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5th Cotton Crop Management Group Meeting

The 5th meeting of the Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) was held at CCRI, Multan on 24.09.2018 under the chairmanship of Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture, Government of the Punjab. Status of the cotton crop was discussed in detail. The inputs supply position was anticipated satisfactory during the crop season including the availability of cotton pests-specific pesticides. However, farmers complained about higher prices of pesticides and shortage of canal irrigation water. Malik Nauman Langrial, Minister for Agriculture Punjab assured the farmers to solve issues related with cotton production. He stated that government will follow the 100-Days Agenda of Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan for the improvement of institutions and devising farmer-friendly policies. He also announced that the government is proposing subsidy for DAP, Potash as well as for promoting sunflower cultivation. He also stated that effective liaison has already been established with the federal government for working on crop improvements with coordinated approach. The respective departments also presented



situation with regard to availability of pesticides, insect pests, seed availability, canal irrigation water availability, meteorological position of the cotton belt. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Cotton Commissioner, MNFSR, Islamabad; Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI, Multan; Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor, MNSUA, Muhammad Zafaryab Haider, DG Agri Ext; Dr. Abid Mahmood, DG Research, Irrigation officials, representative from MEPCO, Pakistan Meteorological Department, and Directors of various concerned Institutes, District Officers of Agriculture (Cotton Zone), Pesticides Dealers Association, Crop Life Pakistan, Pakistan Crop Protection Association, Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association, Research Scientists, and progressive grower members attended the meeting.

1st Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) meeting

The 1st meeting of Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Muhammad Hashim Popalzai, Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by representatives from Provincial Governments, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association, Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association, Trading Corporation of Pakistan and Progressive Cotton Growers. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan attended the meeting and apprised about cotton crop scenario in the Punjab province. He stated that the Institute actively participated in collaborative programs for management of cotton crop especially training of cotton farmers. The CCAC meeting assessed the crop size at 10.847 million bales. The lowering of crop size was mainly attributed to the acute shortage of canal irrigation water especially in Sindh province which led to decrease in cotton cultivation by 31 percent.



FAO Training Programme on "Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability Testing/Assessment of New Crop Varieties"

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) organized Training Programme on "Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability Testing/Assessment of New Crop Varieties" on 04-06 September 2018. The training areas included early generation seed production, DUS evaluation, seed certification and seed testing. Building technical capacity in this area is imperative for the effective implementation of Seed (Amendment) Act 2015 and Plant Breeders' Rights Act 2016. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan attended the program.



ILO Workshop on “Child Labour and Forced Labour in Cotton, Textile and Garment Value Chains”

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan attended the Strategic Planning Workshop "Eliminating child labour and forced labour in the cotton, textile and garment value chains: an integrated approach" Implemented by the ILO in collaboration with the FAO and co-funded by the European Union. The workshop was organized by the ILO Pakistan Office from September 11-13, 2018.



Visit of Delegation from EuroDrip, Greece

A delegation from EuroDrip, Greece including Mr Michael Tslous, Mr. Bakyt Nurchanuly, Sales Manager and Mr. Shahzad Faryad, Mr. Ali Mansoor, & Mr. Muhammad Rizwan from Ali Akbar Group and Mr. Umair Illahi, Agriculture Manager, Bank of Punjab visited in connection with installation of drip irrigation system for cotton crop. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan informed about the constraints in operation and maintenance of this system for cotton crop.



Training Workshop "Climate Modeling, Projections Generations and Data Analysis"

Mr. Muhammad Tariq, Scientific Officer, Agronomy Department attending National Training Workshop "Climate Modeling, Projections Generations and Data Analysis" organized by MNSUA Multan. Resource persons included Mr. Burhan Ahmed from Pakistan Meteorological Department-Islamabad.



Field Performance of CIM Varieties

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan visited cotton fields of promising lines of CCRI Multan i.e., Bt.CIM-789, Bt.Cyto-511, Bt.Cyt-510 being tested under Zonal Varietal Trial across Multan, Lodhran and Vehari at the farm of Mr. Ijaz Rasheed, Vehari, Malik Qaswar Lodhra Zarai Farm Multan, Mr. Azhar Mahmood, Qaram Pur Road, Vehari, Hafiz Muhammad Zubair Amjab, Professor Seeds, Vehari. The varieties exhibited excellent field performance with regard to yield and other features. The lines were relatively tolerant against CLCuV and heat. Farmers were very much satisfied with the performance of cotton varieties developed by the Institute.



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