

Principal Descriptors of Cotton Industry in Hill County

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