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## Refresher Course on "Cotton Production Technology" for the Field Officers of Pesticide & Seed Companies & NGOs

CCRI Multan organized one-day refresher course on Cotton Production Technology for the field officers of pesticide & seed companies and NGOs on March 05, 2019. Around 80 participants from various organizations attended the program. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad, former Director CCRI Multan chaired the Technical Session. Dr. Zahid

Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about the need of the course. Sectional heads delivered lectures on various aspects of cotton production technology.

Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President, PCCC chairing the Technical Session of the Refresher Course on Cotton Production Technology. He appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the private sector in the capacity building program. He also appreciated the role of CCRI Multan for timely initiation of such training program before the start of the cotton season. He also hoped that the technical staff of pesticide and seed companies

would contribute in the cotton productivity enhancement.





The topics of the training included soil health and nutrition management, agronomy of the cotton crop, advance breeding techniques for varietal development, production technology of approved commercial varieties, insecticide resistance management, integrated pest management, safe and effective use of pesticides, causes of fibre trait deterioration, farm machinery used in cotton and information dissemination program of the Institute.



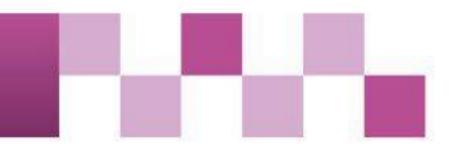
#### Training Program for Cotton Farmers

CCRI Multan organized one-day training program for the contracted cotton farmers of WWF-BCI Shuja Abad on March 18, 2019. More than 100 small cotton farmers participated in the program. The group was led by Mr. Abdul Rasheed Bhutto, Project Coordinator, Mr. Hammad Nazir and Mr. Muhammad Adeel, Producer Managers.Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed the visiting cotton farmers about the performance of cotton varieties and production technology developed by the Institute and introduction of the mechanical cotton picker. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Afzal, Head Agronomy gave a presentation about agronomic practices (seed treatment, land preparation, sowing, irrigation) for enhancing cotton productivity.





### Cotton Leaf Curl Virus Management Program

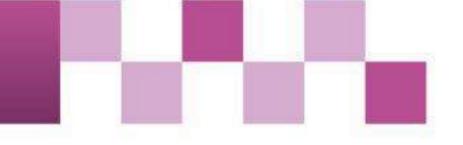


A meeting on "Cotton leaf curl virus disease management" was held at Agriculture House, Lahore under the chairmanship of Malik Nauman Ahmed Langrial, Minister for Agriculture, Punjab. Dr. Albert from USA delivered a presentation on the topic. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, VP PCCC and Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan also attended the briefing.





### Refresher Course for Technical Officers from CABI, Sindh



CCRI Multan organized two days refresher course for the Technical Officers from CABI Sindh from March 11-12, 2019. A total of 23 Technical Officers (20 males, 3 females) from Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Umerkot, Tando Allahyar and Matiari districts attended the program. The group was led by Mr. Rauf Ahmad Khan Laghari and Mr. Ashfaque Ahmad Nahttoon, Project Managers, CABI. The training was imparted in recent advancements in cotton production technology, varietal development, approved cotton varieties & their characteristics, cotton agronomy, nutrient management, plant protection, fibre quality improvement and application of modern farm machinery in cotton production system.



### **CCRI starts Cotton Seed Germination Free Lab Test**

Central Cotton Research Institute (CCRI) Multan has started free laboratory test of seed germination before sowing of cotton crop. Cotton growers across the country could send 100 grams cotton seed packets through courier service and the result of the seed germination would be conveyed within five days through Short Message Service (SMS) on their mobile numbers. CCRI Multan striving hard to provide guidance and training to cotton growers. The cotton growers should send their name, address and CNIC numbers on TeleCotton helpline number 0334 1121213. The institution has been providing information and guidance to registered cotton growers during cotton season through mobile text messages.

# بہترین بیج کا اگاؤ۔۔۔۔اچھی پیداوار کی ضمانت سنٹرلکاٹن ریسرچ انشیٹیوٹ، ملتان کی جانب سے کپاس کے کاشتکاروں کے لئے خوشخبری سی ی آرآئی ملتان میں کپاس کے نیج کے اگاؤکا مفت لیبارٹری ٹیسٹ سروس" آغاز ہو چکا ہے۔





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### Inauguration of Cotton Sowing

Inauguration of cotton planting experiment of Agronomy Section by Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan. The experiment titled "Effect of Sowing Time on Production of Transgenic Cotton" was planted. Dr. Muhammad Naveed, Head Agronomy briefed about the seedbed preparation, layout, sowing method, and transgenic genotypes to be included in the experiment. Around 15 internship students from various Agriculture Universities also attended the inauguration program.



### Radio Programs

Three radio talks for "Utham Khaiti" were got recorded by the Transfer of Technology Section for the benefit of cotton growers community. Resource persons were Dr.Fiaz Ahmed, Head, Plant Physiology & Chemistry, Dr.Idrees Khan, Head, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Mr.Sajid Mahmood, Head, Transfer of Technology. Following topics were covered in the Radio Programs: i. Importance of Soil analysis before cotton cultivation



ii. CCRI cotton varieties & their production technology

iii. Off-season management against Pink Bollworm Management کپاس کی گلابی سنڈی کا غیرمو سمی تدارک



### **High Profile Cotton Seminar**

Syed Fakhre Imam, Member National Assembly chairing "High Profile Cotton Seminar 2019" organized by The Islamia University of Bahawalpur held on March 21, 2019. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President, PCCC and Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan attended the program. The theme of the seminar is "Sustainable Cotton Production under Changing Climate"



### **Cotton Promotion Campaign**

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan held meeting with Directors, Managers and Supervisors of Etihad Sugar Mill, Rahim Yar Khan (Mr. Zahid Jamil, Ch.Muhammad Shabbir, Makhdoom Hashim Jawan Bakht, Mr. Abdul Shakoor, Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed, Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim) for maximization of the cotton crop in the area. The group has shown interest for the cultivation of cotton crop on more than 1000 acres in the district.



### Pakistan Day Celebrations

CCRI Multan celebrated Pakistan Day by hoisting of National Flag at the building. All staff with their kids attended the ceremony. National songs and prayers were held for the prosperity of the nation.



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