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WEEKLY UPDATE ON COTTON CROP

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DOMESTIC COTTON CROP SCENARIO

The sowing of new cotton crop 2018-19 is in progress both in Punjab and Sindh. Due to severe shortage of water only 29% of target has been sown in Sindh as on 14.5.2018. However, the sowing of cotton crop in the corresponding period of last year was recorded at 37% of the target of 650,000 hectares.

Similarly, owing to shortage of irrigation water in Punjab, cotton growers are much worried and only 18% of target has been sown as on 05.5.2018. Whereas, the sowing in the corresponding period last year was placed at 41.5% of the target. It has also been advised to growers of Punjab to complete their sowing before May31, to save their crop from attack of diseases/ insects & pests. The details of sowing position are presented as under:

SOWING POSITION OF COTTON CROP AS ON 14.5.2018

(Million Hectares)

| Province | Target | Area Sown | | % Change Over | |
|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | Target | Last Year |
| Punjab | 2.31 | 0.419 | 0.716 | 18.0% | -41.5 |
| Sindh | 0.62 | 0.183 | 0.250 | 29.0% | -36.7 |
| Pakistan | 2.95 | 0.602 | 0.966 | 20.4% | -37.7 |

Source: Provincial Crop Reporting Departments.

TARGETS FOR AREA AND PRODUCTION OF COTTON CROP 2018-19

| Pakistan | Area (Million Hectares) | Production (Million Bales) |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2.955 | 14.37 |

Source: Federal Committee on Agriculture (FCA) meeting held on 10.4.2018.

COTTON AREA & PRODUCTION TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

| Province | AREA ('000' Hectares) | | | PRODUCTION (Million Bales) | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2017-18* | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2017-18* |
| | Actual | Target | Achievement | Actual | Target | Achievement |
| Punjab | 1815 | 2420 | 2161.0 | 6.98 | 10.00 | 8.12 |
| Sindh | 637 | 650 | 612.0 | 3.60 | 4.00 | 3.77 |
| KPK | 0.200 | 1.00 | 0.174 | 0.00059 | 0.002 | 0.0005 |
| Balochistan | 37.00 | 38.00 | 35.49 | 0.095 | 0.038 | 0.092 |
| Pakistan | 2489.20 | 3109 | 2808.66 | 10.68 | 14.04 | 11.98 |

Source:- Provincial Crop Reporting Service Departments.

* Provisional for Punjab only.

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