



Meeting Held for Implementations of Cotton FLDs

For undertaking cotton FLD interventions on Desi cotton, cotton intercropping and integrated cotton management under the aegis of AICRP on cotton, a meeting was held in Shivanphal in Girad cluster of Samudrapur tahsil of Wardha district on June 18, 2016. Farmers were motivated for cotton intercropping system. The benefits and role played by intercrops in improving soil fertility status of soil especially cotton - cluster bean intercropping system was discussed with the farmers. List of interested farmers for participating FLD intervention was finalised from Shivanfal and Faridpur villages and FLDs trials on cotton (H-8) Bollgard II and Cluster bean will be conducted in one acre plot. Seeds of BG-II Hy-8 and cluster bean (each farmer, one bag cotton seed and three kg cluster bean) were supplied to twenty farmers. Dr. S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist Extension, and Nodal Officer MGMT and Dr. S. Gawande, Scientist (Plant Pathology) also visited to Arvi, Mohgaon, Faridpur, Shivanphal and Jogingumpha villages adopted under MGMT programme.



GIRAD Cluster Scientists distributed Seeds to Tribal farmers under MGMT

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur scientists Dr. Shailesh Gawande (Plant Pathology) and Dr. Sarvanan (Plant Breeder) visited Girad cluster of Wardha district on June 10, 2016 and distributed seeds to tribal farmers of the five Villages viz., Arvi, Mohgaon, Faridpur, Shivanphal and Jogingumpha of under "Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav" programme. Forty Tribal farmers from the above said adopted villages were identified for the demonstration trials to be taken up under Tribal Sub Plan programme. Demonstration trials on Phule Dhanwantary (Desi Cotton) and Bollgard II cotton in one acre plot on each farmer's field are to be conducted. BG II cotton and Phule Dhanwantary would be demonstrated by separating two meter strip of cluster bean. Each tribal farmer participating in the programme was given seed kit containing 2 Kg Phule Dhanwantary, 450 g BG II (H-8) and 1 Kg Cluster bean seed. Three biofertilizer packets each containing Azotobacter (50g) + Trichoderma (16g), PSB (50g) for 2kg seed of Phule Dhanwantary, Rhizobium (25g)+ Trichoderma (8g), PSB (25g) for 1Kg seed of cluster bean and Azotobacter (12g) + Trichoderma (4g) + PSB (12g) for 450g of Bollgard II were also provided. Farmers were also informed about procedure for seed treatment with these biofertilizers during sowing, printed pamphlets on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana also supplied to them.



Meetings attended/participation/workshop

- Dr V. Chinna Babu Naik, Scientist (Entomology), Division of Crop Protection, CICR, Nagpur participated in 'Kapus Parisanwad' organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Nandurbar and delivered a talk on 'Pink Bollworm Management Strategies in Cotton' on 7.5.2006. A total of 150 Progressive farmers and extension officials attended the meet.
- Dr S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist, Extension attended agriculture advisory committee meeting of Doordarshan on 10 June 2016 organised at its office, Doordarshan Kendra, seminary hills Nagpur. In the meeting programmes to be telecasted during the quarter months of July to September 2016 was discussed.
- Dr Vishlesh Nagrare, Principal Scientist (Ag. Entomology) attended Steering Committee meeting of "Crop Pest Surveillance and Advisory Project (CROPSAP) 2016-17 for Soybean, cotton, Rice, pigeon pea and chickpea in Maharashtra" on 14-15 June 2016 at Commissionerate of Agriculture, Sakhar Sankul, Shivajinagar, Pune. On 13 June observation data sheet and capsule advisories of targeted crops were finalized. On 15 June Steering committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri Vikas Deshmukh, Commissioner of Agriculture, Govt of Maharashtra. In the meeting, various issues on project implementation viz., Action taken on issues earmarked for different stakeholders, inclusion of additional pests in the software, preparedness of implementation of project, budget estimates, new mobile based software etc were discussed at length.
- Dr Sandhya Kranthi, Head Crop Protection, CICR, Nagpur, Dr M.V. Venugopalan, Head, RCM Unit, Dr. China Babu and Dr. Prabhulinga, scientists, Division of Crop Protection, CICR, Nagpur visited CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa on 15.06.16. Dr. D. Monga, Dr Rishi Kumar and Dr. Satish Sain along with the team of CICR Scientists surveyed the cotton area of Haryana and Punjab. The incidence of whitefly was below ETL at all the locations surveyed. The team also monitored the station trials at CICR, RS, Sirsa experimental farm.
- Dr. D. Monga and Dr. Rishi Kumar attended a meeting to review the situation of whitefly chaired by V.C.PAU, Ludhiana along with officers of University and state department of Agriculture on 16.06.16 at PAU, RRS, Bathinda. In the meeting the progress of total area sown under cotton and extension activities conducted by the department along with the status of whitefly in different blocks of Punjab were discussed in detail. Dr. D. Monga, Head CICR also presented his views and necessary steps which need to be taken at this juncture of crop stage. The Director of Research CCS HAU, Hisar also attended the meeting.



Other Activities

Dr. S. Manickam, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding) was nominated by the Director, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore as external member of the selection committee for the selection of one Project Fellow under the project entitled "Isolation and characterization of low temperature tolerance responsive genes from high cold tolerant *Saccharum spontaneum* IND00-1061 Arunachal Pradesh Collection". The selection committee meeting was held on 22/06/2016.



Superannuation

Smt. Sakun G. Raut, Skilled Support Staff was accorded warm farewell on 30th June, 2016 on behalf of staff welfare club in the seminar hall. Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR, felicitated her on this occasion. All the Scientists, administrative, technical, supporting and other staff were present on this occasion.





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