The Southern Cooperative Snap Bean Variety Trials have been conducted annually in the ASHS Southern Region for several years. Seeds are ordered and cooperators are polled for conducting the trials in February of each year. The 1985 trials included 9 lines in the replicated trials and 16 lines in the observational trials. Twelve sets of seed were distributed to 10 locations for the 1985 trials. Nine reports on the standard report form from 8 locations were returned to the trial Chairman. Final scores in the form of points were tabulated for each line using a preset grading system.

Lines Trophy (H491B-1-1-3-1) (37 points) and Eagle (36 points) received the highest scores in the replicated trials. The other cultivars tested and their scores (points) are Blue Jay (H532-2-1) (25), Javelin (19), G2868 (19), H496-4 (16), AVX 185 (14), MOX 8037 (14), and AVX 9342 (6). Lines to be retained for the 1986 replicated trials are Trophy, Blue Jay and Eagle (check). All other lines will be dropped, primarily because they have been tested for two years in the replicated trials.

Podsquad (38 points) was the highest scoring line in the 1985 observational trial. Other promising lines tested with their scores are GP82-6414 (21), Sunkist (H630-4-4) (18), FM 128 (18), Eagle (17), H531-5-1 (17) and Shamrock (16). All these lines will be advanced to the 1986 replicated trial. One line, FM 142 (14 points) will be repeated in the 1986 observational trial. Lines tested that received 11 points or less are Atlantic, AVX 117, Stride (H531-3-1), H493-1-4-1, GP80-158, Romano 81-350, FR 266 and USDA 711. These low scoring lines will be dropped from the trials.

Breeders with new lines to test are encouraged to enter them in the trials. University researchers in the ASHS Southern Region interested in conducting the trials should contact the Chairman.

Reports of 1985 and previous year's trials are available from the Chairman.