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Highlights of Activities Carried Out during Month of October, 2017

Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG)

The 6th Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) meeting was held at MNSUA Campus, Jalal Pur Pirwala under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Naeem Akhtar Khan Bhaba, Agriculture Minister Punjab. Syed Fakhre Imam, Former Speaker, National Assembly, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor, MNSUA, Multan, Dr. Noor ul Islam Khan, Chairman, PARB and other members of the group participated in the meeting. The meeting stressed for management of Pink bollworm and efforts for contamination free picking of cotton. The Minister also assured farmers for the better prices of cotton.



Establishment of ICRA Secretariat

The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) established the International Cotton Researchers Association (ICRA) for the assistance of cotton researchers across the globe. PCCC was selected after competition for hosting the ICRA Secretariat for 5 Years. In this regard, an MoU signing Ceremony was held at CCRI Multan. Dr. Michel Fok, Chairman, ICRA and Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President, PCCC were the signatories. The Secretariat will coordinate among cotton researchers and



provide a platform for building linkages through enhancing membership and addressing cotton issues. Dr. Fiaz Ahmad was nominated as Secretary and Mr. Zahid Khan was nominated as Assistant Secretary for this Secretariat.



Visit of Federal Minister of State for Commerce & Textile Industry

Haji Muhammad Akram Ansari, Federal Minister of State for Commerce & Textile Industry visiting cotton experimental fields and stores of farm implements. The Minister appreciated the performance of the Institute for development of cotton varieties with desirable traits.



Cotton Seminar "Soil Health Improvement and Nutrition Management in Cotton"

CCRI Multan organized a seminar "Soil Health Improvement and Nutrition Management in Cotton". The seminar was chaired by Haji Muhammad Akram Ansari, Federal Minister of State for Commerce & Textile Industry; Syed Javaid Ali Shah, Federal Minister for Water Resource; Dr. Khalid Khokhar,



Member Provincial Assembly Punjab; Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor MNSUA; and Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President PCCC. Dr. Fiaz Ahmad, SSO/Head Plant Physiology delivered lecture on Plant Nutrition. Researchers and farmers attended the seminar.

Demonstration of Mechanical Cotton Picking at CCRI Multan

A ceremony for demonstrating working of Mechanical Cotton Picker was held at CCRI Multan. Uzbek engineers, officials from CCRI Multan participated. Dr. Zahid Mahmood stated that this will revolutionize in Pakistan for introduction of mechanical cotton picking. Farmers can save cost and time by using mechanical cotton pickers.



Cotton Seminar "Strategies to Management Pink Bollworm and Methods of Clean Cotton Picking"

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan chaired a cotton seminar "Strategies to Manage Pink Bollworm and Methods of Clean Cotton Picking" arranged by the Cotton Research Station Ghotki on 26-10-2017. Dr. Muhammad Waris Sanjrani, Director CCRI Sakrand and Mr. Aziz Ahmad Memon, Officer Incharge, CRS Ghotki also present. Progressive farmers of the area attended the seminar. Farmers were advised for management of Pink bollworm with recommended pesticides and clean cotton picking practices were also advocated to the farmers.



Annual Review of Cotton Experiments

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan inspected the performance of cotton experiments conducted by the Agronomy Section and Cytogenetics Section. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Afzal, Head Agronomy and Ms Rehana Anjum, Head, Cytogenetics briefed about the performance of various experiments conducted by the Sections. All scientific staff of the Institute were present.

Farmers' Field Visit

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director, CCRI Multan along with senior scientists visited cotton crop planted by the farmers of adjoining areas (Tiba Sultan Pur) for inspecting performance of CIM varieties and advised for proper plant protection with recommended insecticides and arrangements for clean picking of cotton.



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