

Table 1S. Effects of drought stress on leaf area, leaf mass per area (LMA), leaf density, and leaf thickness in cotton. Values are means $\pm$ SD. Values within a column followed by *different letters* are significantly different at $P<0.05$. WW – well watered treatment.

Treatment	Leaf area [cm ²]	LMA [g m ⁻²]	Leaf density [mg cm ⁻³]	Leaf thickness [μ m]
WW	131 $\pm$ 11.1 ^a	81 $\pm$ 0.6 ^c	203 $\pm$ 1.5 ^c	401 $\pm$ 3.4 ^a
Mild	82 $\pm$ 4.9 ^b	88 $\pm$ 4.1 ^b	243 $\pm$ 11.5 ^b	362 $\pm$ 5.5 ^b
Moderate	62 $\pm$ 3.2 ^c	108 $\pm$ 4.7 ^a	355 $\pm$ 15.3 ^a	304 $\pm$ 3.0 ^c