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## SOUTHERN COOPERATIVE SNAP BEAN VARIETY TRIALS

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The 1976 Southern Cooperative Snap Bean Variety Trials were conducted by cooperators in nine southern states. The trials are conducted in two phases. A new variety is first entered in the observational trials. Depending on performance, the variety is either dropped, repeated, or advanced to the replicated trials. Early Gallatin is the check variety for each trial.

The 1976 observational trial included 21 lines. A total of 17 plantings were made at 14 locations. Eight varieties performed well and will be advanced to the 1977 replicated trials. They are E4207, XPB40, NCX 8010, BBL GV 109, E5201, Tidal Wave, Raider, and GP 73-102. Lines NCX 8008, Exp. 160, and Lake Largo performed satisfactorily and will be repeated in the 1977 observational trial.

Ten varieties were tested in the 1976 replicated trial. This trial was conducted at 15 locations with 18 plantings. Five varieties have performed well for three years and will not be repeated in the 1977 trial. These are Greenpak, BBL Supreme, Torrent, XI 68-2988 and White Seeded Provider. Lines Exp. 113-70 and GP 71-135 performed satisfactorily and will be repeated in the 1977 replicated trials.

Researchers in the southern states are invited to participate in conducting the trials. Reports of the trial results for the past 4 years are available upon request.

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## NAMES, NUMBERS, AND CONFUSION

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What is in a name, especially the name of a cultivar where it is an integral part of "materials and methods"? Is it less important to be exact and correct in recording a cultivar name than that of a chemical? Only a few years ago (BIC, No. 11, March 1968) Dr. M. C. Parker made a plea for correct usage of varietal names, citing a legal reason among others for such accuracy. Nonetheless, accuracy in correctly recording bean names in the literature still leaves much to be desired.

Since the first release of a dry-edible bean by the University of Idaho