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Results and Discussion

Data are presented by planting date in order to observe the yield differences (Table 3). However, analysis indicated there was no difference between planting date or planting depth for any variable. There were significant differences between cultivars for yield, tomato spotted wilt incidence and early and final stand counts. Georgia-06G for both the April and June planting, had the highest yield among any cultivar, followed by AP-3. Initial germination testing indicated that AP-3 and Georgia-06G seed were as vigorous as Georgia Green, but Georgia Green yield was less. As the incidence of TSWV increased, the yield reductions were reflective as with Georgia Green and Georgia-01R. In contrast, the weakest cultivars for the germination study, York, Georgia-01R, and Georgia-02C (Figure 1), had the lowest yields in the study (Table 3). These data indicate that the potential for relating seed vigor to other parameters such as peanut stand establishment and yield, need further evaluation.

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The experiment was conducted in 2008 and 2009 at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus. Peanut seed lots from the 2007 and 2008-growing seasons were used. The peanuts were stored using two different storage methods. One method was stored a traditional pitched-roof steel frame warehouse building and the other method was a geodesic dome structure made of concrete. The peanuts from both locations were put into mesh bags unshelled and placed into the storage facilities after harvest in 2007 and 2008. The test consisted of nine peanut cultivars with three replications. The different seed varieties were Georgia Green, Georgia-03L, Georgia-02C, Georgia-06G, Georgia-01R, AP-3, C-99R, York, and AT 3085RO. Each replication compared storage method and cultivars across a temperature gradient. Enough seeds were removed from each bag at the two different storage facilities in order to have 240 sound mature kernel peanuts to test. After samples were removed from storage, they were separated into three different sizes and shelled with a box sheller. The equipment was cleaned after each cultivar to prevent any contamination. After the peanuts were shelled, they were screened to a more even kernel size using a +18 and 21 screen size.

Following processing, all seed were evaluated for germination parameters. Additionally, a controlled temperature germination table with thermocouples in every other cell was used to germinate the seed. The germination table was built by the UGA Engineering Department. The temperatures ranged from 14C to 36C on all three replications. The thermocouples were linked to a data box that recorded temperature readings every 10 minutes. A computer was hooked up to this box to collect the data so it could be translated into a spreadsheet. Each of the nine cultivars were evenly distributed across the 24 cells with numbering correlations. Each cell had a Petri dish that contained ten seeds for the first replication. The second and third replications had eight seeds in the Petri dish because of seed quantity available after sizing. Ten mL of water was added to each Petri dish after they were placed on the germination table. Data was recorded daily for each replication the number of germinated seeds for each cell by cultivar. The peanuts were considered germinated when they had a 0.5 cm radicle.

Field tests were then conducted on all seed in a field at the Gibbs Farm in Tifton under controlled growing conditions. Field experiments included two planting timings (April and June) at different depths (2 to 3 inches), and the effects on stand establishment, disease incidence and yield. Peanut were planted April 29, 2008 for the early planting date and June 4, 2008 for the late planting date. Early stand counts were taken after planting and late stand counts were taken at harvest (September and October) for each trial. Additionally, tomato spotted wilt evaluations were taken prior to harvest.

Laboratory study

Statistical Analysis

Analyses were performed using the MIXED PROCEDURE function of SAS (SAS Inst., 2002) statistical software. The model compared storage methods, timing, cultivar, and temperature. Differences among treatment means were tested using Fisher's Protected Least Significant Difference Test (LSD) at $p \leq 0.05$.

Results and Discussion

Only one of the nine cultivars resulted in a significant difference between storage methods. The difference in storage at $P=0.05$ for AP-3 peanut resulted in lower germination in the dome with 52.8% germination compared to the warehouse with 58.6% (Table 1). The different temperatures in each cultivar showed the same change among replications. The percent cumulative germination ranged from 65%-80%. There were statistical differences in germination over time. Each cultivar peaked in germination about the 96 hour mark, with no differences in percent cumulative germination among the 96, 120, and 144 hour readings (Table 2). There were differences in cumulative germination at the other sample times (Table 2), and all nine cultivars had the same trend (Figure 1). Georiga 02C and York were the weakest overall germinating seed lots while Georgia Green had the greatest response.

Table 1. Difference in storage at $P= 0.05$

Type	AP-3
Storage	% Cumulative germination
Dome	52.8 A
Ware.	58.6 B

Table 2. Peanut emergence over time for nine peanut cultivars averaged over temperature.

Counts	Georgia O1R	Georgia O3L	Georgia O6G	AT 3085RO	AP-3	C-99R	Georgia Green	Georgia O2C	York
Hours	-----% Cumulative germination-----								

Field study

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Conclusions

The next step is to continue this research into 2009, then combine the data for analysis for two years. Further data analysis will be used to compare the laboratory germination studies to the field research at that time.

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