



Organic and Fair-trade Cotton Secretariat (OFCS) Meeting organized

The first organic and fair-trade (OFCS) meeting in Maharashtra was organized by C&A Foundation and Cotton Connect on 14th June, 2017 at Aurangabad. ICAR-CICR Nagpur along with State Agricultural Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Organic farm operators, NGOs, ginners, multi-stakeholder initiatives such as Organic Cotton Accelerator, Textile exchange, State agricultural departments, private seed companies, etc participated in the meeting. The Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. B. Venkateswarlu of VNMKV, Parbhani highlighted about the university's commitment to support organic cultivation specifically organic cotton production in the state. Dr. K. S. Baig, Sr. Scientist, Cotton Research Station, Nanded and Dr. A. Gore, Senior Scientist, VNMKV made presentation about



desi cotton development and their qualitative and quantitative parameters with the stakeholders present. Dr. Saravanan, M, Scientist (Plant Breeding), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur made a presentation on "Update on CICR major developments". In the meeting, opportunities and challenges of organic cotton production were elaborately discussed like availability of non GM seed, differential price ceilings on Bt seeds v/s non Bt seed, premium pay out to farmers etc.

Meetings attended/ Training imparted/ Survey and surveillance

- Dr D. Monga, Head, ICAR-CICR Regional Station Sirsa, Dr O.P. Tuteja, Principal Scientist, Plant Breeding and Dr R.A. Meena, Principal Scientist (Seed Tech) visited Panchkulaon 5th July and had a meeting with MD and staff members of HSDC in their office to finalize the MOU for multiplication of seed of CICR Bt-6 variety recently released by CICR for Haryana.
- Dr. R.A. Meena, Principal Scientist (Seed Tech), Dr S.K. Verma, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding) and Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) visited Central State Farm of National Seed Corporation at Hisar to monitor the seed production program of arboreum cotton varieties released by ICAR-CICR RS Sirsa on 13 July, 2017. The crop was in excellent conditions and incidence of spotted bollworm was noticed. Application of deltamethrin @160ml/acre was recommended to manage the pest. The rouging of off type plants was also suggested to the concerned in charge. During the visit they also surveyed the farmers field locations for whitefly. The incidence of whitefly was well below ETL at all the locations surveyed.
- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa delivered a lecture in a workshop organized on "Whitefly management in cotton" by United Phosphorous Limited at Hotel Pearl Resort on 3rd July, 2017. 1000 farmers from 85 villages of Sirsa participated in the workshop. The workshop was addressed by Scientists for CCSHAU, Hisar, KrishiVigyan Kendra, CCSHAU Sirsa. Dr Rishi Kumar delivered a lecture on "Management of Whitefly in Cotton through use of Ecofriendly Interventions and Safer Insecticides in this workshop
- Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) attended the 4th Interstate Consultative Committee meeting on whitefly management held at Kheti Bhawan Bathinda under the chairmanship of Dr B.S. Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana., Director of Extension Education, PAU, Ludhiana, Dr Sukhdev Singh, JDA Cotton, Punjab, Dr K. K. Dahiya, Principal Scientist Entomology, Dr. Omender Sangwan, Cotton Breeder attended the meeting. Chief Agriculture Officers of all 8



cotton growing Districts of Punjab presented information regarding survey and surveillance and other activities conducted in Punjab. Dr Rishi Kumar presented the survey and surveillance report of entire zone with respect to whitefly.

- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa delivered a lecture to the scouts of Trident Mills at Bathinda on 18.07.2017 "Whitefly management in cotton"

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(सि.आई.सी.आर.), हरियाणा कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, इच.ए.यू. हिसार, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र, सिरसा के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिकों, पैस्टिसाइड कम्पनियों के प्रतिनिधियों और अधिकृत विक्रेताओं ने भाग लिया। (संकेतों की विशेषज्ञों ने क्षेत्र में कपास की सफेद मक्खी की समस्या की वैज्ञानिक समझ और कोट प्रबंधन के लिए किए जाने वाले उपायों को साझा किया। हरियाणा राज्य के कपास उत्पादक क्षेत्र के 1200 से अधिक प्रगतिशील किसानों ने इस सैमीनार में भाग लिया और साभानित हुए। यू.पी.एल., नवीनतम डिफेंडकॉव प्रौद्योगिकी और उलाला के माध्यम से प्रदेश के कपास उत्पादक किसानों को सफेद मक्खी की समस्या के समाधान के लिए सलाह प्रयासरत है। इस वर्ष पंजाब कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, लुधियाना ने भी कपास को फसल में सफेद मक्खी

और हरे तैले दोनों के प्रभावी नियंत्रण के लिए उलाला की सिफारिश की है। यू.पी.एल. के बारे में यू.पी.एल. कृषि क्षेत्र में एक बाह्यरोपीय कम्पनी है जो कि बीज से लेकर भंडारण तक प्रयोग किए जाने वाले फसल समाधान उपलब्ध करवाती है। यू.पी.एल. का मुख्यालय मुंबई, भारत में है। यू.पी.एल. ने किसानों को उच्च गुणवत्ता, आधुनिक और पारिस्थितिक रूप से संगत समाधान देने की आवश्यकता को स्वीकार किया है। यू.पी.एल. का उद्देश्य दुनिया की बढ़ती आबादी की भागी को पूरा करते हुए सतत, विवेकशील कृषि विकास और ग्रामीण समृद्धि सुनिश्चित करना है। उल्लेखनीय है कि जैविक केमर फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (सी.सी.एफ.आई.) अग्रण एग्री केमिकल कम्पनियों की सबसे पुरानी और अग्रणी एसीसिएशन है।

Cotton sown on record 6.56 lakh hectares

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Higher productivity, better prices and lower input cost due to lesser pest attacks last year have prompted more farmers in Haryana to opt for cotton this kharif season. The crop has been sown on a record 6.56 lakh hectares this year.

With the sowing season almost over, the acreage of cotton this year is already an all time record for the state and is against 5.62 lakh hectare under cotton last year.

Rajiv Mishra, Deputy Director (Statistics) in the Agriculture Department in Haryana, says the crops sown so far has already surpassed the target of 6.35 lakh hectares set by the department.

One comes across cotton fields on both sides of the National Highway 10 (old number) from Hansi to Hisar to Adampur to Bhattu Kalan to Fatehabad to Chopta to Sirsa to Odhan and up to Dabwali.

Sirsa district alone accounts for 33 per cent of cotton sown in the state and if Fatehabad and Hisar districts are added to it, the three districts account for over 70 per cent of the total area under cotton. "Cotton proved a better option for farmers in Haryana last year. Not only yield was much better than the last two years, largely because of pest-free crop, it fetched farmers a price as high as Rs 6,000 per quintal against the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 3,860 for medium staple and Rs 4,160 for long staple length varieties," says Dr Dilip Monga, Head of the Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Sirsa.

Gurjeet Singh Mann, a progressive farmer from Kirpal Patti village in Sirsa, says the hassles involved in managing stubble in case of paddy is also a reason why farmers like him have opted for cotton this year.



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