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WORLD COTTON DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 7th October has been designated by the WTO, FAO & ICAC for global celebrations as WORLD COTTON DAY to highlight the importance of cotton crop in the economies of the developing countries. Accordingly, CCRI, Multan also celebrated this day. The celebrations were organization jointly in coordination with WWF Pakistan, CottonConnect and other private sector organizations. A seminar was also organized highlighting the importance of cotton crop and measures for its enhancement. A large number of cotton researchers, planners and farmers attended the program and deliberated the importance of cotton crop and measures for its revival in areas where production is on the decline. Cotton Walk was also arranged to highlight the importance. School children also participated in these programs.



**COTTON
CONNECT**



School Children Participation



Reception Desk



Certification Distribution



Exhibition Stalls



COTTON WALK



VISIT OF NIM DELEGATION

A group of 26 member trainees from 28th Mid-Career Management Course (In-land Study Tour) from National Institute of Management, Karachi visited CCRI Multan on October 17, 2018. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Afzal, Senior Scientific Officer, CCRI Multan briefed about the cotton research & development activities carried out at the Institute. Participants also visited Entomology Laboratories of the Institute and appreciated the research work conducted by the scientists.



FIELD INSPECTION OF ADVANCE LINES

Mr. Asif Rasool, Deputy Director, Federal Seed Certification & Registration Department, Multan inspecting field performance of the cotton varieties developed by the Institute. The non-Bt varieties included CIM-496, CIM-620, CIM-554, CIM-610 and Bt varieties included CIM-632, CIM-602, CIM-600, CIM-775, CIM-785, CIM-303, CIM-789, CIM-632, CIM-678. Cyto-177, Cyto-178, Cyto-179. Dr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, Head, Plant Breeding & Genetics Section briefed about the performance of varieties.



COTTON CROP ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

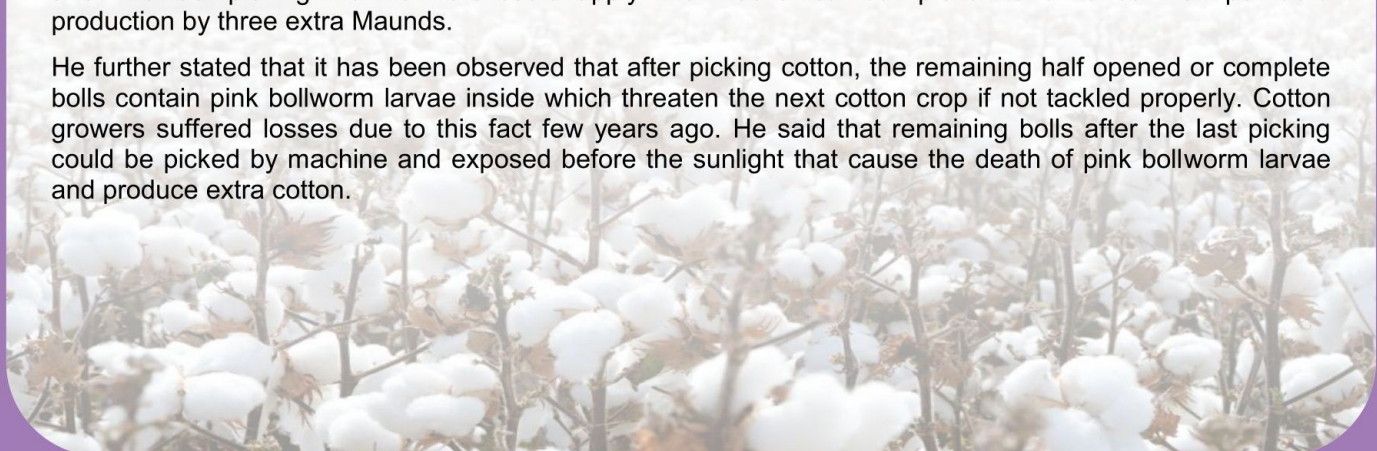
First meeting of Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) was held, under the chairmanship Additional Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research. Representatives of Provincial Governments of Sindh and Punjab, Plant Protection Department (PPD), Trading Cooperation of Pakistan (TCP), Federal Seed Certification & Registration Department (FSC&RD), Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC), All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA), Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA), Karachi Cotton Association (KCA), and Cotton Growers attended the meeting. The Committee met to assess the volume of current cotton crop in the country. The Chair welcomed the participants and appreciated the stakeholders' interest and participation in the process of cotton crop assessment and described the objectives of the meeting. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Cotton Commissioner, dilated the overview of cotton production scenario in the country. Challenges faced by the cotton crop especially high input prices, insect pests pressure and higher temperature were discussed in detail. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan apprised the house about cotton crop condition in the Punjab province and status of insect pest pressure.



MECHANICAL BOLL PICKER MACHINE

Central Cotton Research Institute (CCRI) Multan is preparing a mechanical boll picker machine to tackle Pink boll worm threat and the project was passing through its final stages. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director, CCRI Multan said that the machine was being prepared by own resources of CCRI Multan and Rs 1 million was being spent on the initiative. He said, if plant population was full and there were at least three boll per plant after the last picking then farmers could apply this mechanical boll picker to enhance their per acre production by three extra Maunds.

He further stated that it has been observed that after picking cotton, the remaining half opened or complete bolls contain pink bollworm larvae inside which threaten the next cotton crop if not tackled properly. Cotton growers suffered losses due to this fact few years ago. He said that remaining bolls after the last picking could be picked by machine and exposed before the sunlight that cause the death of pink bollworm larvae and produce extra cotton.





COTTON FARMERS OF WWF PAKISTAN

A group of 30 cotton farmers from WWF Pakistan - Rahim Yar Khan visited CCRI Multan. Mr. Junaid Ahmad and Mr. Afroz Ali Abbas, Project Officer, WWF Rahim Yar Khan accompanied the farmers. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan, briefed the farmers about cotton production technology, insects pest management and clean cotton production. The participants later visited experimental farms, stores and farm machinery at the Institute.



RETIREMENT

A farewell party was organized for Mr. Ghayyoor Hussain, Laboratory Assistant, Fibre Technology Section who retired on 04.10.2019 after almost 40 years of service. Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Sarwar, Head Fibre Technology lauded the services rendered by him in various assignments i.e., fibre testing through HVI, fibrograph, pressley, stelometer. His conduct remained excellent with his fellow colleagues and seniors.



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