

Visit of Journalists

A group of 10 prominent journalists from national print and electronic media visited CCRI Multan. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan apprised the journalists about ongoing cotton research programs and measures for boosting cotton productivity. He also apprised the journalists about field performance of cotton varieties and mechanical cotton picker. He stated that mechanical cotton picker has been introduced keeping in view the shortage of labour at the time of cotton picking and environmental issues. He informed that varieties suitable for mechanical cotton picking will be evolved. The journalists appreciated the introduction of new technology and other initiatives taken by the Institute for enhancing cotton productivity.



Visit of Students from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

A group of 15 students led by Dr. Assad Farooq, Assistant Professor & Incharge, Department of Fibre & Textile Technology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad visited CCRI Multan. They were visited various laboratories and fields of the Institute. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Afzal, Head Agronomy gave briefing about the cotton research and development program of the Institute.



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Visit of Chinese Delegation

A five member Chinese cotton researcher led by Prof. Dr. Madam Qu Yan Ying, Director, Research Group of Cotton Molecular Breeding, Prof. Dr. Zhang Ju Song, Director, Office of the Postgraduate and Degree Education/Ex-Dean, Faculty of Agriculture / Director, Research Group of High Yield Cultivation of Crops; Prof. Dr. Chen Quan Jia, Vice Dean, Faculty of Agriculture / Director, Research Group of Cotton Genetics and Breeding; Prof. Dr. Geng Hong Wei, Director, Institute of Wheat Genetics and Breeding, Faculty of Agriculture; Xinjiang Agriculture University (XAU), Urumqi-China paid visit to CCRI Multan. Dr. Muhammad Tehseen Azhar, Lecturer Plant Breeding & Genetics, University of Agriculture Faisalabad coordinated the delegation. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed the delegation about cotton research and development activities of the Institute.



Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan also awarded an honorary shield to Prof. Dr. Madam Qu Yan Ying, Director, Research Group of Cotton Molecular Breeding, Faculty of Agriculture; Xinjiang Agriculture University (XAU), Urumqi-China during her visit to the Institute.

Visit of Growers from Sindh

A 22-member delegation comprising of farmers and extension officials from Sindh province visited CCRI Multan led by Dr. Nisar Memon, Director, Water Resources Improvement Project, World Bank and Dr. Mushtaq Gill, Chief Executive Engineer, South Asian Conservation Agriculture Network, Sindh province. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about cotton research activities, performance of



Klean Cotton Program

Prof. Dr. Idrees Ahmad Nasir from Center of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), visited CCRI Multan and held discussions with Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director and Dr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, Head Plant Breeding & Genetics regarding progress of Klean Cotton Trial conducted at the Institute.

Meeting on Cotton Production Plan 2018

Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan attended meeting regarding "Cotton Production Plan 2018 - 19" held on 14.12.2017 under the chairmanship of Ch. Abdul Ghaffor, Director Agriculture Coordination (Farms & Training), Punjab Lahore at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad. Dr. Zahid Mahmood proposed various measures for improvement and fine-tuning of cotton production technology brochures, stressed for continuation of off-season management of Pink bollworm and regular participation of scientists from CCRI Multan in farmers training programs.



PTV Program on Cotton Crop

Mr. Iftikhar ul Hassan, Anchor Person, PTV Program on "Kissan ka Pakistan" recording program on cotton crop. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director Central Cotton Research Institute Multan and Mr. Asif Majeed, Chairman, Kanto AG Multan participated in the program.



various experiments and visit to cotton farms and stores. Later the participants were given briefing about the activities of the Institute.



Farmers' Field Day at Kot Addu

CCRI, Multan organized Farmers' Field Day for the awareness of farmers at Dera of Mr. Farooq Ahmad Nolatia, Peer Jaggi More, Kot Addu. The farmers visited the field then they were briefed by Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director and Dr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Head Plant Breeding & Genetics Section of CCRI Multan about cotton production technology, clean picking, storage and transportation and seed maintenance for growing during next season.



Visit of 22nd Senior Management Course Participants of National Management College Lahore

A group of 10 participants from 22nd Senior Management Course of National Management College Lahore visited CCRI Multan on Dec 4, 2017. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan apprised the participants about cotton research and development programs carried by the Institute. The participants were later visited field and laboratories and appreciated the research work of the Institute. The participants appreciated the introduction of mechanical cotton picker for the growers in Pakistan.