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Cotton Crop Management Group Meeting

The 4th meeting of the Cotton Crop Management Group (CCMG) was held at CCRI Multan on August 23, 2019 under the chairmanship of Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture, Punjab. Cotton researchers, agriculture research, extension and plant protection officials, academicians, representatives of private pesticide associations, Irrigation, Pakistan Meteorological Department and progressive cotton growers attended the meeting. Mr. Jahangir Khan Tareen, senior member PTI also attended the meeting. He advised farmers to remain vigilant in the coming weeks as the cotton crop is entering into its crucial phase. He also assured that the cotton prices will remain better and farmers must work hard for controlling insect pests in September.

Malik Nauman Ahmad Langrial, Minister for Agriculture Punjab assured the farmers that the Agriculture Department will remain proactive in the coming weeks along with the farmers for cotton crop management. The meeting deliberated upon the current status of cotton crop, insect pests and disease situation, prices of pesticide and seedcotton. The departments presented data about canal water supply situation, availability of pesticides, weather forecast during the coming weeks.



ICARDA Annual Review & Planning Meeting

Dr. Judy Schefflor (USDA-ARS) and Dr. Abdul Majid, Country Manager, ICARDA chairing Review and Planning Meeting of the Cotton Project held at ICARDA Office, NARC, Islamabad on 21st August 2019.

Dr. Judy Schefflor, ICARDA/USDA stated that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is supporting Pakistan's efforts to tackle cotton leaf curl virus, strengthening research efforts and developing cotton varieties that are resistant to the disease. She further stated that to improve efficiency, the project united four federal and three provincial research institutions under one umbrella, and USDA provided more than 5,000 accessions of germplasm to collaborating institutes for screening against CLCuV. Local cotton breeders are now utilizing this germplasm to develop virus-resistant cotton varieties. Since the CLCuV prevailing in most of the cotton-growing countries and the learning from this project will be applied to fight the virus in other affected countries.

All the collaborating partners attended the meeting and briefed about the cotton breeding program of their respective institutions. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan, and Dr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, Head Plant Breeding & Genetics CCRI Multan presented the progress of germplasm screening and varietal development at the Institute.



PB Rope installation in Fields

Installation of PB Rope in the cotton experimental fields of CCRI Multan. All the scientific and field staff participated in this activity and prayed for the betterment of cotton crop in the country.



Tree Plantation Campaign

Similar to the rest of the Country, the Prime Minister's Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign has also been launched at CCRI Multan by planting of Terminalia (Plant). Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan stated that the basic objective of the tree plantation campaign is improving the environment and economic sustainability. He further added that protection of the environment is a National Cause and tree plantation is imperative to control the growing pollution. Therefore, everybody should contribute in this Nobel cause by planting tree plants.



Visit of Vice President PCCC

Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Vice President, PCCC visiting Entomological Lab and reviewed working of Insect Growth Chamber installed for insect rearing and study of Insect Toxicology and other Biological Studies.



Capacity Building Program

Mr. Habib ur Rehman, Regional Technical Manager, BayerCrop Sciences delivered talk "Effective Control of Cotton Whitefly and Jassids". The scientific staff of the Institute attended the talk.



Flag Hoisting

National Flag being hoisted on 14th August at the main building of CCRI Multan.



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