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Cotton production

Target likely to be missed due to PBW, whitefly pests attack

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ISLAMABAD: The country is likely to miss cotton crop production target set for the current season (2017-18) after the pink bollworm (PBW) and whitefly pests severely attacked the cotton growing areas, official sources revealed to the Business Recorder.

The Cotton Review issued by the Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC) revealed that in Punjab sucking pest i.e. jassid and whitefly are increasing. Pink bollworm infestation is also increasing in the whole cotton area of Punjab. In Sindh, sucking pest is decreasing as crop is progressing to maturity. However, patches of armyworm have been reported.

"It is too early to estimate the damages, but it is confirmed that pests attacked the cotton areas, especially in Punjab," said Cotton Commissioner Dr Khalid Abdullah, talking to the Business Recorder. He said that attacks are more severe than that of last year,

but situation is in control as agents have been mobilized in the affected areas. He said that the departments have remained proactive in training of farmers for the management of pink bollworm as well as leaf burning syndrome.

Replying to another question, the cotton commissioner said that the current spell of rain has not affected cotton crop in the country, but if it prolongs, it would certainly negatively affect production.

Chairman Karachi Cotton Brokers Forum Naseem Usman said that due to rains in lower areas of Sindh, phutti quality has been affected. He urged the government for taking measures on war-footing basis to give relief to cotton growers.

Chairman Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA), Shahzad Ali Khan, said that the current spell of rain has not been reported in the cotton growing belt, and hence it did not affect

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the crop.

The Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) has already reported downward revised cotton production estimates by over 12 percent to 12.6 million bales against the initial estimate of 14.04 million bales for the current season (2017-18) that means it is missing the sowing target by 12 percent.

Punjab which produces about 70 percent of the total cotton has been hit hard as 5.3 million acres have been covered against the target of 5.97 million acres. Sindh has covered 1.5 million acres in the current season against the target of 1.606 million acres and missed the target by 6 percent. After the revised projection, Punjab is estimated to produce 8.8 million bales of cotton, Sindh to produce 3.7 million bales and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan may produce 0.10 million bales of cotton in 2017-18.

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32 Senators challenge Finance Act

ISLAMABAD: Thirty two Senators of the opposition parties have submitted a petition in the Islamabad High Court, terming the Finance Act 2017 ultra vires of the constitution.

PPP Senator Saleem Mandviwalla said this is for the first time in the history of the country that senators have moved the judiciary against what he said to be unlawful deeds of a federal government.

He urged the court: "Declare that submission of term 'Federal Government' with

board with the prior approval of the Minister-in-charge inserted through the Finance Act, 2017 is ultra vires of the constitution.

He said, "The manner in which the amendment was made by way of incorporating the said amendment through money bill under Article 73 of the constitution (as opposed to article 70) is unlawful and void ab initio and further declare that the said submission is of no legal effect.

"Permanently restrain and

prohibit the Ministry of Finance and the FBR, either itself or through its officers from giving effect to the impugned amendment or from taking or any action thereunder.

"Direct the Federation of Pakistan to take the immediate action and channelize the said matter, which is not the subject matter of Article 73, by way of beginning such matter before the Federal Government (i.e. the Cabinet) and then introduce a regular bill under Article 70 of the Constitution".—PR

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PM describes CPEC projects as country's lifeline

KARACHI: A delegation of prominent businessmen led by Muhammad Ali Tabba called on Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi at Governor's House Karachi Saturday.

The Prime Minister stated that PML-N government had already started the reforms process to facilitate ease of doing business in the country. Our government has focused on expanding infrastructure including road network and power projects that are a pre-requisite for a robust economy, added the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister stated that business community is always welcome to provide tangible advice and bring up out-of-the-box solutions that help in further strengthening Pakistan's economy.

CPEC projects are the lifeline of our country and business community should take full advantage of these projects, stated the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister stated we must expand our tax base and encourage tax-paying culture in order to boost the economy. Interactions between the government and the business community need to be more frequent, emphasized the Prime Minister.

The business delegation thanked the Prime Minister for meeting them and stated that the business community of Pakistan is as ever willing to support the government in its endeavors to increase exports.

The business delegation comprised of Mr. Fawad Anwar, Mr. Zain Bashir, Mr.

Jawed Happy, Mr. Asif Tata, Mr. Shahid Surti, Mr. Shehzad Ahmed. Mr. Miftah Ismaeel, Special Assistant to PM on Economic Affairs was also present during the meeting.

Earlier, in a separate meeting, a delegation of Young Presidents Organization, led by Mr. Mahmood Maulvi called on the Prime Minister at Governor House, Karachi. Delegation members included Mr. Ali Jameel, Mr. Jameel Yousuf, Khawaja Iqbal Hassan, Mr. Abbas D. Habib, Mr. Abrar Hassan, Mr. Razi ur Rahman Khan, Ms. Maheen Rehman, Mr. Sohail Taba, Mr. Ghais Khan, Mr. Amin Lakhany, Mr. Nadeem Lodhi, Mr. Adnan Sarfaraz, Mr. Muhammad Ali Habib and Mr. Ahmed Zuberi.—NNI

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Banks asked to address imbalances: Rs1trn agri credit target set for FY18

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KARACHI: Setting a strategic target of Rs 1 trillion for agricultural credit disbursement for this fiscal year, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has advised the financial institutions to treat agriculture financing as strategic part of their overall credit growth policy.

Chairing the meeting of Agricultural Credit Advisory Committee (ACAC) in Quetta on Saturday, SBP Governor Tariq Bajwa urged banks to address geographical and sectoral imbalances by achieving Rs 1 trillion agri credit target for FY 2017-18

A statement was issued after the ACAC meeting. The meeting was attended by senior officers of SBP, presidents and executives of commercial banks, specialized banks, microfinance banks and Islamic banks, representatives from federal and provincial governments, and chamber of agriculture/farmers associations.

Bajwa also stressed upon four key areas requiring special attention of all stakeholders which included strategizing the achievement of Rs 1 trillion disbursement target, increasing financial inclusion of smallholder farmers to address their credit needs, particularly for production loans, rationalizing the markup

rates on agri financing to pass on the benefit of historically low discount rate and increasing banks' footprint in underserved regions and provinces for reducing regional disparities.

Delivering his keynote address, Governor SBP also emphasized that in order to successfully harness the untapped potential of agriculture, it is necessary to meet the credit demand.

He highlighted critical challenges confronted by the industry that include provision of finance to small and marginalized farmers, addressing geographical and sectoral imbalances and financing to non-crop activities.

In particular, financial institutions need to come up with new ideas and products for spreading their outreach to remote and underserved areas such as Balochistan. He also stated that there is a huge scope and demand for Shariah-compliant agri financing products and recommended Islamic banks to increase their focus on Islamic agri financing, he added.

He said due to joint efforts by SBP and the industry for broadening access to finance in the country, formal credit disbursement by financial institutions has increased to Rs 704.5 billion

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in FY 16-17 from Rs 391.4 billion in FY 12-13, showing a steep increase of more than 80 percent in 4 years.

The key note address was followed by a presentation wherein the performance of banks on key indicators relevant to agricultural financing was reviewed. The participants deliberated on the way forward for credit enhancement in the underserved provinces/regions, especially Balochistan. During the meeting, the committee proposed that banks should designate at least 20 percent of total branches as agri lending branches and ensures availability of adequate Agri Credit Officers in such outlets, besides making agri finance a key indicator of banks' performance.

The ACAC proposed to link advances with the deposits mobilized from the province to ensure supply of agri credit in the underserved provinces. Banks should ensure the achievement of agri credit targets of underserved province particularly Balochistan, KPK, AJK and GB.

Banks also asked for adoption of automated land record management system and digital financial services and branchless banking channels to reduce operational cost and rationalize mark-up rates.

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The committee also stressed on capacity building of banks' officials and farmers awareness in underserved areas and use of service providers to support farmers in pre- and post-harvest activities and to increase access to agri. finance and other banking services.

While summing up the meeting, Bajwa shown his confidence on the banks' commitment to achieve agri credit target of Rs1,001

billion for FY 2017-18 and increase the outreach for agri borrowers by one million during FY 2017-18.

The governor SBP advised the financial institutions to treat agriculture financing as strategic part of their overall credit growth policy and encouraged them to explore new markets, develop innovative products, promote Islamic agri financing and create more linkages for improving livelihoods in the country.

He supported the idea of establishing 'Bank of Balochistan' to improve financial services in Balochistan.

He hoped that the financial institutions will achieve overall annual target for 2017-18 beside achieving their provincial/regional targets particularly in underserved areas such as Balochistan, KPK, Gilgit Baltistan and AJK.

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Iris system has no mechanism to judge size of company: FBR

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has said that the 'Iris' system, used for calculation of tax liability, has no mechanism to judge on its own whether the company is actually a small company or not, and is totally dependent on the information given in the company's profile.

According to the FBR's instructions issued to the field formations Saturday, Regional Tax Office-III, Karachi, has reported an issue to the IT Wing FBR, concerning the miscalculation of tax liability in the case of a company, where 'Iris' calculates the liability @25 percent whereas the subject company is not a small company. The reporting of this issue reveals a lack of understanding or the processes and the system and it is essential to clarify the situation so that such misunderstanding does not arise in any other Large Taxpayer Unit (LTU) or Regional Tax Office (RTO).

The calculation of tax liability in Iris is based on business rules embedded in the system. The decision on what rate to apply depends on the person type given in

the taxpayer's profile, if it is a small company according to the profile, the system will automatically apply the rate applicable to small companies. It is important to note here that the system has no mechanism to judge on its own whether the company is actually a small company or not, and is totally dependent on the information given in the person's profile. It is primary responsibility or the assessing officer to verify/identify the actual status or the taxpayer in the system before passing final order, the FBR said.

In case the person type of a company is wrong in the profile, there are two possible ways to rectify the same, as follows:

Firstly, the taxpayer applies for change or status of company through 'Iris', the application for change or rate of tax for companies is provided in the registration tab in the system. In response to the application, the concerned commissioner passes an order changing the person type of the company. As soon as the order is passed, the system will automatically amend the taxpayers profile and the correct rate will be

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applied when making tax calculation:

In case there is no application from the taxpayer, the concerned commissioner can email the request for change in the person type of the company from his official email address to itwing@fbr.gov.pk and the amendment in profile will be made.

All officers may be directed to ensure, at the time or making an assessment, that the company's profile reflects the correct person type and the correct rate is being applied. In case the profile needs to be amended, one or the above two options may be used.

Chief commissioners are further informed that IT wing is in the process of providing the facility to the commissioner to pass an order to this effect directly without any application from the taxpayer. This facility is expected to be available in Iris within a fortnight, after which there would be no need to email to IT wing for these issues and the commissioner will be enabled to change the rate in the system directly, the FBR added.

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THE RUPEE Firm trend

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KARACHI: Firmness prevailed on the money market on Saturday as the rupee sustained overnight levels against the dollar in the process of trading, dealers said.

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RATES: The rupee stayed out in relation to the dollar for buying and selling at Rs 106.60 and Rs 106.80 respectively, they said.

The rupee extended overnight slide versus the euro, losing 60 paisas for buying and selling at Rs 125.60 and Rs 127.00 respectively, they said.

At the weekend, the dollar fell to a three-week low against the euro and a one-week trough versus the yen on Friday after Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen made no reference to US monetary policy in her speech at the annual central bank research conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Investors were not expecting Yellen to make a policy statement anyway, but some market

participants were hoping for some signal on the Fed's planned balance sheet reduction, if not on the outlook for US interest rate hikes.

"At this point, there isn't too much for Yellen to add," said currency strategist Sireen Haraji of Mizuho Corporate Bank in New York.

"The FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) has been very clear in terms of communicating their intention to continue tightening policy very gradually, and I don't think they see anything to change that view."

Open Bid	Rs. 106.60
Open Offer	Rs. 106.80

RUPEE IN LAHORE: The Pak rupee showed strength as it appreciated against the US dollar in the local currency market on Saturday.

The US dollar commenced trading on a negative note following lack of buyers' interest in the currency

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market throughout the trading session. At the close, it slid to Rs 106.00 and Rs 106.05 on buying and selling side, respectively, as compared to the overnight closing rates of Rs 106.40 and Rs 106.65 respectively, local currency dealers said.

The local currency, however, continued to move both ways for another day versus the pound sterling. The British currency was bought and sold at Rs 134.80 and Rs 137.20 against Rs 134.90 and Rs 135.40 of Friday, they added.

RUPEE IN ISLAMABAD AND RAWALPINDI:

The value of rupee against the remained unchanged at the open currency markets of Islamabad and Rawalpindi here on Saturday.

The dollar opened at Rs 107.10 (buying) and Rs 107.20 (selling) against same last rate. It closed at Rs 107.10 (buying) and Rs 107.20 (selling) in evening session.

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Macroeconomic reforms may turn Pakistan into economic power: LCCI

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LAHORE: Macroeconomic reforms and necessary policy changes can turn Pakistan into an economic power that is a must to tackle the challenges posed by changing global scenario.

The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abdul Basit stated this while speaking at a seminar here Saturday. There is a dire need to get rid of the external influence to achieve the target of self-reliance and economic stability, he said. Those areas should be handled carefully that are hampering the collective growth of all sectors of economy, he added.

The LCCI President said the business community can play role of "economic force" in true sense of words therefore it should be facilitated and must be

taken into confidence on trade and industry related issues. He said the taxation related issues of business community should be resolved on priority to create environment conducive for business activities, he added. The government should also help manufacturing sector to reduce its production cost, he maintained. He asked the government to develop a clear policy for the loss-making public sector enterprises that are becoming an unbearable burden on the national economy and are eating up hundreds of billions of rupees annually. These PSEs should be pulled out from deficit that not impossible at all, he said.

The LCCI chief also suggested to the government to announce incentives for the private sector to give boost to

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exports and control fast widening trade deficit. "Pakistan's exports are restricted to a few destinations. Measures are direly needed to enhance export base by including more items and new export destinations", he said. In the 60s, collective exports of a number of Far Eastern countries were much smaller than Pakistan but today each country has bigger export than Pakistan and they achieved this milestone by giving proper consideration to the proposals of their respective business community, he said.

He said that at a time when the global trade is poised for faster than expected upward growth and climbing out of this painful economic recession by putting people back to work, the situation in Pakistan is needed to be improved.

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Prices of seed cotton, Binola hit season's low

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KARACHI: Prices of Binola and seed cotton touched season's low on the cotton market on Saturday, dealers said.

The official spot rate continued to fall, losing Rs 50 to Rs 5950, they said. In the ready session, over 20,000 bales of cotton changed hands between Rs 5900-6100, they said. In Sindh, seed cotton prices were down at Rs 2400-2700 and in Punjab rates of phutti at Rs 2500-2700 per 40 kg, they said.

As a result of comfortable supply, in Sindh, rates of Binola dipped at Rs 950-1000 and in Punjab prices were at Rs 1000 and Rs 1050, they said.

Cotton analyst, Naseem Usman said that prices may decline in the coming days due to modest improvement in arrival of seed cotton.

Fears of virus attack on crop are shedding after rains in the country, other brokers said.

Reuters adds: ICE cotton fell on Friday, after hitting an over two-week high earlier in the session, and snapped six straight sessions of gains as concerns of crop damage due to Hurricane Harvey faded in top US producing regions.

Cotton contracts for December settled down 1.68 cent, or 2.41 percent, at 68.15 cents per lb, snapping six straight sessions of gains. It traded within a range of 67.51 and 70 cents a lb, its highest since Aug. 10.

On ICE Futures US, speculators cut net long position in cotton by 6,516 contracts to 21,172 in week to Aug. 22, US Commodity Futures Trading Commission data showed on Friday. Total futures market volume rose by 11,341 to 28,120 lots. Data showed total open interest fell 973 to 226,412 contracts in the previous session.

The following deals reported: 1400 bales from Mirpurkhas at Rs

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5900/6000, 1000 bales from Shahpur Chakar, 1400 bales from Sanghar all done at the same rates, 1400 bales from Hyderabad at Rs 5950/6000, 1000 bales from Tando Adam, 1200 bales from Kotri all finalised at the same rates, 800 bales from Khipro at Rs 5975-6000, 400 bales from Maqsooda done at Rs 6000, same figure from Sinjoro, 1600 bales from Nawabshah done at the same rates, 200 bales from Pir Mehal at Rs 6100, 400 bales from Samundri, same figure from Toba Tek Sindh, 200 bales from Hasilpur, 1200 bales from Vehari, 1000 bales from Haroonabad, 800 bales from Bahawalpur, same number from Gojra, 600 bales from Chichawatni, 400 bales from Chistian, same number from Kabirwala, same number from Khanewal, same figure from Bakhar, 400 bales from Rajanpur, 600 bales from Alipur, 400 bales from Mian Chano and 600 bales from Bahawal Nagar all done at the same rate, they said.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KCA OFFICIAL SPOT RATES FOR 2016-17 FOR LOCAL DEALINGS IN PAK RUPEES FOR BASE GRADE 3 STAPLE LENGTH 1-1/16" MICRONAIRE VALUE BETWEEN 3.8 TO 4.9 NCL

Rate For	Ex-Gin Price	Upcountry Expenses	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi As on 25.08.2017	Difference Ex-Karachi in Rupees
37.324 Kgs Equivalent	5,950	145	6,095	6,145	-50
40 Kgs	6,377	155	6,532	6,585	-53

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Faisalabad yarn and fibre prices

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FAISALABAD: Cotton yarn rates in rupees per 10 Lbs on Saturday (August 26, 2017).

6-8/S Cone (Cotton)

ARY
470.00

Sher
400.00

Nelibar
590.00

Al-Falah
500.00

Chagi
400.00

Shaheen
400.00

Nelum
400.00

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10/S Cone (Cotton)

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Sufi
470.00

Model
660.00

Adil
500.00

Neilum
520.00

Nelibar
650.00

Owais
490.00

Gold
560.00

Urooj
520.00

Shaheen
460.00

Al-Falah
480.00

Zam
480.00

A.T.M
500.00

Sun
450.00

Apple
660.00

Soft

Karni

Star

Zam

flower

Soft

Apple
640.00

Ton-Ton
620.00

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10/S Cone (Soft)

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Es
970.00

S.B.
930.00

Kinoo
960.00

Malta
1010.00

Ayesha
930.00

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12-14/S Cone (Cotton)

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Super 760.00	Motia	Prince 1100.00	W	Tayyab 1170.00
Model 740.00		Acro 980.00		Ejaz 1170.00
Qadri 620.00		Apple 820.00		Khokar 1200.00
Adil 630.00		----- --		----- --
----- --		20/S Cone (Cotton)		22/S Cone (Cotton Warp)
16-18/S Cone (Cotton)		----- --		----- --
----- --		Zahidjee 1220.00		Crescent 1250.00
Nova 690.00		Anmool 1210.00		Yahya 1250.00
Chagi 680.00		J.K. 1200.00		HAR 1250.00
Adil 690.00		Pamra 1190.00		Tayyab 1250.00
Model 800.00		Bajwah 1170.00		Polo 1250.00
Neeli 1140.00	Bar	Darulsalam 1190.00		Ulfat 1250.00
Super 790.00	Motia	Hadabia 1190.00		----- --
Prince 730.00		Rashim 1190.00		24/S Cone (Cotton Warp)

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Crescent 1280.00	Glamour 1340.00	Ahmad 1390.00
Prince 1280.00	Pamera 1430.00	Malikwal 1420.00
Concord 1260.00	J.K. 1370.00	Chand 1390.00
H.A.R. 1260.00	Gulistan 1500.00	J.K. 1475.00
Silver 1280.00	Lines	Ujalla 1390.00
		Target 1430.00
ATM 1280.00	Khalid 1420.00	Shafique
		Hadabiya 1410.00
Anmool 1280.00	Shafi 1300.00	A 1400.00
		Three
Glamour 1290.00	Chakwal 1500.00	Araian 1400.00
----- --	Anmool 1390.00	Al-Qadir 1400.00
30/S Cone (Cotton Warp)	Ittehad 1390.00	Tophy 1475.00
----- --	Hadabiya 1400.00	H.H. 1400.00
Al 1390.00	Noor	----- --
Crescent 1400.00	32/S Cone (Cotton)	40/S Cone (Combed Cotton)

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JK 1650.00		Super 1510.00	Shaheen	Alcott 1925.00	
JK 1520.00	Carded	Darul 1500.00	Islam	Ittihad 1950.00	
Acro 1675.00		Four-G 1530.00		Suraj 2075.00	
Nishat 1675.00		A. 1500.00	Three	Al-Nasar 1950.00	
Betray 1575.00		Azam 1500.00		Tanveer 1975.00	
Ittihad 1550.00		Wasal 1480.00	Kamal	Sultan 1725.00	
Al-Nasar 1675.00		Super 1510.00	Gold	Diamond 1775.00	
Ejaz 1650.00		Jubilee 1480.00		Koyal 1950.00	
Superior 1625.00		Babri 1510.00		Malikwal 1675.00	
Nisar 1675.00		Sally 1520.00		Parado 1675.00	
Three-G 1510.00		----- --		Four 1925.00	Star
Suraj 1725.00		52/S Cone (Combed Cotton)		Nisar 2025.00	
Alcott 1700.00		----- --		Prime 1670.00	Plus

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Saif 1800.00		Gujjar 2175.00	Khan		
				Gold 2525.00	King
Super 1675.00	Shaheen	Pagri 2150.00		Super 2550.00	King
Ejaz 1900.00		Deen 2150.00		Mapel 2750.00	Leaf
Habib 1900.00		Alam 2125.00		Amjad 2700.00	
Colony 1700.00		Saphair 2075.00		Khan 2575.00	Buhadur
Umer 1650.00	auto	----- --		Admiral 2225.00	
Two-G 1670.00		72-74/S Cone (Cotton)		Commander 2625.00	
----- --		----- --		Four 2800.00	Star
60/S Cone (Combed Cotton)		Prime 2250.00		Rolex 2800.00	
----- --		Commander 2250.00		Diamond 2850.00	Gate
Nishat 2200.00		N.P. 2275.00		AI 2750.00	Falah
J.K. 2100.00		Tower 2375.00		Chairman 2825.00	
Mapal 2150.00	Leaf	----- --		Battery 2825.00	
Koyal 2150.00		80/S Cone (Cotton)		Shanshah 2650.00	
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----- --	Wasal 104.00	Kamal	Metro 102.00
30-31/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)	North 105.00	Star	----- --
----- --	Super 110.00	Khuwaja	38/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)
Gold 140.39	Star Anaar 115.00		----- --
Sun 131.30	Action 101.00		Gold 151.50
JK 109.00	Marjan 110.00		A.D. 112.00
Bilal 107.00	Pak 106.00	Panther-II	Multan 112.00
Tahir 111.00	Rafique Nayab 111.00		Golden 115.00
Zahidjee 107.00	Kiran 110.00		Kirshma 107.00
Bashir 114.00	NP 110.00		Al-Azhar 115.00
Shadman 107.00	Mehtabi 110.00		Sarhad 112.00
Sarfraz 106.00	H.T.M 107.00		Aslam 109.00
Cherry 106.00	K.K. 110.00		Corolla 117.00
Khalid 107.00	Nazir Ruby 113.00		Royal 100.00

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Chairman	(N)	Ahmad	Fine	Mazan 131.00
114.00		169.00		-----
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--		Asheana		
		202.00		26/S Cone (PV)
40/S Cone (Polyester Cotton)		-----		-----
		--		--
-----		40/2 Cone (AV)		
--		-----		AA 121.20
A.A.		--		
161.60				Ashiana 120.18
Mehtabi		Koiyal		
122.00		189.00		MM 97.00
Shadab		Super	LG	
130.00		176.00		Blue 98.00
Mazan		A.J.		Star
123.00		176.00		Super 100.00
-----		Ahmad	Fine	Jett
--		183.00		Shuttle 95.00
40/S Cone (AV)		-----		
		--		M-4 101.00
-----		30/S Cone (CVC)		
--		-----		Bemisal 94.00
Koiyal		--		
171.00				Ghuri 96.00
Super	LG	Ayesha		
163.00		125.00		U-2 97.00
A.J.		SUN		
169.00		135.65		

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Cheeta 92.00		Shahzad-H 105.00		
				44-46/S Cone (PV)
U-7 91.00		Shuttle 101.00		----- --
Triple 94.00	two	Bemisal 101.00		A.A. 171.70
AJ 96.00	Gold	Shuttle 104.00	less	Ashiana 170.68
Candle 96.00		Cheeta 100.00		Sapna 154.00
Jaguar 97.00		Candle 104.00		Super 120.00
				Jet
----- --		Target 101.00		Bemisal 119.00
34-36/S Cone (PV)		U-7 100.00		Marghala 120.00
----- --		Royal 94.00		U-2 120.00
A.A. 143.42		Spin 103.00	Cott	Cheeta 119.00
Ashiana 142.40		H.R. 101.00		Target 121.00
Sapna 135.00		S.S. 113.00		S.S. 134.00
Blue 104.00	Star	Tanveer 113.00		----- --
Super 104.00	Jett	----- --		65/S Cone (PV)

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--	Shadman 125.00		
		Saif 1590.00	
Ashiana 224.22	Ellahi 129.00		
		Four 1590.00	Star
U-2 160.00	Dewan 109.00		
		A.J. 1610.00	
Bemisal 163.00	U-2 112.00		
		Fazal 1620.00	Cloth
Ghori 160.00	-----		
	--	L.G. 1600.00	
Cheeta 160.00	60/S Cone PP		
		Super 1590.00	Gold
A.J 163.00	-----		
	--	Azam 1610.00	
Tanveer 160.00	Zamin 133.00		
		Best 1630.00	
Maqbool 160.00	Anwar 125.00		
		K.P.K. 1550.00	
L.G. 160.00	Taj 125.00	Mahal	
		Colony 1510.00	
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	36-38/S Cone (Staple)	Martial 1590.00	
34/S Cone PP			
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	Diamond 1640.00	Gate	30/S Cone (Ecrylic)
Zamin 108.00			
	Marghala 1600.00	-----	
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Koial
171.00

Saif
179.00

Combine
167.00

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40/S Cone (Ecrylic)

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Koial
187.00

Saif
192.00

Combine
176.00

Pagri
190.00

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Karachi Yarn Market Rate

RECORDER

REPORT

KARACHI: Karachi Yarn Market Rates on Saturday (August 26, 2017).		Popular 1120.00	Fibre	Indus 1260.00	Dyeing
CONES CARDED 10/1		Abdullah 1150.00	Textile	Abdullah 1220.00	Textile
Popular 920.00	Fibre	Indus 1190.00		Lucky 1230.00	Cotton
Diwan 950.00		A. A. 1200.00	Cotton	A. A. 1300.00	Cotton
Tritex 930.00		Tritex 1170.00		Diwan 1240.00	
12/1		Bajwa 1210.00		----- -	
Nadeem 1115.00	Textile	21/1		CONES CARDED	
Indus 1140.00		Al-Karam(A.K) 1250.00		----- -	
Popular 1080.00	Fibre	Suriya 1250.00	Tex	22/1	
Bajwa 1150.00		United 1210.00		Bajwa 1270.00	
16/1		Gul Ahmed 1250.00	(G.Lite)	United 1260.00	
Nadeem 1170.00	Textile	Popular 1220.00	Fibre	24/1	
United 1170.00		Shadman 1240.00		A. A. 1370.00	Cotton
				Tritex 1320.00	

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26/1		Al-Karam 1430.00			40/1	
AL-Karam 1370.00		Jubilee 1350.00	Spinning		Indus 1740.00	CF
Dewan 1320.00		GulAhmed(G.Lite) 1430.00			20/2	
Amin 1350.00	Text	Lucky 1350.00	Cotton		GulAhmed 1340.00	
Shadman 1350.00	Cotton	Diamond 1400.00	Intl		Amin 1350.00	
Diamond 1320.00	Intl	A. A. 1480.00	Cotton	Hosiery	Indus 1360.00	Dyeing
Popular 1300.00	Spinning	32/1			Bajwa 1350.00	
Ishtiaq 1320.00	Textile	Abdullah 1380.00		Textile	Shadman 1340.00	Cotton
Lucky 1320.00	Cotton	40/1			42/1	
A. A. 1450.00	Cotton	Lucky 1650.00		Cotton	Abdullah 1650.00	Textile
	Hosiery	52/1			52/1	
28/1		Lucky 1700.00		Cotton	Abdullah 1750.00	Textile
Abdullah 1350.00	Textile	-----				
		-			20/1. SLUB	
30/1		COMBED CONE			Abdullah 1300.00	Textile
Amin 1450.00	Tex.	-----				
		-			30/1 SLUB	

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Abdullah 1520.00	Textile	Masal 870.00	
			Rupali 75/128 INT DTY 100.00
60/1		----- -	
Abdullah 1750	Textile	RATES OF PAKISTANI/IMPORTED POLYESTER	Local 115.00 Imported 75/72 INT DTY 83.00
70/1		-----	
Abdullah 1850	Textile	-	Local 105.00 Imported 75/144 INT DTY 83.00
----- -		YARN (PER LBS) + GST	
CHEES CONES		----- -	Local 110.00 Imported 50/36 FDY 90.00
----- -			Rupali 300/96/ INT DTY 80.00
10/1		Local 130.00	Mill Imported 300/96/ INT DTY 70.00
Kasim 700.00	Tex	Rupali NA 75/78 FDY	Local 66.00 Mill
Latif 700.00	Tex.(Latif)	Import 75/72 FDY	Rupali 300/96/0 DTY 74.00
Super 690.00		Local 82.00	Mill Imported 300/96 DTY 69.00
Abdullah 690.00	Textile (OE)	Rupali 75/36/0 & 75/24 DT 90.00	Local 63.00 Mill
16/1. (O.E.)		Imported 75/36/0 DTY 84.00	Rupali 75/24 INT DTY 100.00
Kasim 880.00	Textile	Local 83.00	Mill Imported 75/36 INT DTY 96.00

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A. 148.00	A.	Cotton	A.	A.	Cotton	Stallion 100.00
8/1			P.C. COMBED			K. 112.00
A. 95.00	A.	Cotton (52 48)	20/1. PC			Al-Karam 112.00
10/1			A.A.SMLCARDED 125.00			AA SML (Carded) 133.00
Zainab 117.00			Zainab 125.00		(Combed)	A. A. Cotton (Carded) 123.00
A. 95.00	A.	Cotton	A. A.	Cotton	(Carded)	A. A. Cotton CVC (65 : 35) 114.00
Lucky 135.00		Cotton	A. A. Cotton CVC (65 : 35) 110.00			36/1. PC
12/1			24/1. PC			IFL Tex(Combed) 151.00
A. 100.00	A.	Cotton	A. A.	SML	Carded	A. A. Cotton 140.00
14/1			Zainab 130.00		(Combed)	40/1 PC
Zainab 120.00		Tex	A.	A.	Cotton	A.A. Textile (Combed) 161.00
A. 105.00	A.	Cotton	25/1			45/1 PC
16/1			A.A. 117.00		Cotton	Zainab 174.00
AA SML Carded (52 48) 116.00			30/1. PC (52 : 48)			10/1 CVC
IFL 122.00	(52	48)	Zainab 140.00	Textile	(combed)	A. A. Cotton (60:40) 100.00

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S.P.V. Ind. 51 MM
Indonesia 240.00

ACRYLIC FIBER
K.G

Monty 1.2x51 Italy
210.00

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Acelon Korea 1.2x51
210.00



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‘Govt to reduce cost of doing business’

The Newspaper's Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Minister for Commerce Pervaiz Malik is addressing the closing ceremony of the 19th Poultry Expo at the Expo Centre on Saturday. Representatives of the poultry sector demand that the price regulation should be done away with as it reduces demand and hurts their business.

LAHORE: The government is making efforts to reduce the cost of doing business for the poultry sector as well as removing hurdles, Federal Minister for Commerce Mohammad Pervaiz Malik said on Saturday.

He was speaking at the concluding ceremony of the three-day 19th International Poultry Expo-2017 (IPEX-2017). The event was organised by the Pakistan Poultry Association (PPA) in cooperation with 16 public sector universities including University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS).

The minister said due to the efforts of the government, the United Arab Emirates lifted a ban on imports of poultry products from Pakistan.

“The government highly values the importance of the poultry sector and we will surely find out the ways to foster a level playing field,” Mr Malik added.

On the occasion, poultry exporters urged the government to discourage imports, boost exports and reduce cost of doing business to save the sector.

“Regulating or fixing prices causes reduction in demand, leading to destruction of the relevant industry. For the last 15 years we have been protesting over massive increase in the cost of doing business and taxation. So why does the government want to hamper the world’s 10th largest poultry sector?” PPA Central Chairman Khalil Sattar questioned.

If the government allows the sector to export 10 per cent of the total production in the Halal market, it will give a boost to the poultry industry, he added. The PPA chairman requested the commerce minister to manage the induction of professionals in the livestock division of the Ministry of Food Security.

Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Abdul Basit said that only the poultry sector could support the volume of Pakistani exports.

“This sector has involved an overall investment of Rs600 billion. We should call for increasing our poultry exports by putting a ban on imports,” he said.

IPEX-2017 attracted local manufacturers, breeders, food nutritionists, feed producers and other stakeholders.

As many as 150 foreign delegates from various countries including China and Japan showcased their products.

Talking to Dawn, a Chinese delegate Ms Susan Han said, “Pakistan has emerged as a major poultry market and cannot be ignored.”

“We have been attending this event for long and our items are liked by Pakistanis engaged in the poultry businesses,” Ms Han added.



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Cotton prices slide

The Newspaper's Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Buying spree was witnessed at the cotton market on Saturday where prices moved further lower due to higher phutti (seed cotton) arrival and smooth availability of quality cotton.

The sudden decline in cotton seed (binola) prices pushed phutti prices further down. Resultantly, cotton prices also declined further which attracted spinners who had been operating cautiously owing to slow off-take of cotton yarn and fabric in the domestic market.

Sindh variety cotton moved below Rs6,000 per maund, a fall of around Rs200 to Rs300 and Punjab quality declined to Rs6,100 per maund, down Rs150 per maund from earlier.

Phutti prices reeled down to Rs2,500 to Rs2,750 for Sindh quality and Rs2,600 to Rs2,750 per 40kg for Punjab variety.

Meanwhile, a new spell of rains in Sindh has affected phutti quality

as excess moisture directly impacts cotton. This had been a main factor for lower cotton prices of Sindh variety.

In Punjab, many cotton growing areas are witnessing rising attacks of whitefly and pink bollworm. Besides, hot weather is impacting the growth of cotton plants due to which less cotton balls are maturing.

The world cotton markets remained firm on Saturday after an initial setback recorded by New York cotton on fears of Hurricane Harvey hitting Texas – a major cotton growing state. However, the market later recovered on reports of the cyclone diverting to other areas.

After selling up to 95 per cent of previous stocks, Chinese cotton market also recovered and closed firm. The India cotton market closed firm after witnessing swings in prices earlier in the week.

The Karachi Cotton Association (KCA) also had to cut spot rates for second consecutive session by Rs50 to Rs5,950 per maund.

The following deals were reported on Saturday: 1,400 bales, Mirpurkhas, at Rs5,900 to Rs6,000; 1,000 bales, Shahpur Chakar, at Rs5,900 to Rs6,000; 1,400 bales, Sanghar, at Rs5,900 to Rs6,000; 2,000 bales, Shahdadpur, at Rs5,900 to Rs6,000; 1,400 bales, Hyderabad, at Rs5,950 to Rs6,000; 1,000 bales; Tando Adam, at Rs5,950 to Rs6,000; 1,200 bales, Kotri, at Rs5,950 to Rs6,000; 1,600 bales, Nawabshah, at Rs6,000; 1,200 bales, Vehari, at Rs6,100; 1,000 bales, Haroonabad, at Rs6,100; 800 bales, Bahawalpur, at Rs6,100; 800 bales, Gojra, at Rs6,100; 600 bales, Alipur, at Rs6,100; and 600 bales, Bahawal Nagar, at Rs6,100.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KCA OFFICIAL SPOT RATES FOR 2015-16 FOR LOCAL DEALINGS IN PAK RUPEES FOR BASE GRADE 3 STAPLE LENGTH 1-1/32" MICRONAIRE VALUE BETWEEN 3.8 TO 4.9 NCL			
Rate For	Ex-Gin Price	Upcountry Expenses	Spot Rate Ex-Karachi
37.324 Kgs Equivalent	6,950	135	6,095
40 Kgs	6,377	145	6,532

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Leather, fabric importers entitled to concessionary value-addition tax

KARACHI: Import of finished goods related to five-export oriented sectors will continue to bear a concessional two percent value-addition tax in addition to 17 percent sales tax, sources said on Saturday.

The sources said Pakistan Customs believed that since an amendment was made in a concessionary regime applicable from July 1, 2017 concessions or value addition tax of two percent instead of normal three percent should not be available on the import of finished articles of leather and artificial leather, textile and textile made-ups.

The department approached the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to explain the status of statutory regulatory order (SRO1125(I)/2011), promising concessions, after the new notification.

Sources said FBR replied that imports of finished goods belonging to five export-oriented

sectors covered by the said SRO are entitled to 17 percent sales tax along with two percent value addition tax. The concessionary status remains unchanged even after the new notification (SRO583(I)/2017).

An official at Inland Revenue said the imports of raw materials by manufacturers of five export-oriented sectors are allowed concessions and exemptions under the old SRO.

The official said if they import finished goods covered under the SRO they are liable to pay sales tax of 17 percent, but there will be no value addition tax. But, a commercial importer is liable to pay value addition tax of two percent on import of finished goods at the time of clearance.

In August, FBR announced to refund or adjust the amount mistakenly deducted under the sales tax head till June 30 to the importers of fabrics.

The sources said the FBR allowed the compensation to fabrics importers, who paid higher sales tax at the time of clearance due to 'misinterpretation' of zero-rating by customs authorities. The tax has been deducted for almost the last one year.

Inland Revenue wing of the FBR directed all chief commissioners to examine the goods declaration filed by the importers and the higher sales tax collected by the customs authorities.

Sources said the importers of finished fabrics were entitled to zero-rated sales tax till June 30, but the customs authorities deducted five percent tax on the grounds that the relief of concessionary rate was restricted only to the industrial importers.

Consequently, the commercial importers demanded of the tax authorities to pay back their amount, terming the action of the customs department as discretionary.

SBP calls for rationalisation of markup rates on agri financing

KARACHI: Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Tariq Bajwa stressed the need of rationalisation of markup rates on agriculture financing to pass on the benefit of historically low interest rate and increase financial inclusion of smallholder farmers.

Bajwa said it is necessary to meet the credit demand of farmers to harness untapped potential of agriculture sector.

“Financial institutions need to come up with new ideas and products for spreading their outreach to remote and underserved areas like Balochistan,” he said in a statement on Saturday. “There is a huge scope and demand for Shariah compliant agriculture financing products.”

Governor SBP, addressing a meeting of Agricultural Credit Advisory Committee (ACAC) in Quetta, recommended Islamic banks to increase their focus on Islamic agriculture financing.

He advised the financial institutions to treat agriculture financing as strategic part of their overall credit growth policy, urging them “to explore new markets, develop innovative products, promote Islamic agriculture financing and create more linkages for improving livelihoods in the country.”

Bajwa said critical challenges, including provision of finance to small and marginalised farmers, geographical and sectoral

imbalances and financing to non-crop activities need to be addressed.

He commended the ACAC members on surpassing the Rs700 billion agri-credit target for the fiscal year of 2016/17, asking them to strategise the achievement of Rs1 trillion disbursement target in the current fiscal year of 2017/18, meeting credit needs of smallholder farmers, particularly for production loans and increasing bank’s footprint in underserved regions and provinces for reducing regional disparities.

The central bank’s head said SBP is playing an active role in promoting agriculture financing in the country.

“Due to joint efforts by SBP and the industry for broadening access to finance in the country, formal credit disbursement by financial institutions has increased to Rs704.5 billion in FY16-17 from Rs391.4 billion in FY12-13, showing a steep increase of more than 80 percent in 4 years,” he said.

Bajwa hoped that banks would meet the agri-credit target and increase outreach of agriculture borrowers by one million during the current fiscal year, particularly in underserved areas like Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir. He also expected them to enhance farmer’s productivity through availability of credit in extension services, farm

mechanisation, storage facilities, marketing and procurement.

Governor SBP supported the idea of establishing Bank of Balochistan to improve financial services in the province.

ACAC proposed some measures to enhance credit in the underserved provinces/regions.

The committee said banks should designate at least 20 percent of their branches as agricultural lending branches and ensure availability of adequate agri-credit officers in such outlets. They should ensure achievement of agri-credit targets of underserved provinces.

ACAC said advances should be linked with the deposits mobilised from a particular province to ensure supply of agri-credit in the underserved provinces. Agricultural financing should be made a key indicator of banks’ performance.

The committee also sought adoption of automated land record management system and digital financial services and branchless banking channels to reduce operational cost and rationalise mark-up rates.

Banks should build capacity of their officials and raise awareness in underserved areas, it said.

Farmers should be assisted in access to financing and other banking services.

Steps being taken to stabilise cotton price

LAHORE - The Punjab government is fully aware of problems of cotton growers and necessary steps are being taken with the consultation of stakeholders to stabilise prices of cotton. According to a Punjab

Agriculture department spokesman, farmers have been suggested to stop selling "phutti" during Eid days as people take less interest in purchasing "Phutti" during holidays. Punjab Agriculture Secretary Muhammad

Mehmood took notice of those who spread rumours regarding prices of cotton and directed the authorities concerned to take strict action against them.

Census data to play vital role in planning, policy-building: Dar

Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD - Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday said that reliable data gathered from the census will play a vital role in adequate planning, policy-building, and effective delivery of services to the people of Pakistan.

He expressed these remarks while reviewing financial expenditures of the 6th Population & Housing Census 2017. The finance secretary, senior officials of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) and Ministry of Finance participated in the meeting. Following the presentation of provisional results of census to the Council of Common Interests (CCI), the

PBS team briefed the minister on the financial costs incurred on the census exercise, as well as relevant financial procedures and allied matters.

Dar was informed that the census expenditure included security costs, expenditure on provision of transport for field staff, and remuneration charges to enumerators. The PBS team apprised the minister that a significant portion of the census expenditure was made through the district administration of the respective districts and the rendering of accounts from them in this regard is currently under process.

Dar said that the successful completion of the 6th Population & Housing Census 2017 by the present government was a major milestone for the country, as it is of high national importance and was long overdue. He stated that all the requisite financial resources for the exercise were made available to PBS on time for this important task. The minister directed that the rendering of accounts by the deputy administration for expenditures incurred on census should be expedited and all financial matters should be finalised diligently with complete transparency.