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WEEKLY UPDATE ON COTTON CROP

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DOMESTIC COTTON CROP SCENARIO

Cotton arrivals stood at 11.4 million bales on 1st February, as reported by PCGA. It indicates an increase of 7.5% over the previous year. Volume of crop increased up to 12% in Sindh by reaching at 4.3 million bales. While it increased about 5% in Punjab as compared to last year. It is expected that cotton crop in Punjab may touch 7.5 to 8.0 million bales this year. Better seed cotton and lint prices are prevailing in the market, but the waiving of custom and excise duty on import of cotton may impact the domestic cotton market. Moreover, it is expected that cotton crop will cover more area in the next crop season. Seed cotton prices remained between Rs.2800-Rs.3300 per 40 kgs.

TARGETS FOR AREA AND PRODUCTION OF COTTON CROP 2017-18

S. No	Province	Area(million hectares)	Production (million bales)
1	Punjab	2.42	10.00
2	Sindh	0.65	4.00
3	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	0.001	0.002
4	Baluchistan	0.038	0.038
Total of Pakistan		3.11	14.04

Source: Federal Committee on Cotton (FCC) meeting held on 25.3.2017.

SOWING POSITION OF COTTON CROP as on 10th July, 2017

(Million Hectares)

Province	Target 2017-18	Area Sown		% Change Over	
		2017-18	2016-17	Target	Last Year
Punjab	2.42	2.145	1.780	88.6%	+20.5
Sindh	0.65	0.608	0.636	94.0%	-4.4
Pakistan	3.11	2.753	2.416	88.52%	+13.95

Source: Provincial Crop Reporting Service Departments

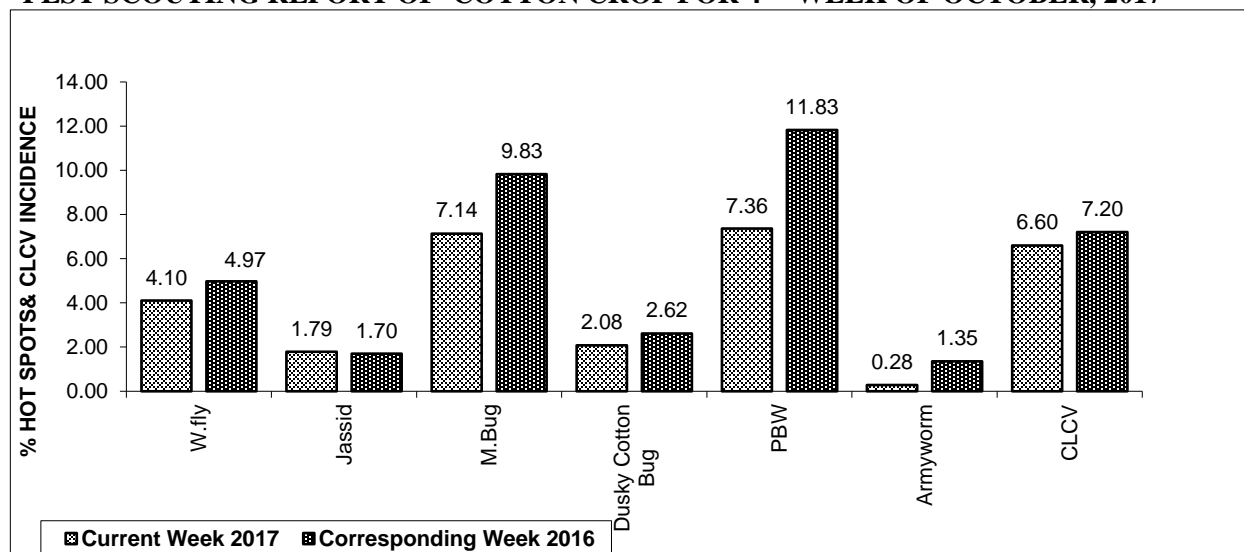
FIRT & SECOND ESTIMATE OF COTTON CROP 2017-18

(Bales = 170 Kg)

Province	Expected Production (million bales)	
	First Cotton Crop Assessment (10-8-2017)	2 nd Cotton Crop Assessment (02-11-2017)
Punjab	8.80	8.80
Sindh	3.70	3.70
Khyber PakhtunKhwa & Balochistan	0.10	0.10
Pakistan	12.60	12.60

Source: Cotton Crop Assessment Committee Meeting held on 10-8-2017 & 02-11-2017.

PEST SCOUTING REPORT OF COTTON CROP FOR 4TH WEEK OF OCTOBER, 2017



Source: Directorate general of pest warning & quality control of pesticides Punjab, Lahore.

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