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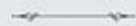
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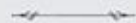
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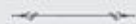
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Highlights of Activities



Locust Monitoring Surveillance & Control Activity

LOCUST OUTBREAK AND ITS MANAGEMENT IN PUNJAB

PREPARATORY EFFORTS

- Secretary Agriculture visited Bahawalpur and held meeting with Commissioner and concerned departments.
- Issued alert to all concerned about invasion of desert locust.
- Joint survey of desert areas in Cholistan with DPP teams in May, 2019.
- Liaison with DG, DPP and Extension Departments of Sindh and Baluchistan.
- Meetings with Commissioners, DG Khan & Bahawalpur.
- Meetings with PCPA and CLP for cooperation and provision of pesticides.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Trained 155 officers/ Master trainers of Agriculture, Livestock, Forest and Revenue Department and Cholistan Development Authority (CDA).

ACTION PLAN

- Agriculture Department prepared "Punjab Locust control Plan 2019".
- 158 teams of Agriculture Department deployed for Surveillance / Control of Locust in Multan, Bahawalpur and DG Khan.
- Locust Control Room established at Tehsil, District and Divisional level in Bahawalpur, Multan and DG Khan.

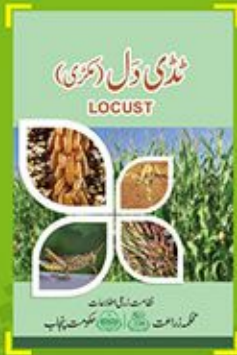
MEN AND MATERIALS

- Contingency plan of aforementioned departments prepared.
- PCPA donated 10,000 liters of pesticides to Punjab to combat locust menace.
- Syngenta Pakistan donated 400 Knapsack spray machines, 200 small ULV machines which are being used with pesticide available for targeting solitary locust and in small groups at hopper stage.
- Tender for procurement of 10,000 liters of Malathion ULV floated by Punjab Government.

LOCUST SURVEILLANCE AND ACTION TAKEN

- On 8.7.2019, a divisional team under supervision of MD CDA proceeded to Locust infested areas pointed by DPP, namely, Toba Habibwala and Nasand of Tehsil Yazman alongside Indian border and eliminated Locust attacks from areas of Panjuwala, Chattiwala, Old track from Panjuwala and Jinduwala where locust were present from few numbers to 2000-2500.
- A Tehsil team of Ext + PW controlled with pesticides the solitary locust adults present in cropping areas of Goth Dargahi, UC Dhundi, Tehsil Sadiqabad.
- In Rajanpur, teams at UC level surveying the barren land areas of Uzman (35Km band) of Tehsil Rojhan ad joining to Baluchistan and Sindh Provinces and no locust infestation has been found there so far.
- On 15.7.2019, the areas of Tehsil Sadiqabad (10 Km belt of sand dunes Chak 219/P, 263/P and 264/P) small groups of desert locust successfully controlled by 25 teams of Agriculture extension, Pest Warning and





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LOCUST MONITORING AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL

- Provincial Locust Control Cell established in Agriculture Department.
- Chief Secretary Punjab on 9.7.2019 convened second meeting and constituted a Working Group under Chairmanship of Senior Member Board of Revenue and Secretaries of Agriculture, Livestock and Dairy Development, Revenue, Forest Wildlife & Fisheries Departments, DG PDMA and MD of Cholistan Development Authority as members.
- The meeting of allocation committee held on 18.07.2019 and finalized procurement of 10,000 liters Malathion ULV.

ROLE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- DPP has two teams i.e. One each at RY Khan and Bahawalpur
- One survey vehicle and 3 Spray Mounted vehicles with DPP.
- Pesticide Malathion ULV being used through these machine provided by DPP.
- Funds provided for 6 sprayers by Federal Government for Punjab Province
- DPP has surveyed over 40,000 hectares in Punjab and 240 hectares treated.
- 4 vehicle mounted sprayers are available with DPP.
- 3 teams comprising of 5 person in each vehicle are working.
- 700 liter pesticide has been provided for spray in Cholistan area.
- Provision of one aeroplane by DPP for Punjab as and when needed.

