

Advanced Agriculture -
Practice & Theory.

Lecture 15:

‘Cotton - Roots
development’
(in Coco-peat)
Controlled by
‘AutoAgronom’

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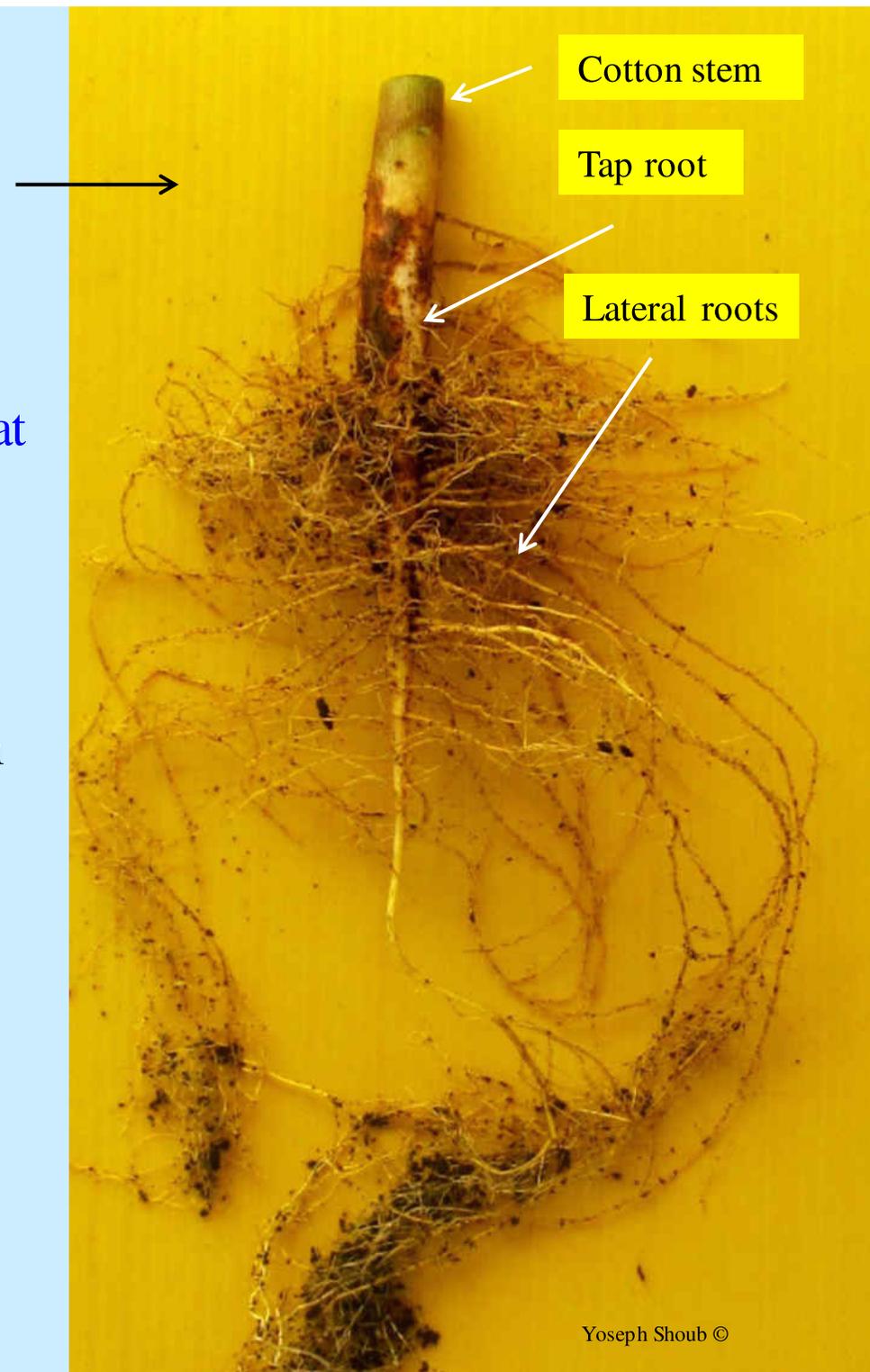


This is the ordinary picture used by experts to show the Cotton roots' system. It shows the Tap root and the Lateral roots.

It does not show the vital roots: 'The roots that do the work', those who absorb the 'Soil-solution' that hold and supply the oxygen and the minerals to the above soil organs.

In our work with the 'AutoAgronom Irrigation Control System' we are able to show the 'Secondary roots' carrying the 'Hairy roots' that do the work - as they are presented there and act 24 hours a day.

And now the picture can be seen completely.





Cotton Seeds by the courtesy of Hazera Seeds Ltd., Israel.

Sowing date - 16, July 2019

Cotton Sprouts in Coco-peat media.

Left - Sprouting, 4 days after sowing. 20, July 2019

Right - Secondary roots, 5 days after sowing. 21, July 2019





Left - A Seedlings, 12 days after sowing,
28, July 2019.

Below - The secondary roots already
touch the lower part of the
containers wall.





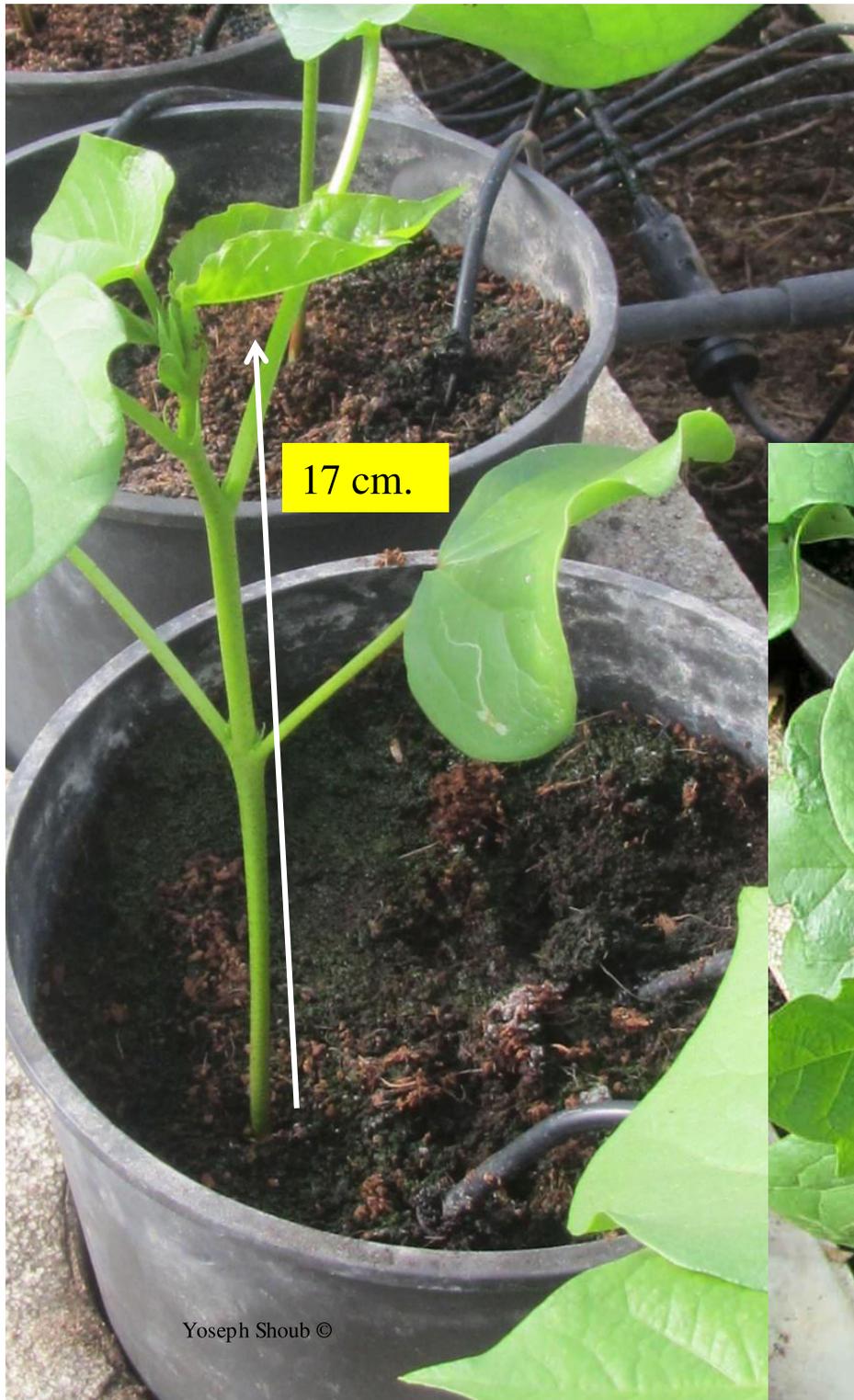
Washed roots system 12 days after sowing.

30, July 2019
14 Days after sowing



14 Days after sowing

Left - 1 plant / cont. Right - 2 plants / cont.



09, August 2019

24 Days after sowing.



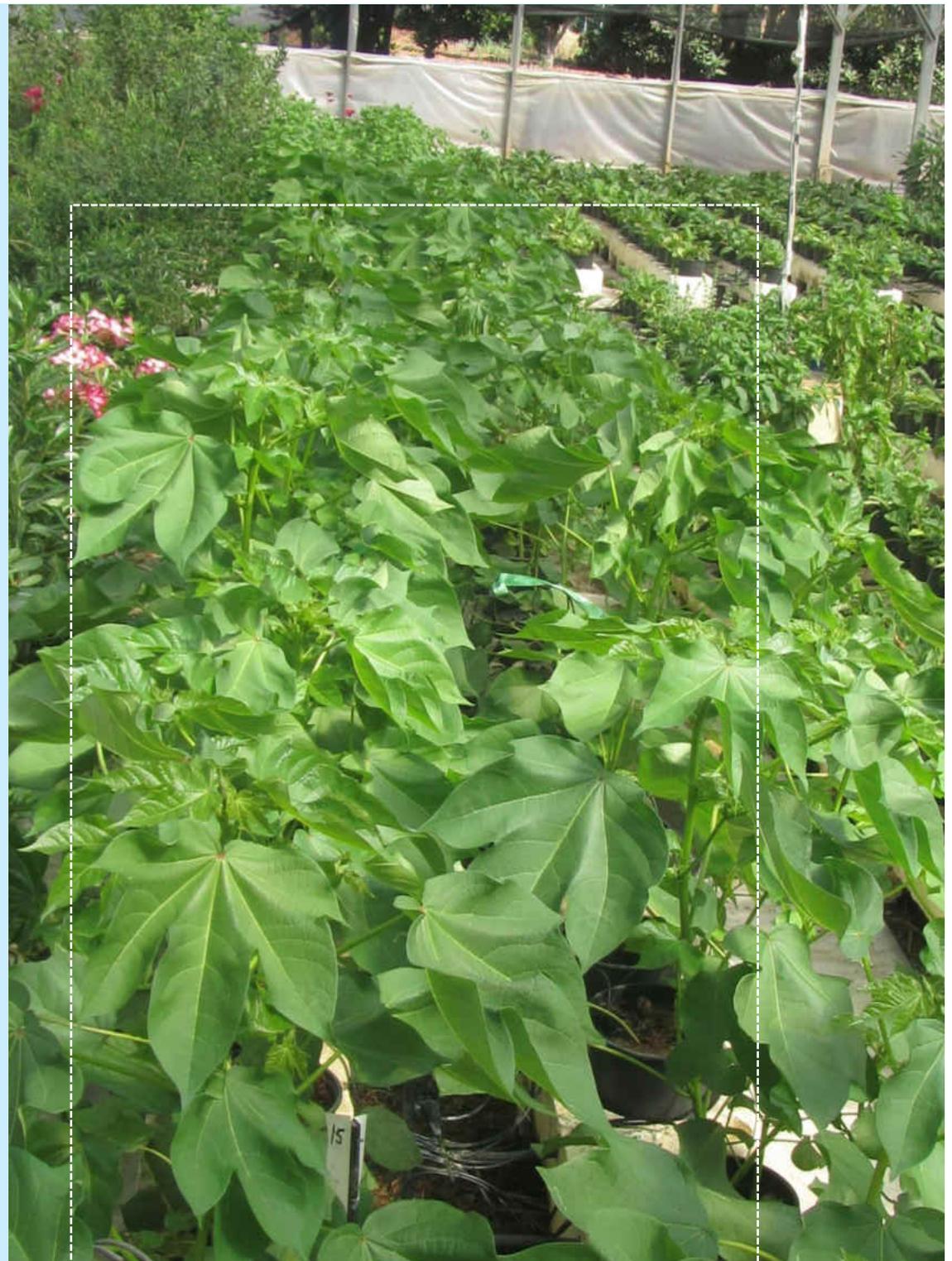
24 Days after sowing -
External roots system of
2 plants per container.

The secondary roots system in the
coco-peat media, grow first toward
the container walls. Only than it
start to fill up the internal volume
of the containers.



16, August 2019

31 days after sowing





71 cm

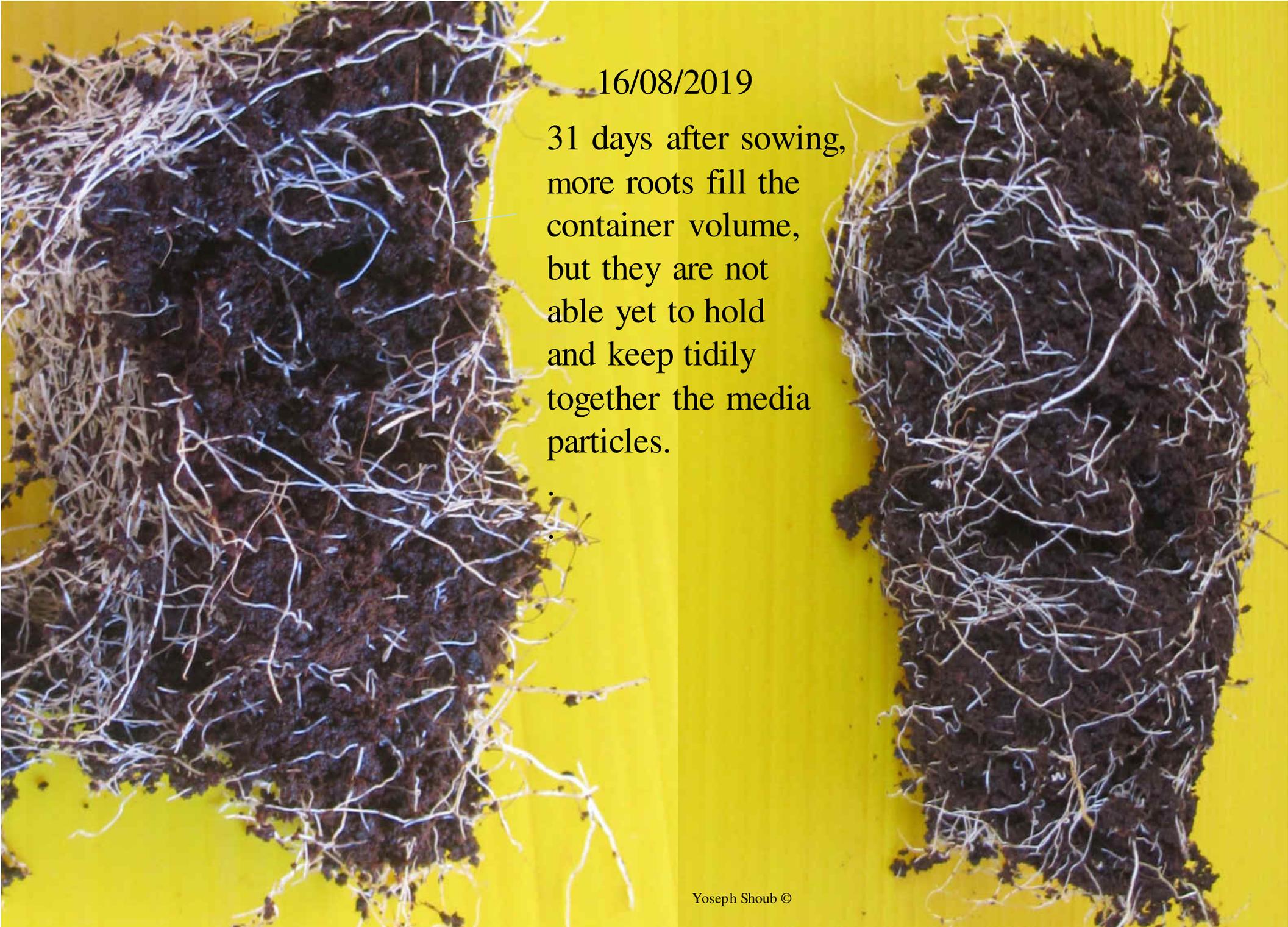
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73 cm

80 cm

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31 days after sowing,
more roots fill the
container volume,
but they are not
able yet to hold
and keep tidily
together the media
particles.



16, August 2019, A look of the containers soft media of the cotton roots' trial.

26, August 2019

(East side)

41 days after sowing



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26, August 2019
(West side)



The average stems length is now 115 cm long, and out of 13 - 14 stem-nodes: 10 are woody, branched and show already flower buds. The secondary roots fill up the total container volume.

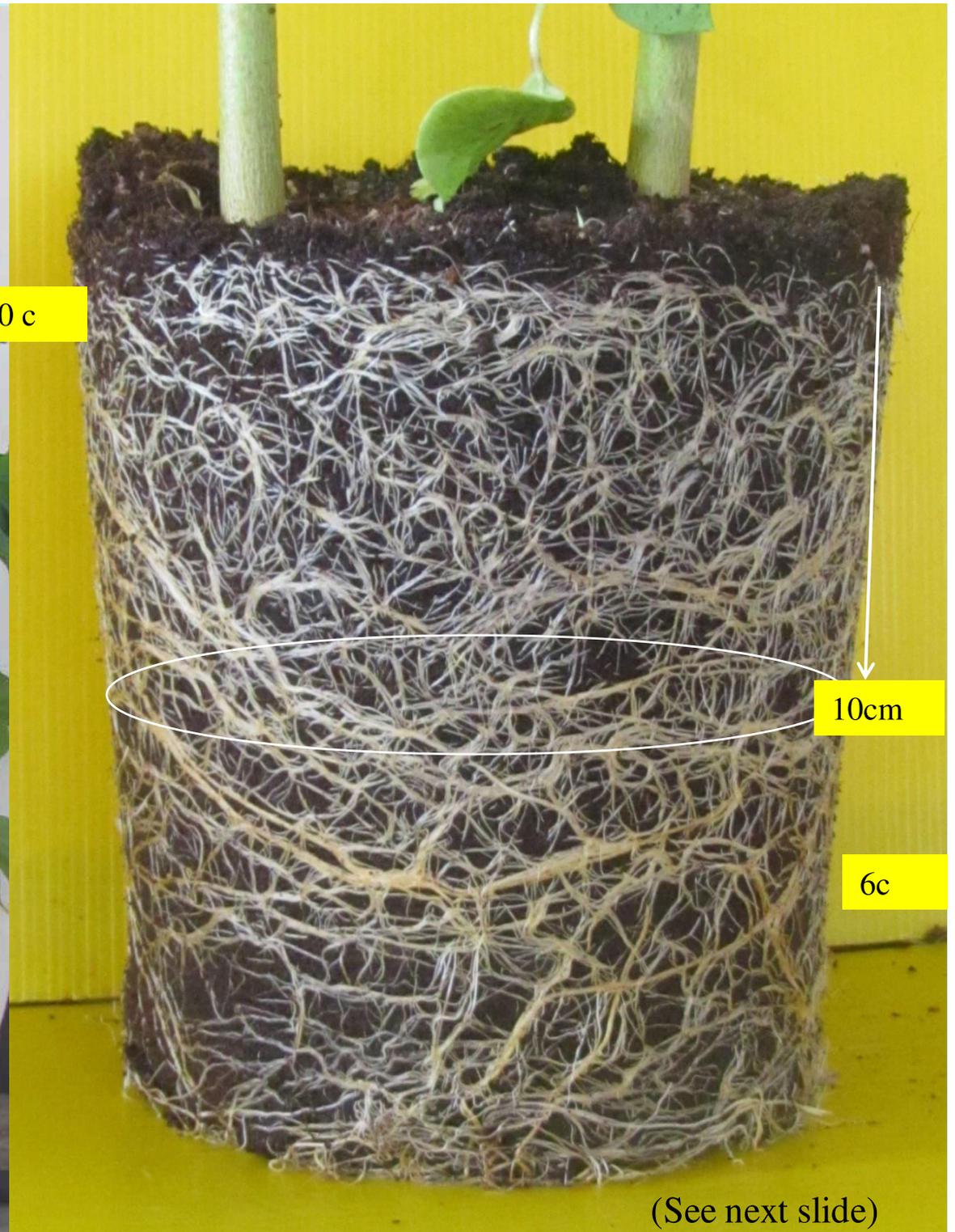
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26, August 2019

115 cm

20 c

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10cm

6c

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19 September 2019

65 days after sowing.

Well established secondary roots
of one plant.

Cross sections 10 cm below the
surface.

The average plants high 165 cm.





Cotton - first flower 48 days after sowing 02, Sept. 2019