

Instructions to Authors and Reviewers of Technical Reports (to appear as cover sheet of submitted papers) (‘.doc’ and ‘.pdf’ versions of this paragraph are available online at: http://cals.arizona.edu/apmc/cotton_team/CR.html)

The University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences “Cotton Report” is part of a long tradition in publication and delivery of timely technical information to clientele. In our continuing effort to create quality research and outreach programs, we have instituted a peer-review process for all papers submitted for publication in the Cotton Report. Technical reports are written for a diverse target audience with emphasis on making information and/or data available to empower growers and others to be more productive. They are not, however, Extension bulletins, instructional guides, or other Extension products ready-made for immediate distribution and teaching to growers. They are instead reports of technical data and related information and may reflect on-going experimentation, inconclusive or incomplete results. As such, these reports serve as a catalog of the research and outreach that is performed on behalf of the cotton industry in Arizona. Reviews of these papers should be appropriately focused on accuracy, currency, and general organization and proper interpretation of research. Critical reviews should provide constructive suggestions on how to best present technical information for use by a wide target audience. The subject areas to be covered are unconstrained but include economics, breeding and genetics, variety testing and development, soil fertility, plant development and physiology, cultural management, irrigation, harvest, pest management (weeds, insects, diseases, nematodes), and application of a wide array of new and existing technologies.