	1.85 -	30284 +
Ho07-613	7640	26.0	292 +	2.17	24605
HoCP09-804	8619 +	29.4 +	292 +	1.73 -	34349
Ho09-840	8104 +	28.7	283 +	1.55 -	37169

Table 29. Combined second-stubble means across outfield locations from 2012 to 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	5991	22.9	262	1.93	24589
L99-226	7421 +	26.5 +	282 +	2.34 +	23074
L99-233	6927 +	26.4 +	265	1.69 -	31088 +
HoCP00-950	7781 +	25.6	306 +	1.81	28498 +
L01-299	8079 +	30.0 +	272 +	1.81	33333 +
L03-371	7028 +	25.4	277 +	1.76	28916 +
HoCP04-838	7227 +	26.0 +	277 +	1.74 -	30446 +
Ho05-961	7591 +	26.6 +	286 +	1.75 -	30510 +
Ho07-613	5971	21.0	283 +	1.90	22622

Table 30. Combined third-stubble means across outfield locations from 2013 to 2014.

Variety	Sugar per Acre (lbs/A)	Cane Yield (tons/A)	Sugar per Ton (lbs/ton)	Stalk Weight (lbs)	Stalk Number (stalks/A)
HoCP96-540	6143	25.2	247	2.15	23484
L99-226	7465 +	27.8	269 +	2.55 +	22278
L99-233	7119	28.8	255	1.87 -	30617
HoCP00-950	7696 +	27.0	291 +	1.80 -	40359
L01-283	8689 +	31.2 +	281 +	1.70 -	37011
L01-299	8538 +	33.8 +	257	1.98	34780
L03-371	7688 +	28.9	269 +	1.92	31003
HoCP04-838	7539 +	28.2	269 +	1.82 -	31308
Ho-05-961	6481	24.0	273 +	1.97	24362
Ho07-613	5965	22.1	270 +	1.92	23030

SUCROSE LABORATORY AT THE SUGAR RESEARCH STATION

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The Sugar Research Station sucrose laboratory processed 2,904 samples during the 2014 harvest season (Table 1). Standard laboratory procedures were used to analyze 537 samples of which 237 were also processed through the Spectracane FT-NIR instrument. The juice was extracted via a Honiron sugarcane hydraulic press. Procedures included the use of Octapol® for clarification, with Brix being measured by refractometer and pol measured by saccharimeter (Autopol 880). The juice was extracted via a three-roller mill for 300 samples. Sucrose percent and theoretical recoverable sugar (lbs/ton of cane) was calculated based on the Brix and pol values. In addition 96 samples of sweet sorghum and 78 energy cane samples were analyzed for brix only. The juice was extracted via a three-roller mill. The sucrose laboratory processed samples from August 2014 to December 2014.

A total of 2,193 samples were analyzed using the Spectracane FT-NIR instrument of which 32 were sweet sorghum and 42 energy cane samples. The sample was prepared using a Dedini shredder then fed into the Spectracane unit containing NIR technology to analyze the sample for Brix, pol, fiber, moisture, purity, and theoretical recoverable sugar. Samples that were spectral outliers were automatically sent into a bin and reanalyzed using wet chemistry procedures.

Table 1. Number of sugarcane samples processed at the Sugar Research Station sucrose laboratory during the 2014 harvest season.

Unit/Project Area	Leader	Number of Samples
Biological and Agricultural Engineering	Richard Bengtson	6
School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences	Magdi Selim	6
	Brenda Tubana	437
	Jim Wang	14
	Sonny Viator	46
Iberia Research Station	Sonny Viator	46
Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology	Jeff Hoy	299
Macon Ridge	Josh Lofton	36
LCES	Albert Orgeron	132
LCES (Energy Cane)	Kenneth Gravois	126
LCES (Sugarcane)	Kenneth Gravois	86
Sugar Research Station/Variety Development	Line Trials	771
	Increase	133
	Nursery	502
	Genetics	42
	Energy Cane	24
Contract Services		100
Audubon Sugar Institute (Energy Cane)	Shyue Lu	16
Rice Research Station (Sweet Sorghum)	Dustin Harrell	16
Iberia Research Station (Sweet Sorghum)	Sonny Viator	32
Macon Ridge	Wink Alison	40
School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences	Kun-Jun Han	40
TOTAL		2,904

LAES SUGARCANE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY

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During the 2014-2015 production season, about 29,103 sugarcane plantlets regenerated in the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station Sugarcane Tissue Culture Laboratory, were turned over to Certis USA, LLC, Kleentek Div., for transplanting into the greenhouse at Houma. The number of plantlets transplanted for each cultivar are listed in Table one.

Table 1. The number of tissue-culture-derived plantlets of different cultivars transplanted in the greenhouse.

Cultivar	Number of plantlets
HoCP 96-540	5,241
HoCP00-950	863
HoCP 04-838	5,544
HoCP09-804	4,392
HoCP09-840	2,232
L 01-299	6,498
L 01-283	2,664
Ho07-613	1,669
TOTAL	29,103

THE 2014 LOUISIANA SUGARCANE VARIETY SURVEY

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Each year a sugarcane variety survey is conducted by the county agents in the 23 sugarcane-growing parishes of Louisiana to determine the variety makeup and distribution across the state. There were no parish survey reports from Acadia, Cameron, Evangeline, or St. Landry parishes. The information presented in this survey was summarized from 19 individual parish reports. According to USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), there were 409,594 acres planted to sugarcane in Louisiana in 2014. This survey was based on 99.3 percent of the acres reported by USDA-FSA.

Agents collected acreage according to variety and crop. Nine sugarcane varieties, HoCP 85-845, HoCP 96-540, L 99-226, L 99-233, HoCP 00-950, L 01-283, L 01-299, L 03-371, and HoCP 04-838 were listed along with “Others” in the survey. The category of “Others” included, but was not limited to, small acreages of LCP 85-384, CP 89-2143, Ho 95-988, L 97-128, Ho 05-961, and small increase acreages devoted to the newly released variety Ho 07-613, which was grown on primary and secondary seed-cane increase stations. The crop was divided into four categories, which included plant-cane, first-stubble, second-stubble and third-stubble and older crops. Additional information regarding parish acreage was collected as needed from the local and state FSA offices.

Total State Acreage. Actual area surveyed for each parish, region and the statewide total are shown in Table 1. Statewide, the area planted to sugarcane in 2014 was 409,594 acres according to state FSA records. A total of 406,645 acres comprised the sample for the 2014 variety survey. An estimated 382,970 acres were available for harvest for sugar, assuming 6.5% of the total acres were used for seed-cane.

Sugarcane Distribution by Variety. Statewide sugarcane acreage in percent by variety and crop is shown in Table 2. The leading variety for 2014 was HoCP 96-540, which occupied 37% of the Louisiana sugarcane acreage. This percentage was two points lower than HoCP 96-540’s acreage in 2013 (Gravois and Legendre, 2014). L 01-299 was next in total acreage as it was planted on 22% of the state’s acreage. The varieties planted in the next largest areas were L 99-226, L 01-283, HoCP 04-838, HoCP 00-950, and L 03-371, occupying 13%, 10%, 6%, 3%, and 3% of the state’s acreage, respectively. All other varieties in the survey had each 2% or less of the planted area for the 2014 crop.

Sugarcane Distribution by Region and Crop. The total sugarcane acreage was highest for Teche region (173,136 acres); followed by the River-Bayou Lafourche region (165,309 acres); then the Northern region at 68,200 acres (Table 3). Total FSA reported sugarcane acreage decreased by 30,416 acres in 2014. The largest decrease was in the Northern region, which was more adversely affected by the cold winter and spring preceding the crop.

In 2014, 11.7% of the state's acreage was grown as third and older stubble crops, which was 0.5 percentage points lower than 2013. The cold and wet winter during 2013-2014 likely accounted for the decrease of acreage devoted to older stubble cane. In 2014, 29.0%, 30.2%, and 29.1% of the state's acreage was in a plant-cane, first stubble, and second stubble crops, respectively.

For the current survey, the River-Bayou Lafourche region had the greatest percentage of plant-cane (29.7%), with the northern region having the lowest percentage of plant-cane (26.3%). For the third and older stubble crops, the Bayou Teche region had the lowest percentage at 10.3%, whereas the northern region had the highest percentage at 15.4%.

Sugarcane Distribution by Variety and Crop for the Three Regions. HoCP 96-540 continued as the leading variety in all crops (plant-cane through third-stubble crops) for all regions in 2014 (Tables 4-6). HoCP 96-540 led the way in plant-cane acreage in the Bayou Teche, and Northern regions, with 40% and 34% of the plant-cane crop, respectively. L 01-299 occupied the majority of the plant-cane acres in the River-Bayou Lafourche region, with 35% of the total plant-cane acres. Although there has been some renewed interest in HoCP 85-845 and LCP 85-384 because of excellent stubbling ability, recent plantings of both varieties were down considerably. Most of the HoCP 85-845 acreage is planted in the more southerly areas of the Louisiana sugarcane growing area.

The largest variety trend in sugarcane acreage was the increased planting of L 01-299 and increased older stubble crops devoted to L 01-299. Conversely, the River-Bayou Lafourche and Northern growing areas planted more L 01-283 than the Bayou Teche region, 14 and 20%, respectively. HoCP 00-950 and L 01-283 are more suited to the better drained sandier soils that provide a less stressful growing environment, plus growers like the early maturity of these varieties.

Variety Trends. HoCP 96-540, released for commercial planting in 2003, now occupies 37% of the state's 2014 acreage, which is a decrease of two percentage points from the previous year. The variety continues to perform well, in spite of its slow emergence due to the cold and wet winter and spring of 2014. Rust infections were limited in scope in 2014 due to below freezing temperatures during the winter, which killed all regrowth. No fungicide applications were necessary in Louisiana in 2014 for the control of brown rust.

L 99-226 decreased in acreage by 4 percentage points. The variety is difficult to plant due to

lodging and the amount of shucks (long leaves) on the variety. L 99-226 is moderately susceptible to brown rust. L 99-226 exhibits resistance to the sugarcane borer and its growth habit makes it competitive with most problem weeds. Sucrose content is very good in the variety, but cane yield at times has been disappointing. L 99-226 will likely continue to decrease in acreage.

L 99-233 also decreased in acreage in 2014 by 4 percentage points. Field yields of L 99-233 were not good and, the variety does not respond well to ripeners. This variety is no longer recommended for planting.

HoCP 00-950 was released for commercial planting in 2007, and it occupied 4% of the state's acreage in 2014). This variety has high sugar per ton of cane and is considered an early maturing variety. HoCP 00-950 does not grow as well in poorly drained areas and seems better suited to the sandier soils in the sugar belt. Some growers have been very pleased with the performance of HoCP 00-950, while others have discontinued its planting. The performance of this variety in 2014 was very good.

L 01-283 was released for commercial planting in 2008 and occupied 10% of the state's acreage in 2014. The variety has excellent stubbling ability, good sugar yield and erectness. Naturally occurring, environmentally induced off-types have been increasing in L 01-283. Growers are cautioned to watch the variety closely before making too rapid of an expansion. The variety is especially susceptible to late season sugarcane borer infestations when off-types are present.

L 01-299 was grown on 22% of the state's acreage. This variety was released in 2009 after superior sugar yields were obtained in the outfield variety trials. The variety is known for outstanding stubbling ability and is well suited for heavy land. The variety has an erect growth habit. L 01-299 can have difficulty establishing after planting in sandier soils, especially with high rainfall just after planting. The variety can pick up smut and growers are encouraged to monitor seed-cane sources for this disease. L 01-299 performed well in all crops for the 2014 grinding season and withstood the harsh winter of 2013-14. This variety will likely be widely planted again in 2015.

L 03-371, released in 2010, was not widely planted since its release. The variety is moderately susceptible to brown rust. L 03-371 is very susceptible to the sugarcane borer and should not be planted where insecticides cannot be applied. L 03-371 is no longer recommended for planting in Louisiana.

HoCP 04-838 was released in 2011. This new variety has very good sugar and cane yield potential, with its most notable attribute being cold tolerance. Field yields for HoCP 04-838 appear promising based on acreage harvested in 2014. The fiber content of HoCP 04-838 is just over 13%. Harvesting trials have been conducted with HoCP 04-838, and fiber content can be

managed by careful operation of combines. HoCP 04-838 will continue to be expanded more widely in 2015.

Ho 05-961 was released to the Louisiana sugar industry in 2012. Soon after its release, two diseases were found in the variety: *sugarcane mosaic virus* and orange rust. It was decided that Ho 05-961 would not be distributed to growers from the secondary seed increase farms. Moderate levels of orange rust were again observed in the fall of 2014. Ho 05-961 is not recommended for planting.

The dominance of a single variety can lead to disease and insect shifts as was the case with brown rust and LCP 85-384 (Hoy, 2005) and HoCP 96-540. It has been fortunate that HoCP 96-540 was grown on less than 50% of the state's acreage each year that it has been planted. This has likely extended the life span of HoCP 96-540. With the release of 12 new sugarcane varieties since 2003, growers are encouraged to continue to plant a more balanced mix of varieties.

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Table 1. Total area planted to sugarcane in Louisiana by region and parish, 2014.^{1,2}

Bayou Teche		River-Bayou Lafourche		Northern	
Parish	Acres	Parish	Acres	Parish	Acres
Acadia	NAR	Ascension	16,668	Avoyelles	6,333
Calcasieu	470	Assumption	40,043	Evangeline	NAR
Iberia	53,445	Iberville	36,119	Pointe Coupee	38,417
Jeff Davis	NAR	Lafourche	26,679	Rapides	9,880
Lafayette	9,665	St. Charles	1,365	St. Landry	NAR
St. Martin	28,951	St. James	27,782	West Baton Rouge	13,570
St. Mary	45,799	St. John	7,125		
Vermilion	34,807	Terrebonne	9,645		
Total		Total	165,309	Total	68,200
Total all regions: 406,645					

¹ Acreage based on information obtained in variety surveys from 19 parishes by the county agents in 2014

² NAR = No acres reported

Table 2. Estimated statewide sugarcane acreage percentage by variety and crop, all regions, 2014.¹

Variety	Plant-cane	First-stubble	Second-stubble	Third-stubble and older	Total
	-----%-----				
HoCP 85-845	<1	1	1	<1	1
HoCP 96-540	34	36	42	36	37
L 99-226	8	14	18	13	13
L 99-233	<1	1	4	6	2
HoCP 00-950	2	2	3	12	4
L 01-283	9	9	8	20	10
L 01-299	31	24	16	9	22
L 03-371	1	5	4	2	3
HoCP 04-838	13	7	2	1	6
Other	1	1	2	1	1
Total acres	117,759	122,941	118,400	47,545	406,645
Percent of total crop	29.0	30.2	29.1	11.7	

¹ Based on information obtained in variety surveys from 19 parishes by county agents in 2014.

Table 3. Estimated sugarcane distribution by region and crop, 2014.¹

Crop	Bayou Teche	River-Bayou Lafourche	Northern	State Total
Plant-cane Area (acres) Percent (%)	50,718 29.3	49,081 29.7	17,960 26.3	125,031 29.3
First-stubble Area (acres) Percent (%)	52,857 30.5	49,292 29.8	20,792 30.5	132,180 31.0
Second-stubble Area (acres) Percent (%)	51,085 29.5	48,351 29.2	18,965 27.8	117,934 27.6
Third-stubble and older Area (acres) Percent (%)	18,477 10.7	18,585 11.2	10,483 15.4	51,909 12.2
Total area (acres) Percent (%)	173,136 42.3	165,309 40.7	68,200 16.8	406,645

¹ Based on information obtained in variety surveys from 19 parishes by county agents in 2014.

Table 4. Estimated area planted to sugarcane in percent by variety and crop for the Bayou Teche region, 2014.¹

Variety	Plant-cane crop (%)	First-stubble crop (%)	Second-stubble crop (%)	Third-stubble crop & older (%)	Total (%)
HoCP 85-845	<1	1	1	1	1
HoCP 96-540	40	42	48	47	44
L 99-226	8	17	23	20	17
L 99-233	0	<1	2	3	1
HoCP 00-950	3	2	3	9	3
L 01-283	1	2	2	9	2
L 01-299	31	22	13	6	20
L 03-371	1	4	5	3	3
HoCP 04-838	14	9	2	<1	7
Others	1	<1	1	<1	1
Totals	100	100	100	100	100

¹ Based on information obtained in variety surveys from 6 parishes by county agents in 2014.

Table 5. Estimated area planted to sugarcane in percent by variety and crop for the River/Bayou Lafourche region, 2014.¹

Variety	Plant-cane crop (%)	First-stubble crop (%)	Second-stubble crop (%)	Third-stubble crop & older (%)	Total (%)
HoCP 85-845	<1	1	1	1	1
HoCP 96-540	28	32	38	32	33
L 99-226	6	12	14	9	11
L 99-233	<1	2	7	13	4
HoCP 00-950	2	2	3	14	4
L 01-283	12	13	14	17	14
L 01-299	35	26	15	10	24
L 03-371	1	2	2	1	2
HoCP 04-838	13	6	2	1	6
Others	1	3	3	2	2
Totals	100	100	100	100	100

¹ Based on information obtained in variety surveys from 8 parishes by county agents in 2014.

Table 6. Estimated area planted to sugarcane in percent by variety and crop for the Northern region, 2014¹

Variety	Plant-cane crop (%)	First-stubble crop (%)	Second-stubble crop (%)	Third-stubble crop & older (%)	Total (%)
HoCP 85-845	0	0	0	0	0
HoCP 96-540	34	30	34	23	31
L 99-226	12	9	11	8	10
L 99-233	1	<1	1	0	1
HoCP 00-950	2	2	2	13	4
L 01-283	20	16	11	42	20
L 01-299	20	27	30	13	24
L 03-371	2	13	9	1	7
HoCP 04-838	8	3	1	<1	4
Others	1	<1	<1	<1	1
Totals	100	100	100	100	100

¹ Based on information obtained in variety surveys from 4 parishes by county agents in 2014.

Table 7. Louisiana sugarcane variety trends, by variety and years, all regions, 2010-2014¹

Variety	Area planted to sugarcane by variety and years (%)					1 yr. Change
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
HoCP 85-845	1	1	<1	2	1	-1
HoCP 96-540	48	43	39	39	37	-2
L 99-226	17	19	21	17	13	-4
L 99-233	10	11	9	6	2	-4
HoCP 00-950	4	6	6	4	4	0
L 01-283	4	8	11	10	10	0
L 01-299	1	3	7	15	22	+7
L 03-371	<1	1	2	3	3	0
HoCP 04-838		<1	1	3	6	+3
Others	1	<1	1	2	1	-1
Totals	100	100	100	100	100	

¹ Based on annual variety surveys from 19 parishes by county agents, 2010-2014.

MATURITY CHARACTERISTICS OF HISTORICAL AND MODERN LOUISIANA SUGARCANE VARIETIES

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In 2013, historical sugarcane varieties beginning with POJ 234, modern varieties LCP 85-384 through Ho 07-613, and four advanced experimental clones were planted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, LA. The historical varieties were provided by the personnel from the USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit in Houma, LA.

Standard cultural practices were followed during the 2014 growing season. The plots were not replicated, and samples were harvested on October 2, November 3, and December 1. An 8-stalk sample was hand-cut out of each plot for a quality analysis. Each sample was then sent to the laboratory to determine theoretical recoverable sugar per ton of cane (lbs/ton); fiber content (%); purity (%) (Gravois and Milligan, 1992).

A freeze occurred during the nights of November 18 and 19. Data from the December sampling date provided an early but crude estimate of cold tolerance within this group of varieties based on lower purities in the December sampling date.

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Table 1. Maturity characteristics of some historical Louisiana sugarcane varieties across three sampling dates. The varieties were grown at the Sugar Research Station, St. Gabriel, LA during 2014.

Date	VARIETY	TRS	PURITY	FIBER
October	POJ234	173	78.5	10.4
November	POJ234	187	79.8	11.5
December	POJ234	212	82.0	12.5
October	CO290	93	65.2	11.0
November	CO290	151	75.4	10.8
December	CO290	132	71.3	10.9
October	CP28-19	156	76.4	12.0
November	CP28-19	190	79.8	12.4
December	CP28-19	202	81.1	12.9
October	CP29-120	125	72.8	11.4
November	CP29-120	171	79.5	12.8
December	CP29-120	174	78.4	14.1
October	CP36-105	116	68.4	9.9
November	CP36-105	192	78.6	13.0
December	CP36-105	183	77.9	12.8
October	CP44-101	110	68.0	10.0
November	CP44-101	194	80.5	11.9
December	CP44-101	185	79.8	12.3
October	CP52-68	134	73.4	11.6
November	CP52-68	212	83.6	13.4
December	CP52-68	208	83.0	12.6
October	L60-25	168	79.3	10.1
November	L60-25	212	82.9	11.4
December	L60-25	217	82.8	10.8
October	CP65-357	150	75.6	11.6
November	CP65-357	195	81.0	11.7
December	CP65-357	217	83.0	12.3
October	CP70-321	168	77.0	9.7
November	CP70-321	247	86.8	11.5
December	CP70-321	238	84.8	9.6

Table 2. Maturity characteristics of modern Louisiana sugarcane varieties across three sampling dates. The varieties were grown at the Sugar Research Station, St. Gabriel, LA during 2014.

DATE	VARIETY	TRS	PURITY	FIBER
October	LCP85-384	188	79.1	10.0
November	LCP85-384	252	86.5	13.1
December	LCP85-384	270	87.4	12.2
October	HoCP85-845	180	80.9	12.8
November	HoCP85-845	254	87.7	14.1
December	HoCP85-845	220	83.8	14.2
October	HoCP96-540	165	78.4	11.3
November	HoCP96-540	221	83.6	11.6
December	HoCP96-540	231	83.3	13.5
October	L99-226	202	82.0	10.5
November	L99-226	240	85.6	12.5
December	L99-226	206	79.5	12.6
October	HoCP00-950	234	85.8	11.1
November	HoCP00-950	262	86.9	12.6
December	HoCP00-950	237	84.2	11.3
October	L01-283	201	81.7	11.1
November	L01-283	216	82.7	11.5
December	L01-283	238	84.6	11.6
October	L01-299	147	75.5	10.7
November	L01-299	235	85.6	13.4
December	L01-299	186	78.7	12.9
October	L03-371	179	80.0	9.8
November	L03-371	244	86.4	10.0
December	L03-371	213	82.9	10.0
October	HoCP04-838	171	79.6	12.4
November	HoCP04-838	215	83.7	13.6
December	HoCP04-838	240	85.6	13.4
October	Ho05-961	216	83.4	11.7
November	Ho05-961	257	86.1	12.6
December	Ho05-961	221	80.6	13.2
October	Ho07-613	241	86.2	11.7
November	Ho07-613	274	88.1	12.1
December	Ho07-613	258	85.8	12.0
October	L09-112	171	76.8	11.9
November	L09-112	230	83.9	13.2
December	L09-112	212	80.7	13.2
October	HoCP09-804	204	83.1	12.8
November	HoCP09-804	258	88.3	14.1
December	HoCP09-804	239	85.1	14.8
October	Ho09-840	207	83.0	12.1
November	Ho09-840	223	84.5	12.6
December	Ho09-840	243	85.2	15.0

Table 2. Continue

DATE	VARIETY	TRS	PURITY	FIBER
October	Ho10-937	188	80.7	11.7
November	Ho10-937	222	84.4	11.5
December	Ho10-937	249	87.6	12.3

MATURITY CHARACTERISTICS OF FLORIDA SUGARCANE VARIETIES

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In 2013, sugarcane varieties from Florida were obtained from the Kleentek foundation greenhouse and seed-cane increases were planted. These seed-cane increases were used to plant a yield trial in 2014, and there were sufficient stalks left so that each increase could be sampled across time during the 2014 harvest season.

Standard cultural practices were followed during the 2014 growing season. The seed-cane increase was not replicated, and samples were harvested on October 2, November 3, and December 1. An 8-stalk sample was hand-cut out of each plot for a quality analysis. Each sample was then sent to the laboratory to determine theoretical recoverable sugar per ton of cane (lbs/ton); fiber content (%); purity (%) (Gravois and Milligan, 1992).

A freeze occurred during the nights of November 18 and 19. Data from the December sampling date provided an early but crude estimate of cold tolerance within this group of Florida varieties based on lower purities in the December sampling date.

Gravois, K.A. and S.B. Milligan. 1992. Genetic relationships between fiber and sugarcane yield components. *Crop Sci.* 32:62-67.

Table 1. Maturity characteristics of Florida sugarcane varieties across three sampling dates. The varieties were grown at the Sugar Research Station, St. Gabriel, LA during 2014.

Date	Variety	TRS (lbs/ton)	Fiber Content (%)	Purity (%)
2-Oct	CP00-1101	178.07	12.10	80.38
3-Nov	CP00-1101	211.80	13.10	83.24
1-Dec	CP00-1101	205.19	15.15	80.65
2-Oct	CP01-1372	206.24	10.83	81.50
3-Nov	CP01-1372	261.26	9.83	84.61
1-Dec	CP01-1372	249.83	10.30	85.07
2-Oct	CP03-1912	133.51	10.60	72.14
3-Nov	CP03-1912	186.88		79.39
1-Dec	CP03-1912	216.94	13.28	82.43
2-Oct	CP04-1566	167.31	14.49	77.88
3-Nov	CP04-1566	212.48	15.32	82.50
1-Dec	CP04-1566	178.78	12.61	76.05
2-Oct	CP04-1844	122.95	11.28	71.78
3-Nov	CP04-1844	155.18	11.58	75.21
1-Dec	CP04-1844	182.48	13.61	79.09
2-Oct	CP04-1935	178.09	13.46	79.74
3-Nov	CP04-1935	212.15	13.64	82.72
1-Dec	CP04-1935	217.48	14.60	81.99
2-Oct	CP96-1252	163.48	10.99	80.08
3-Nov	CP96-1252	184.08	11.09	81.79
1-Dec	CP96-1252	211.69	10.22	83.83
2-Oct	CPCL00-4111	208.28	11.01	83.26
3-Nov	CPCL00-4111	230.18	11.38	84.80
1-Dec	CPCL00-4111	223.09	11.66	82.21
2-Oct	CPCL02-0926	181.66	11.21	79.48
3-Nov	CPCL02-0926	223.80	11.75	85.37
1-Dec	CPCL02-0926	234.31	13.53	84.62
2-Oct	CPCL02-1295	160.49	14.30	78.11
3-Nov	CPCL02-1295	167.28	15.32	78.52
1-Dec	CPCL02-1295	222.34	14.53	84.08
2-Oct	CPCL95-2287	147.94	10.86	76.16
3-Nov	CPCL95-2287	207.20	12.92	82.66
1-Dec	CPCL95-2287	215.52	13.75	81.51
2-Oct	CPCL97-2730	186.17	12.65	79.81
3-Nov	CPCL97-2730	229.94	13.11	84.15
1-Dec	CPCL97-2730	224.67	12.92	83.17
2-Oct	CPCL99-4455	183.74	9.90	79.14
3-Nov	CPCL99-4455	236.67	11.67	84.88
1-Dec	CPCL99-4455	254.19	11.00	86.63

YIELD AND FIBER CONTENT OF HIGH-FIBER SUGARCANE CLONES

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In 2008, the LSU AgCenter partnered with Mississippi State University to evaluate high-fiber sugarcane clones (energycane). Dr. Brian Baldwin of Mississippi State University is the coordinator of the Sun Grant proposal: “Regional Biomass Feedstock – Herbaceous Bioenergy Crop Field Trial”. These trials are located across the southeastern U.S. with one located at the LSU AgCenter’s Sugar Research Station at St. Gabriel, LA. The sugarcane clones were bred and selected at the USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit in Houma, LA.

A yield trial was planted on September 18, 2008 at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana. Seed-cane of five varieties was obtained at the USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit’s Ardoyne Farm, and a randomized complete block (four replications) experiment was planted.

Standard cultural practices were followed during the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 growing seasons. The field trial was harvested on December 16, 2009 for the plant-cane crop; December 2, 2010 for the first stubble crop; December 15, 2011 for the second stubble crop; December 19, 2012 for the third stubble crop; December 11, 2013 for the fourth stubble crop; December 11, 2014 for the fifth stubble crop. Plots were combine-harvested and weighed to determine cane yield (tons/acre). A 10-stalk sample was hand-cut out of each plot for a quality analysis. Each sample was then sent to the laboratory to determine juice Brix by refractometer and pol (Z°) by saccharimeter. Fiber content was determined by the pre-breaker press method (Gravois and Milligan, 1992). Brix % cane was determined as $((100 - \text{Fiber content}) * \text{juice Brix}) / 100$.

Data were analyzed with SAS (v 9.4) software. Replication was considered a random effect; variety was considered a fixed effect. Least square means were estimated and tested for statistical significance ($P=0.05$) with the Student’s t test using the PDIFF option of PROC MIXED.

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Table 1. Plant-cane data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2009.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac	
Ho 02-144	30.5	B	9.9	A	20.6	B	6.27	C	3.02	AB
Ho 02-147	44.2	A	8.8	B	17.8	C	7.87	AB	3.89	A
Ho 06-9001	28.9	B	7.9	B	26.4	A	7.58	ABC	2.28	BC
Ho 06-9002	25.5	B	7.5	BC	25.3	A	6.44	BC	1.91	C
HoCP 72-114	42.8	A	7.3	C	20.7	B	8.84	A	3.12	AB

Table 2. First-stubble data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2010.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight		Moisture Content	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac		%	
Ho 02-144	25.0	C	12.3	A	25.9	B	6.49	D	3.08	C	61.8	C
Ho 02-147	47.0	A	13.6	A	19.5	D	9.15	A	6.39	A	66.9	A
Ho 06-9001	26.0	C	9.9	C	29.7	A	7.70	BC	2.57	C	60.4	D
Ho 06-9002	24.4	C	10.2	BC	29.6	A	7.22	CD	2.49	C	60.2	D
HoCP 72-114	35.8	B	11.5	B	24.0	C	8.58	AB	4.12	B	64.5	B

Table 3. Second-stubble data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2011.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight		Moisture Content	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac		%	
Ho 02-144	55.3	A	11.9	A	23.6	B	12.95	B	6.58	B	64.5	BC
Ho 02-147	72.4	B	13.1	A	18.4	D	13.21	AB	9.48	A	68.6	A
Ho 06-9001	57.2	A	9.6	BC	28.7	A	16.41	A	5.49	B	61.7	C
Ho 06-9002	50.7	A	9.2	C	28.3	A	14.41	AB	4.66	B	62.6	C
HoCP 72-114	57.1	A	11.1	B	22.6	C	12.39	B	6.34	B	66.2	AB

Table 4. Third-stubble data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2012.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight		Moisture Content	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac		%	
Ho 02-144	34.6	B	13.1	AB	23.2	AB	7.99	AB	4.53	B	63.7	B
Ho 02-147	49.7	A	14.4	A	19.6	C	9.74	A	7.16	A	66.0	AB
Ho 06-9001	27.3	C	11.6	BC	24.8	A	6.85	B	3.17	C	63.6	B
Ho 06-9002	28.0	C	10.9	C	25.7	A	7.24	B	3.05	C	63.3	B
HoCP 72-114	39.4	B	10.8	C	21.5	BC	8.46	AB	4.26	B	67.8	A

Table 5. Fourth-stubble data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2013.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight		Moisture Content	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac		%	
Ho 02-144	36.5	A	10.9	A	23.2	B	8.52	A	3.98	AB	65.9	B
Ho 02-147	40.7	A	11.9	A	19.8	C	8.14	A	4.84	A	68.3	A
Ho 06-9001	38.2	A	9.6	B	27.8	A	10.57	A	3.67	AB	62.6	D
Ho 06-9002	28.3	A	9.3	BC	26.4	A	7.41	A	2.63	B	64.3	C
HoCP 72-114	38.0	A	9.5	C	23.1	B	8.75	A	3.61	AB	67.5	A

Table 6. Fifth-stubble data obtained from an energycane field trial conducted at the Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel, Louisiana in 2014.

Variety	Cane Yield		Cane Brix		Fiber Content		Insoluble Solids (Fiber) Weight		Brix Weight		Moisture Content	
	tons/ac		%		%		tons/ac		tons/ac		%	
Ho 02-144	35.2	BC	11.6	A	27.0	B	9.51	A	4.10	A	63.1	AB
Ho 02-147	44.8	A	12.1	A	21.3	D	9.53	A	5.42	B	53.8	C
Ho 06-9001	34.9	BC	8.5	B	31.0	A	10.81	A	2.97	C	63.5	AB
Ho 06-9002	31.5	C	9.0	B	30.0	A	9.43	A	2.84	C	66.8	A
HoCP 72-114	39.5	AB	9.8	B	24.3	C	9.64	A	3.89	B	58.9	BC

IDENTIFICATION OF GENES TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF MARKERS FOR RESISTANCE TO LEAF SCALD AND BROWN RUST IN SUGARCANE

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INTRODUCTION

Identification of the genes/alleles for resistance to leaf scald and brown rust will have a great application in breeding programs. Several molecular approaches have been used for identify and study the expression of the genes in response to disease resistance in sugarcane. In our laboratory we have previously used the suppression subtractive hybridization (SSH) method to identify genes related with cold tolerance (Khan et al., 2013). The same approach was used to identify genes related with resistance to leaf scald and brown rust with a long term goal of developing functional markers to facilitate breeding of disease resistant cultivars.

METHODS

Leaf scald inoculation: Leaf scald bacteria (*Xanthomonas albilineans*) were isolated from a longitudinal section of sugarcane leaf with a pencil-line symptom as per the method described in Garces et al. (2014). The bacterial suspension at a concentration of 10^8 CFU/ml was kept on ice prior to inoculation. In both greenhouse and field experiments, approximately 2-month-old plants of the clones LCP 85-384 (leaf scald resistant) and HoCP89-846 (leaf scald susceptible) were inoculated at sunset by injecting 200 μ l of bacterial suspension with a syringe and needle close to the apical meristem, and only two wounds were made to each plant. Fifteen plants per cultivar were inoculated and four plants per cultivar were used as non-inoculated control for the SSH library construction. Greenhouse experiments were performed during the winter of 2012-2013. Leaf and meristem samples of three plants were harvested in liquid nitrogen from both clones after 24 h, 48 h, 72 h, and 1 week after inoculation and stored at -80 C for RNA isolation. Leaf and meristem tissues collected from non-inoculated plants served as the control. The inoculation method effectivity was assessed after two weeks of inoculation by bacterial quantification using qPCR (Garces et al., 2014).

Brown rust inoculation: Urediniospores of the brown rust fungus (*Puccinia melanocephala*) were collected by vacuum from the abaxial surface of multiple naturally infected leaves in single fields and stored at -80 °C. L 99-233, the clone that was previously demonstrated to exhibit quantitative resistance to brown rust (Hoy et al., 2014), was used for inoculation. Plants were started in the greenhouse from single-node cuttings and grown until three to four leaves had emerged. Ten plants were inoculated with a urediniospore concentration of approximately 10^6 CFU/ml suspended in distilled water with 0.1% Tween 20. Inoculum was applied to both sides of two fully emerged leaves per plant with a small brush to create six replicates per host/pathogen

combination. Urediniospore suspensions were brushed onto the surface of water agar plates at the time of inoculation, and the germination (%) for individual spore collections were determined by microscopic examination the next morning in two experiments. Inoculated plants were placed for 15 h in an indoor plastic mist chamber maintained at a temperature of 23 ± 1 °C. Additional distilled water was applied to leaves with an atomizer to create high relative humidity and maintain leaf wetness for the entire 15 hours. After the infection period, the plants were kept under artificial lighting at 23 ± 1 °C.

RNA isolation and cDNA subtraction: Total RNA was isolated from the frozen leaf tissues using Trizol (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) and cDNA was synthesized from 20 µg of RNA from control and inoculated plants using the Superscript™ double-strand cDNA synthesis kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). The cDNA subtraction was performed using the PCR-select™ cDNA subtraction kit (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) following manufacturer's instructions as described in Khan et al. (2013). Forward subtraction libraries were prepared from both resistant and susceptible clones (for leaf scald) and resistant clone (for brown rust) using cDNA from control plant as driver and inoculated plant as tester. Differentially up-regulated genes were amplified by primary PCR and the primary PCR product was enriched by secondary PCR as per the user manual of the kit.

Cloning, sequencing, and functional annotation of differentially expressed genes: The subtracted cDNAs were cloned into pGEM-T Easy Vector (Promega, Madison, WI) and transformed into *Escherichia coli* DH5 cells following the method described previously (Ramanarao, et al., 2011). One hundred ninety two white colonies from each SSH library of LCP 85-384 and HoCP89-846, and 384 white colonies from L 99-233 were confirmed positive for the gene inserts with M13 forward and reverse primers; 192 plasmids were then single-pass sequenced using an ABI 3130xl sequencing platform. Sequence processing and functional annotation was performed as described earlier (Khan et al., 2013). Gene ontology (GO) IDs and GOSlim terms of transcripts with known function for biological process, molecular function, and cellular component were assigned using Blast2GO (Conesa et al., 2005).

Transcript profiling of differentially expressed genes in response to leaf scald: The expression patterns of 17 differentially expressed genes for leaf scald and 12 for brown rust, identified by cDNA subtraction, were validated by quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) following the method described earlier (Ramanarao, et al., 2011) using gene specific primers. The qRT-PCR was carried out in triplicate (three biological replications corresponding to cDNAs prepared from three plants each clones). The PCR was conducted in a 20 µl final reaction volume in a MyiQ real-time PCR analysis system (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA) as described in Khan et al. (2013). Expression of genes was normalized against the *Saccharum officinarum* elongation factor (SoEF1; GenBank Acc. #EF581011) and calculated as fold-change ratio in comparison to the control using the $2^{-\Delta\Delta C_t}$ method (Pfaffl, 2001).

Mining leaf scald- and brown rust-responsive genes for microsatellite markers: The leaf scald and brown rust-responsive genes were searched for the presence of simple sequence repeat (SSR) motifs using the GRAMENE SSR tool (Temnykh, et al., 2001); criteria was set to at least five repeats for dinucleotide motifs and at least three repeats for tri, tetra and penta nucleotide motifs. Primers flanking the SSR motifs were designed using Primer 3 Plus (<http://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgi-bin/primer3plus/primer3plus.cgi/>).

RESULTS

Identification of leaf scald responsive genes: BLAST search against non-redundant DNA and protein databases revealed that 29 and 33 transcripts of LCP85-384 and HoCP89-846 respectively, were without significant similarity to known genes. After the analysis against the KEGG and NCBI databases revealed that 45 and 55 genes from the susceptible and resistant clones were involved in different metabolic pathways. The different cellular, molecular and biological functions are summarized in Figures 1 and 2. Genes involved in signal transduction and DNA binding activities were represented more in the resistant clone LCP 85-384 as compared to the susceptible clone HoCP89-846. The genes showed differential regulation in their expression between the two varieties at different time points.

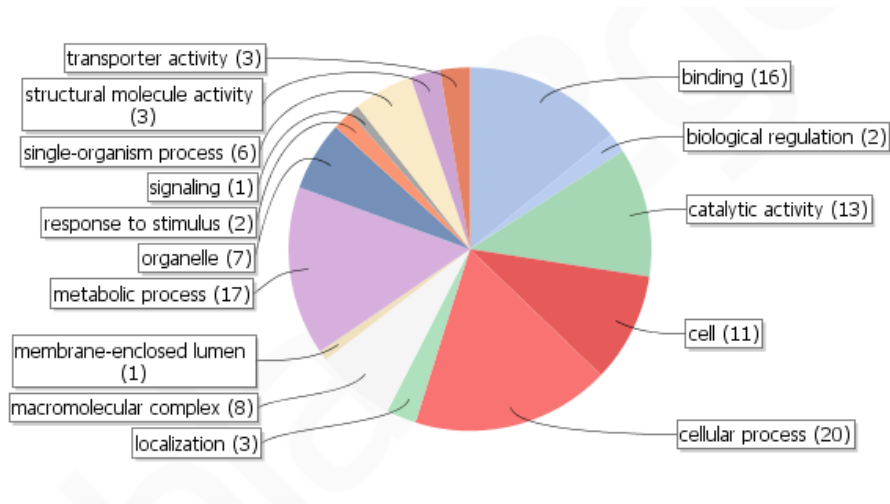


Figure 1: Functional annotation of leaf scald responsive genes of the susceptible clone HoCP89-846.

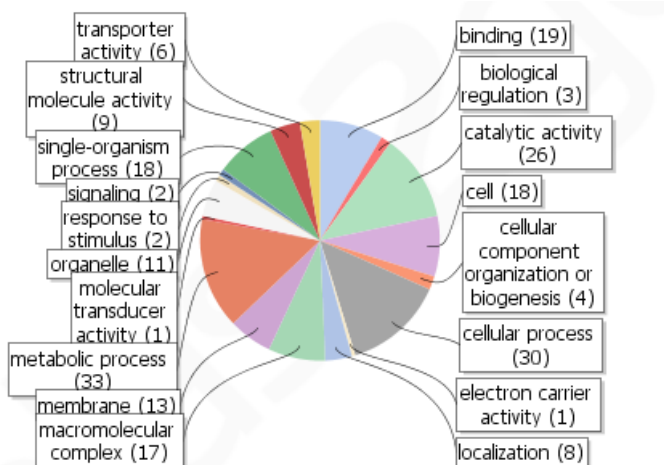


Figure 2: Functional annotation of leaf scald responsive genes of the resistant clone LCP85-384. **Development of SSR markers derived from leaf scald responsive genes:** Twenty two SSRs were detected in genes from LCP85-384 and nine from HoCP89-846. The distribution of the SSR motifs and types are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4, respectively.

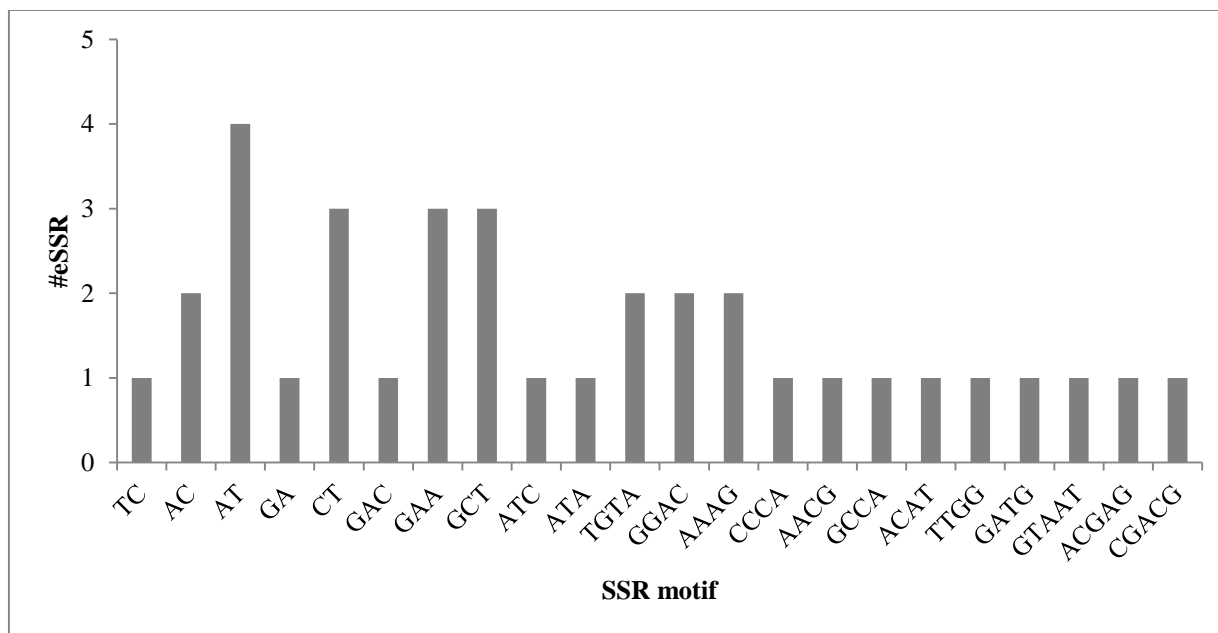


Figure 3: Distribution of the motifs in 31 SSRs from leaf scald responsive genes

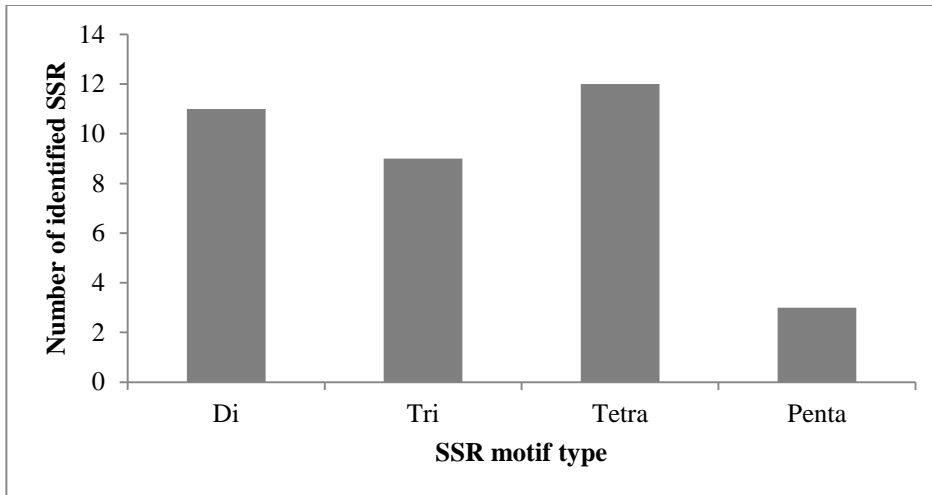


Figure 4: Frequency of the types of 31 SSRs detected from the leaf scald responsive genes

Identification of brown rust responsive genes in L 99-233: Blast search with NCBI protein and nucleotide database assigned putative functions to 358 out of 384 genes and 26 did not have any hit. One hundred eighteen and 102 genes were involved in metabolic and cellular process, respectively (Figure 5). Gene Ontology analysis of the genes showed that maximum number of transcripts belonged to transcription factor category (Figure 6).

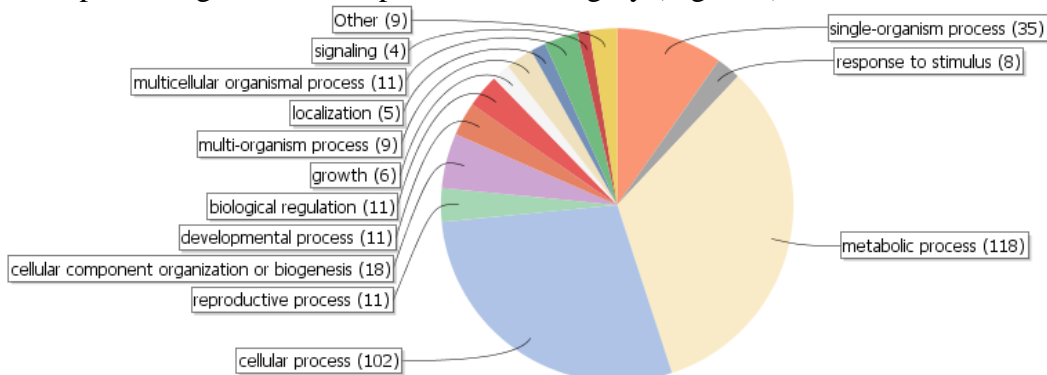


Figure 5. Functional annotation of brown rust responsive genes of L 99-233.

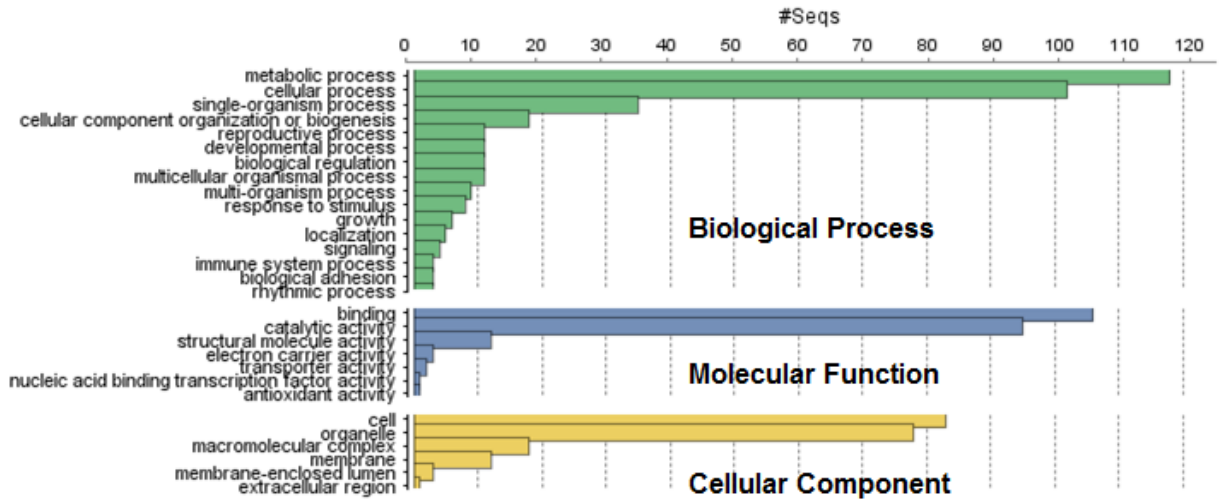


Figure 6. Gene ontology analysis of brown rust responsive genes in L 99-233

Development of SSR markers derived from brown rust responsive genes: One hundred eighteen genes associated with rust resistance were identified to contain SSR motifs, of which 77 were with perfect SSRs (with single motif repeats) and forty one were complex with two or more SSRs separated by ≤ 100 bp. Among the SSR motifs, dinucleotide repeats were the highest (136) followed by tri (67), and tetra (12). Among the dinucleotide motifs, AT/AT type was most frequent followed by TG/CA and CA/GT in that order (Figure 7).

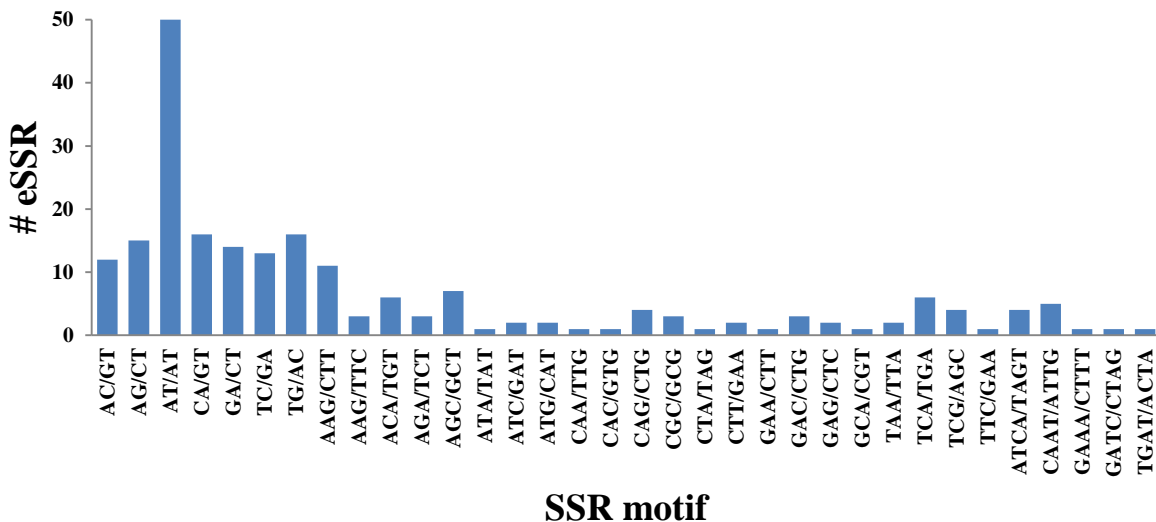


Figure 7. Distribution of motifs in the SSRs from brown rust responsive genes in L 99-233.

Time-scale analysis of the differentially expressing genes is in progress with an objective to identify genes with distinct expression pattern between resistant and susceptible varieties that can be used as discriminating markers for selecting resistant parents/progeny. In addition, the SSR markers identified from the disease responsive genes are being used for our ongoing

genotyping work of the mapping populations to identify quantitative trait loci controlling leaf scald and brown rust resistance.

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