



PRESS RELEASE

All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) issued the following Press Release

COLOR CHANGE IN FERTILIZER BAGS TO IMPROVE COTTON QUALITY

ISLAMABAD, 1st JULY 2021 – Pakistani ginned cotton contains threads of nylon which comes from polypropylene contamination fertilizer bags as lady pickers make picking bags or sheets from these bags and this is the biggest and worst contaminant in cotton. Contamination in hand-picked cotton is one of the most pressing issues concerning the quality and value of cotton. Untrained cotton pickers from field to low ginned quality standards all add to cotton fetching lower value in the market.

Due to white colored or transparent fertilizer bags nylon threads mixed with cotton and cannot be identified during ginning process which increases the processing losses and lowers the quality of output of yarns. This poor quality cotton in terms of its physical properties not only raises the processing costs at the initial input and intermediate stages but also reduces the output and quality of the final textiles, yarns, fabrics and apparels.

One of low-hanging fruits is to arrange fertilizer bags in a florescent color rather than white or transparent, so that contamination may be easily identified. Your cooperation is required in this matter would enhance the quality as well as the value of cotton for the benefits of farmers, the textile and the country's economy. I remain available to discuss the issue and provide any assistance that may be required for implementation.

Forwarded for favor of publication in your esteemed newspaper / transmission.

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