

Principal Descriptors of Cotton Industry in Hill County-**KEY**

Beside each item describing the cotton industry in Hill County, place an X in the column under the time period(s) when that descriptor applies.
(Some items apply to more than one time period.)

	Before 1879	1900's	1920's & 30's	By 1980	Today
1. Cotton is packed in 500-lb. bales of cotton.		X	X	X	X
2. 80% of land in Hill County is allocated to cultivation, principally cotton.			X		
3. Cotton is loaded on a Brazos River steamboat h to be hauled 30 miles downstream to Waco.	X				
4. In preparing the fields for planting, the old cotton stalks are burned to try and reduce boll weevil infestations.				X	X
5. Mills begin to produce fabric from locally-grown cotton.		X			
6. Most cotton is produced on large mechanized farms.					X
7. Cotton is transported to market via the railroad.		X	X	X	X
8. 50% of land in Hill County is allocated to cultivation of cash crops.				X	
9. Hill County weavers begin to ship cotton fabric throughout the world.		X			
10. Bales of cotton are more compressed and smaller.					X
11. Cotton crop production first exceeds 50,000 bales.		X			