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Agricultural Research Sub Committee Meeting

The 2019-Agricultural Research Sub Committee (ARSC) meeting of the PCCC held at CCRI Multan from April 8-10, 2019. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President PCCC chaired the meeting. The first day of the meeting deliberated upon cotton research and development activities carried out by PCCC Institutions/Stations during the year 2018-19, while the second day discussed the cotton experiments planned for the year 2019. The program of work of provincial Cotton Research Institutions, NIBGE/NIAB, FSCR&D, and Academic Institutions was discussed and finalized. The third day was fixed for discussion of cotton program from various other federal and provincial institutions. Moreover, the committee also finalized cotton varieties to be included under testing during 2019-20 crop season at various locations. Cotton researchers, academicians, representative of private seed companies and progressive cotton farmers attended the program. Moreover, the private seed sector also presented the performance of newly developed cotton varieties for testing under the National Varietal Testing Program of the PCCC. The list of cotton varieties both by the public and private sector to be included in testing and evaluation by the PCCC was also finalized.

Dr. Tassarwar Hussain Malik, Director Research / Coordinator ARSC briefed the house about results of various national trials conducted by the PCCC. Cotton researchers from various national and provincial cotton research institutions, private sectors, and academicians attended the program.

Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President PCCC stated that the cotton researchers must devise experiments keeping in view the changing climate, rising cost of inputs and improvement in cotton yields. He also appreciated the enthusiastic participation by the public and private in cotton research and development program and hoped that with the collective efforts, the envisaged target for 15 million bales of cotton set by the Prime Minister will be achieved, Insha Allah.



Inauguration of Cotton Sowing

Sahibzada Muhammad Mehbub Sultan, Minister for National Food Security & Research inaugurated cotton sowing at CCRI Multan on April 26, 2019. Dr. Muhammad Hashim Popalzai, Secretary, MNFS&R, Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President PCCC, Dr. Khalid Khokhar, President Kissan Itehad and Mr. Shah Nawaz Warriach, Member Governing Body of PCCC and Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan also accompanied.



87th Governing Body Meeting of the PCCC

The 87th meeting of the Governing Body of PCCC was held at CCRI Multan on April 26, 2019, under the chairmanship of Sahibzada Muhammad Mehbub Sultan, Minister for National Food Security & Research. Dr. Muhammad Hashim Popalzai, Secretary, MNFS&R also co-chaired the meeting. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President PCCC apprised the house about the deliberations of various sub-committees, performance of the organization and future program including the restructuring of the PCCC. Moreover, measures for achieving the cotton production target of 15 million bales were also discussed. Dr. Muhammad Hashim Popalzai, Secretary, MNFS&R informed that efforts are underway for reforming PCCC as a vibrant organization and effective functioning of its various units.





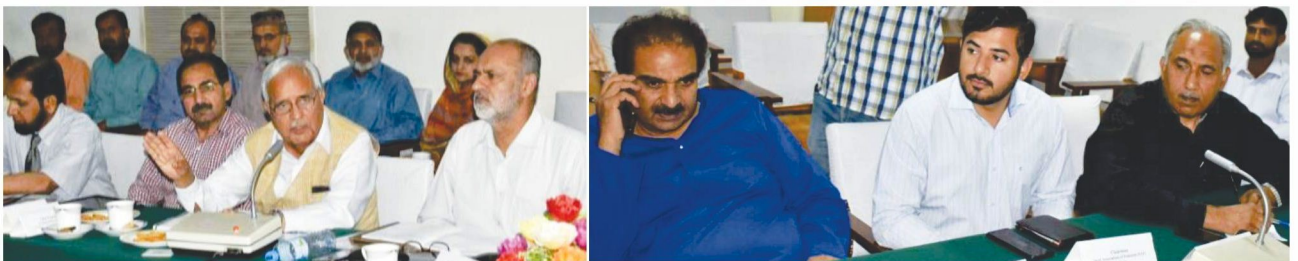
Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) Meeting

The first meeting of the Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) was held at CCRI Multan on April 12, 2019, under the chairmanship of Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture, Punjab. Mr. Jahangir Khan Tareen, progressive cotton grower also attended the program. Cotton researchers, agriculture research, extension and plant protection officials, academicians, representatives of private pesticide, seed and fertilizer associations, MEPCO, Irrigation, Pakistan Meteorological Department and progressive cotton growers attended the meeting.

The meeting deliberated upon the cotton production targets for the Punjab province and measures to be adopted for achieving the target. The departments presented data about the availability of essential inputs (fertilizer, pesticide) and canal water irrigation situation and electricity supply position in the coming season.

Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture assured that all out efforts will be made for the provision of essential inputs for the cotton crop at affordable prices. Moreover, the department will also remain vigilant for monitoring the quality and prices of inputs. He also stated that ginners have assured to pay Rs.200 per maund as a premium price for production of clean cotton.

Mr. Jahangir Khan Tareen also spoke on the occasion and stated that the federal government will play its role in achieving the cotton production target of 15 million bales set by the Prime Minister.



Walk for "Kapas Ugao, Maeshat Bachao"

CCRI Multan arranged a walk in front of Multan Press Club with the slogan of "Kapas Ugao, Maeshat Bachao" in collaboration with WWF Shuja Abad. The objective of the walk is to persuade farmers for planting the cotton crop on more area for benefiting farmers as well as the economy of the country. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan led the walk. The staff of CCRI Multan along with cotton farmers participated in the walk.



Training Program for WWF-Pakistan Farmers

CCRI, Multan organized one-day training program on Cotton Production Technology for the field officers of WWF-Pakistan, Shuja Abad on April 23, 2019. Mr. Abdul Rasheed Bhutto, Coordinator WWF Pakistan along with 50 PU Supervisors attended the Program. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about various cotton research and development activities carried out by the Institute. Later the technical session started and lectures on cotton agronomy, production technology of varieties, fertilizer management, insect pests management were delivered by the departmental head of the Institute.



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