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Evaluation of eight varieties of cotton tried under rainfed conditions over a period of four indicated that among all varieties, PRH 30/2 possessed all the best fibre characteristics which are most desirable for the textile industry. Given adequate plant protection measures, this variety appeared to be quite promising for the rainfed region of the tract. However, W-1 was found unsuitable for the tract in view of its long duration, short staple, ginning percentage and poor yield.