

***REPORT OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN RESPECT OF  
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK FOR  
THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER 2007.***

**AGRICULTURAL PRICES INSTITUTE.**

**Policy Report:**

- The work on support price policy for wheat 2007-08 crop is at last stage.

**Chairman's Meetings**

- Meeting held with Agriculture Department, Irrigation, Revenue, Livestock, Private Seed, Fertilizer, Pesticide Companies, Dealers, Water Management, FSC, FSC&RC officials and also discussed agriculture related problems with farmers of the area in Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan Muzaffar Garh and Multan, also visited cotton fields during the journey on 01-09-2007.
- Visited Central Cotton Research Institute, Multan and discussed cotton situation on 2-9-2007.
- Accompanied the FAM for the meeting with Chief Minister, Sindh on Sugar Policy 2007-08 at Karachi on 3-9-2007.
- Accompanied the FAM during his visit to Hyderabad, Sindh, and also attended two days Annual Agriculture Conference of the Federation of Chambers of Agriculture at Hyderabad on 8-9-2007 and 9-9-2007 respectively.
- Meeting held with Vice President, PCCC Karachi and discussed cotton situation on 10-9-2007.
- Participated in the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PCCC's Governing Committee chaired by the FAM on 11-9-2007.
- As per instructions by FAM on the reports/complaints of farmers and farmers associations that the standing rice crop is under heavy attack of leaf folder (insect-pest) in Hyderabad, Shikarpur, Shahzadkot, Khairpur, Larkana and Sukkur districts and held meetings in this regard with Agriculture Department officials/farmers associations to take necessary measures in this regard from 12 to 14 and 16 September, 2007 respectively.
- On 23-9-2007 meeting held with EDO Agriculture and Farmers at Mirpurkhas and visited Cotton and Chillies fields at Kunri (district Umerkot).
- Participated in the first meeting of the Committee for Estimation of Agriculture Credit Requirements based on cropped area organized by State Bank of Pakistan at Karachi on 24-9-2007.
- Attended meeting on Crop Maximization Programme which has been launched in Sindh with Secretary Agriculture in his office on 25-9-2007.

### **Policy Analysis**

- A brief was given to the Secretary MinFAL on Economics of Sugarcane and competing crops.
- Compiled data on Minor Agriculture Commodities for comprehensive analysis of producer and consumer prices of domestic markets for the year 2005-06.
- Collected data regarding sugarcane/sugar for estimating latest parity prices.
- Collected and analysed the data regarding production and export of various agriculture commodities for the years 2001-02 to 2006-07 for FTAs.
- Prepared and delivered comprehensive presentations on sugar and sugarcane prices in Secretaries Committee Meeting chaired by Dr. Salman Shah held on 11-9-2007.
- Estimated direct and indirect subsidy on agriculture sector.
- Working on CCS and Louisiana Formula for determining Sugar yield from cane.
- Study on the issue of agriculture Income Tax is being conducted as assigned by the MinFAL.
- Review of literature for the study on Terms of Trade for Agriculture is in hand.
- Collected data regarding Green Box Expenditure under Federal and Provincial PSDPs.
- Prepared comprehensive Notifications and Domestic Support for WTO for the year 2000-01 to 2005-06.
- Revised comments on Pakistan's Trade Policy Review 2008.

### **Restructuring of APCom**

- A presentation on API was given to MinFAL.

### **Pakistan Journal of Agriculture Economics.**

- Work on the finalization of Research Papers to be published in the next issue of Pakistan Journal of Agriculture Economics of the API is in progress.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Installation of DSL line – connected 15 computers with Internet through LAN is in progress.
- Prepared questionnaire for conducting main field survey on wheat crop and conducted a meeting of technical experts of API with the Chairman.
- Configured and installed necessary software on LAN, and supervised its connectivity on daily basis.
- Associated in training of internees from Barani University, Rawalpindi.
- Prepared activity report of API for FCA meeting.
- Prepared agriculture credit target 2007-08 for State Bank meeting.
- Provided comments on disbursement of agriculture credit by different Banks for 2007-08 (July-August).
- Prepared report on Indian Institutional credit for agriculture sector.

### **PAKISTAN CENTRAL COTTON COMMITTEE**

- The 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of General Body of PCCC was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 at PCCC Headquarters Karachi under the chairmanship of Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan, Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock.
- Five scientists from PCCC's Research Institutes/Stations were sent to Turkey for training.

- Two scientists from PCCC attended/participated the World Cotton Research Conference-4 held at Lubock, Texas (USA).
- Cotton related data and information was provided to various organizations and MinFAL.
- Screening/breeding of varieties resistant to Cotton Leaf Curl Virus and other pest complex.
- Monitoring of cotton crop situation through field visits were carried out.
- “Update on cotton – prepared and sent to MinFAL”.
- Review of Kharif crop (cotton) prepared for FCA.
- Criteria of classification for long staple cotton examined and sent to MinFAL.
- Cotistics August, 2007 (Annual statistical bulletin of PCCC) issued.
- Test House facilities were provided to the Textile Mills/Traders and Research Stations/Institute.

## **SOIL SURVEY OF PAKISTAN**

### **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

#### ***i. National Agriculture Land Use Plan.***

##### **1. UPDATION OF LAND RESOURCE INVENTORY.**

###### **Multan District.**

- Report writing : chapters “Present Landuse” and “Land Capability” are remained in progress.

###### **Hafizabad district**

- Editing completed and report is ready for printing.

###### **Khanewal district.**

- Editing of Appendics (Soil Seires Description, Soil Classification etc.) is in progress.

###### **Narowal District.**

- Editing of chapter Land Evaluation is in progress.

###### **Sialkot district**

- Report writing is in progress.

###### **Mandi Baha – ud – Din district.**

- Hard copy obtained for editing. Map preparation is in progress.

###### **Lodhra district**

- Editing of “Soils and Landform” map remained in progress.

### **Sargodha district**

- Report writing: Chapter 1 is in progress..
- Preparation of Soil map is in progress.

### **Vehari district**

- Composition of “Soils and Landform” map remained in progress.

### **Muzaffargarh district**

- Pre-field interpretation of SPOT images completed.

### **Mianwali district**

- Pre-field activities are in progress. Preliminary studies of the existing data and collection of uptodate environmental and land utilization data etc are in progress.
- Report writing: Chapter 1 “General Nature of the Area” is in progress.

### **Peshawar district (NWFP)**

- Report writing: Chapter “Land Capability” completed.

### **Kohat District. (NWFP).**

- Draft of the preliminary report completed.

### **Karak District (NWFP)**

- Report writing is in progress.

### **Nowshera District (NWFP)**

- Report writing: Chapter “Land Evaluation” is in progress.

### **Quetta District (Balochistan)**

- Prepared preliminary updated Land Capability map.
- Preliminary Land Suitability map was generated from Soil and Landforms map.
- Report writing: Chapter “Present Landuse” is remained in progress.

### **Hyderabad, Mitiari, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allah Yar districts (Sindh)**

- Edited the Legend of Land Capability map.
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### **Nawabshah district (Sindh)**

- Survey party is in the area for updation of land resource survey and evaluation.
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**Bahawalpur, Bhakkar, Jhelum, Rawalpindi, Khushab, Gujrat districts (Punjab), Charsada district (NWFP) and Pishin district (Balochistan).**

- Reports writing and preparation of Soils and Landforms maps of these districts are in progress.
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**2. DIGITIZATION/EDITING MAPS**

- Prepared 1st drafts of Landforms and Soils, Land Capability and Land Use map of Lodhran district.
- Prepared and printed 1st drafts of Land Capability and Land Use map of Hyderabad district.
- Prepared Soils and infra coverage of Leiah district for overlaying on satellite image data.
- Prepared Soils and infra coverage of Rajanpur district for overlaying on satellite image data.
- Completed the rectification of the mosaic of Rajanpur district using relevant soil map as reference to minimize the overlay distortion.
- Prepared and printed 25-image sheets (scale 1:50,000) of Rajanpur district with an overlay of soil and infrastructure layers for updating of soil information of the district.
- Completed screen digitization of the infrastructure in the Arc-view from SPOT image mosaic data of Karak district.
- Edited and composed in Arc-view Land Suitability map of Quetta district and print out.
- Completed Screen digitization of Soil and Landforms map of Peshawar district.
- Image processing/rectification of Spot Images scenes of different areas are in progress with the collaboration of SUPARCO.

**ii) Transfer of soil Technology to Agriculture Departments and Farmers**

**PUNJAB**

**Jhang district**

- Prepared a test and brief of lecture notes.
- Delivered lecture Nos.9 & 11 to Deputy District Officers and Agricultural Officers of Jhang and Chiniot Tehsils of the district. Test was also held. (125 participants)

**NWFP**

**Abbottabad, Haripur and Mansehra districts**

- Delivered lecture Nos.11 and 12 “Soil Fertility” and “Irrigation” to Deputy District Officers and Agricultural Extension Staff of these districts.
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**BALUCHISTAN**

**Mastung district**

Delivered lecture Xno.6 “Study of Soil Profile” to the Agricultural Extension Staff and Farmers of the district.

**SINDH**

## **Nawabshah district**

Delivered lecture Nos.9 to the Agricultural Extension Staff and Farmers of the district.

### **b. UNON PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- **Preparation of Keys to Soils of the Punjab and Sindh:** Environmental Features and Profiles Characteristics of Soils” remained in progress.
- Analysed 50 samples soil texture and cation Exchange Capacity of a student of Chemistry Department Punjab University, Lahore.
- Analysed 10 soil samples (pH, Ece, Soluble Cations and Soluble Anions) of Ph.D. student of Government College University, Lahore.

### **c. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Advisory services provided to the progressive farmers of Kohlu district (Balochistan) about the management of soil under saline water.
- Collected agro-mat data (Balochistan) for the month of July, 2007 from Agromat Center.
- Deputy Director (E.D.O.) district Jaffarabad visited the Regional Office Quetta and discussed about the management of land in flood area.
- Attended meeting of Board of Studies at Agricultural University, Peshawar.
- Printed Soil types, Soil Salinity and Soil Erosion maps at 1:2,000,000 scale (6 copies).
- Printed a copy of Soils, Land Capability and Land Use maps of Sheikhpura and Nankana Sahib districts.
- Printed a copy of Soils map of Khanewal district after making changes.
- Printed 50 copies of report cover page of Lahore and Toba Tek Sindh districts.
- Guidance/assistance was provided to a Ph.D student (Forest Department) about Soil Plant relationship. Prepared different maps about Land suitability of Punjab province.
- Handed over following maps to Malik Abdullah Kausur Member Planning Commission Islamabad:
  1. Soil Types of Pakistan
  2. Soil Erosion
  3. Salinity/Sodicity status

## **ECONOMIC WING OF MINFAL**

### **Brief for ECC Meeting**

- Prepared summaries for weekly prices of agricultural commodities and fertilizer for perusal of Secretary and Add. Secretary MINFAL.
- Briefs for ECC meetings held on 17 and 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 were prepared.
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### **Dissemination of Publications**

- Proof checking for five volumes of “**50 years Agricultural Statistics of Pakistan**” was in progress and the publications are at the final stage for printing.

### **Agricultural Credit**

- Data on Agricultural Credit was collected from different financial institutions for the month of July, 2007.

- Prepared brief for Secretary, MINFAL on disbursement position of agricultural credit for the month of July 2007.
- Prepared brief for Additional Secretary regarding “33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Board of Directors of ZTBL” held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007.
- Prepared brief on report regarding “PPAF Micro Credit Financing Assessment outcomes 2005”.
- Prepared comments on “Interim report issues and options paper ADB No.4260Pak: strengthening secured transaction”.

### **Other Activities**

- Reminders to crop reporting offices of provinces for supply of rabi crop estimates for the year 2006-07 were issued.
- Reminders for the Year Book 2006-07 were issued to supply the material.
- Material received from different organizations for the Year Book was corrected and computerized. Manuscript for the publication prepared and put up for approval.
- Letters/reminders for supply of data for publication “Agricultural Statistics of Pakistan 2006-07” were issued to different departments/organizations.
- Manuscript for “Pakistan Agricultural Statistics at a Glance for the years 2005-06 to 2006-07” finalized and put up for approval.
- Supplied data of major crops for the year 2006-07 to Finance Division for IMF Mission.
- Computerized the fruit and vegetables data for the publication “Fruit, Vegetable and Condiments Statistics 2006-07”.
- Data regarding 10 years production of various crops, imports, exports, prices etc. for Secretary, MinFAL was prepared.
- Statement showing wheat statistics i.e. production, export, import and consumption for last five years was prepared for Additional Secretary-II.
- Statement showing first/second and final estimates of wheat, gram, mung, mash, sugar etc, was prepared for EC for a meeting with Additional Secretary-I in B-Block.
- Press cuttings from the daily Jang and Dawn for the preparation of briefs for ECC Meetings were made.

### **Meetings.**

- Economic Consultant attended the meeting of Departmental Working Party under the chairmanship of Secretary, MinFAL.
- Economic Consultant attended 3 days “TWG-ARP SWOT Analysis Workshop” at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
- Economic Consultant attended meeting at Planning & Development Division regarding scrutiny of purchase of imported vehicles.
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting on Livestock at Planning & Development Division.

## **PAKISTAN OILSEED DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

### **SUNFLOWER**

Annual meeting of various stakeholders of oilseeds was held on September 24, 2007 in the committee room of Director General Extension, Punjab, Lahore for sunflower cultivation campaign 2007-08, chaired by Managing Director, PODB. The prospects for sunflower cultivation in the coming season were considered bright.

A national target of 1100,000 acres was fixed for 2007-08. It is almost 16% higher as compared to last year achievement of 944,810 acres, which is attributed to commendable efforts of PODB. Province wise detail is given below:-

<b>Province</b>	<b>2006-07 Achievement(Acres)</b>	<b>2007-08 Tentative Targets(Acres)</b>	<b>Seed requirement (M. tons)</b>
Punjab	335,969	400,000	800
Sindh	550,336	620,000	1240
NWFP	12,135	25,000	50
Balochistan	46,370	55,000	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>944,810</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>2,200</b>

The availability of hybrid sowing seed for the said target was assured by Seed Companies Association of Pakistan (SCAP).

All Pakistan Solvent Extractors' Association (APSEA) proposed a minimum procurement price for sunflower @ Rs.1200/- per 40 kg during 2007-08 which is an encouraging factor to motivate the growers to bring more area under sunflower cultivation in the country. It was opined, by the Managing Director (PODB) that as the proposed price is quite attractive may be farmers resort to a massive sunflower cultivation which may have an effect/impact on wheat. Therefore, it is imperative to consider and examine pros and cons thoroughly and thereafter the proposed procurement price may be fixed/announced in a later meeting scheduled for last week of October, 2007.

### **CANOLA.**

The canola sowing season 2007-08 started from 15<sup>th</sup> September for which campaign work is in progress. All Regional Managers, Deputy Directors, Field Officers as well as seed companies are in close contact with growers for distributing/supplying sowing seed to growers. The farmers are also using their own seed. So far, an area of 500 acres has been cultivated in Sindh. A total of 38 demonstration plots would be laid out to motivate the farmers for canola cultivation in the country.

### **OLIVE.**

The activities during the month of September, 2007 regarding the conversion of wild olive trees into oil bearing European Species in Balochistan are as under:-

<b>Month</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of tree grafted</b>	<b>No. of plants pruned</b>	<b>No. of plant plastic opened</b>	<b>No. of plants spread</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
September,	Zhob	30,868	1,270	1,540	-	Work in



2007	Tomni Barkhan	35,270	-	2,8
	Rara Shum distt.	46,970	-	2,5
	Mussa Khail			

	<b>Total:</b>	<b>113,108</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>-</b>	
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### **FIELD DAYS / TRAININGS.**

A farmers' meeting was organized by Regional Manager, Sahiwal on September 22, 2007 in connection with canola cultivation campaign, 2007. A large number of farmers participated in the gathering.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Punjab TV recorded the interview of Provincial Director (PD), Punjab and Incharge Field Area, Lahore on September 2, 2007, which was telecasted the same day and on September 05, 2007.

Regional Manager, PO DB Multan participated in Kisan Time which was telecasted on September 03,15,16 and 28, 2007.

### **MEETING / PRESENTATION.**

Departmental Selection Committee comprising of Director (Amdn. & PR), Deputy Director(F&A), PO DB HQ and Section Officer, MinFAL Islamabad visited Provincial Oilseed Directorate (POD) Sindh, Karachi on September 01, 2007 for conducting the interview of Naib Qasid.

Marketing Manager of ICI held a meeting with Provincial Director, Sindh in his office on September 05, 2007 and discussed the prospect of sunflower cultivation and availability of hybrid sowing seed in the province.

PD, Sindh met with District Officer Agriculture Extension on September 17, 2007 and discussed the strategy of canola and sunflower cultivation in Larkana.

### **FEDERAL SEED CERTIFICATION & REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **1. Field Crop Inspection: -**

At field stations of different regions, about 33232 acres of different crops planted for seed production, both in public and private sector were inspected to verify for field crop standards. The crops inspected in the field included Cotton, Paddy, Maize, Potato, Mung bean and Okra. Crop-wise detail of crop inspection is as under.

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Crop</b>	<b>Number of Acreage</b>			<b>Exp.Yield</b>
		<b>Inspected</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>MT</b>
1	Cotton	26621	24131	2490	13524
2	Paddy	5565	4703	862	11184
3	Maize	294	287	7	327
4	Potato	13	13	-	77
5	Mung bean	580	580	-	330
6	Okra	159	159	-	93
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33232</b>	<b>29873</b>	<b>3359</b>	<b>25535</b>

### **Seed Sampling and Testing**

Public Private Sector's seed agencies offered 45975 MT seed of different crops for testing/certification and 42226 MT seed was up to the standard. Tested quantity of imported 2264 MT seed was tested which fulfilled the standard. This resulted in a total seed testing of about 48239 MT seed by FSC& RD field labs during the month. Major testing included that of Wheat, Potato, Oil seeds, Maize, Mung bean, Okra and Barley Seed after processing/re-tests while in some labs testing have also been reported. Seed-wise detail is given as under:-

S.No.	Seed	Quantity(MT)			Remarks
		Tested	Accepted	Rejected	
1	Wheat	45441	41692	3749	Include both before and after processing testing
2	Maize	353	353	-	
3	Potato	65	65	-	
4	Oilseed	103	103	-	
5	Mungbean	7	7	-	
6	Okra	3	3	-	
7	Barley	3	3	-	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45975</b>	<b>42226</b>	<b>3749</b>	
	<b>Imported seed testing</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>86</b>	Include vegetables and other crops seeds
	<b>G. Total</b>	<b>48239</b>	<b>44490</b>	<b>3749</b>	

### 3. Post Check Seed Testing:

More than 1394 Seed samples representing about 5877 MT of Wheat, Berseem, Corn and Vegetable imported from abroad submitted by different field stations were tested at Central Seed Testing Laboratory Islamabad. 5548 MT of tested seed was within prescribed standards.

### 4. Seed Health Testing

673 samples of Wheat, Fodder, Vegetable, Potato and Citrus crops submitted by different field laboratories representing to about 3513 MT were tested for fungal diseases and ELISA. 3513 MT were found within the tolerant limits.

### 5. Seed Import:

During the month about 2264 MT of various crops seeds were imported. The value of imported seed was Rs. 209.403 millions.

#### WTO Activities

- The department requested the MinFAL to approach Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan for an early enhancement of Law on Plant Breeders Rights.
- Paper was prepared for Secretary MinFAL on the "International Hybrid Rice Seminar" held at Lahore on September 25, 2007.

- The department with reference to coordinator Rice NARC requested the Rice Commissioner MinFAL for arranging funds for the visits of EU experts to Pakistan for collecting the Basmati rice sampling for DNA testing.
- The progress report on the implementation of the Cabinet Decision with reference to draft amendments in Seed Act 1976 was submitted to the MinFAL for onward submission to the Cabinet Division.
- The department requested the Environment Protection Agency of the Ministry of Environment to provide information/comments regarding the policy change in GM status of Australian food products with the lifting of ban on growing of GM Canola in Australia in 2008 by Australian Government.
- The department submitted the brief with reference to the forty first Ordinary Session of Council of the UPOV to MinFAL for onward transmission to our mission at Geneva with request to attend the session as an observer since Pakistan is not the member of the UPOV.
- The department participated in the core group meeting to review the draft GI legislation arranged by the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan.

### **PASSCO.**

#### **A. Wheat Stock Position.**

**Fig in M.T.**

1. Opening Balance as on 01-09-2007.	13, 09,782.593
2. Moisture Gain during the month of September.	864.259
<b>Total Stock :( 1+2)</b>	<b><u>13, 10,646.852</u></b>
3. Dispatched to agencies during the month (From 01.09.2007 to 30.09.2007)	1,03,447.160
4. Export to Bangla Desh during the month (from 01-09-2007 to 30-09-2007)	10,000.000
5. Despatched to USC during the month (from 01-09-2007 to 30-09-2007)	16,902.993
<b>Total dispatch during the month (c+d+e)</b>	<b><u>1,30,350 .153</u></b>
6. Balance Wheat Stocks as on 30-09-2007	11,80,296.699
i) Allocated Wheat Stock	9,89,482.332
ii) Unallocated Wheat Stock	<u>1,90,814.337</u>
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b><u>11,80,296.699</u></b>

**Note-I)** MinFAL has directed PASSCO vide letter No.F.1-9/07-Wheat-1 dated 12-09-2007 to release 50,000 M.Tons wheat to USC @ Rs.440/- per 40 Kgs per month.

ii) Prime Minister has approved donation of 33,180 M.tons wheat to World Food Programme vide MinFAL letter No.F.5(2)2007-Wheat-I dated 2-10-2007. The quantity of 15,000 M. Tons will be provided from the current stock and remaining 18,180 M. Tons from next year crop.

**Black Gram Crop 2006-07** Procurement of Gram during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007 is as under:-

a.	Previous contracts	78,500.000
b.	Fresh contracts made during the month	12,200.000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>90,700.000</b>
c.	Receipt previously	60,750.900
d.	Received during the month from 01-08-2007 to 31-08-2007	18,203.500
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>78,954.400</b>

**Procurement of Moong** PASSCO has been directed by MinFAL vide letter No.F.1-6/2007-CMC dated 29-08-2007 to procure 25,000-30,000 M.Tons Moong from current crop @ Rs.1200/- per 40 Kgs. Purchase Centres have been established in Bhakar, Mianwali & Layyah districts and till end of September 5638.400 M. Tons have been purchased.

### **Export of Wheat to Bangladesh**

Export of 10,000 M.Tons wheat as gift from Pakistan to Bangladesh has been completed. The Vessel “Banglar Mookh” after loading sailed from Port Qasim Karachi on 16-09-2007 and arrived in Chittagong Port Bangladesh on 28-09-2007..

### **Construction/erection of Steel Silos**

PC's.I for construction/erection of steel silos of 0.5 million metric tons capacity for storage of wheat and House Type Godowns for 6600 metric tons capacity for storage of minor crops have been forwarded to Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad for consideration and arrangement of funds.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PROTECTION.**

### **1. LOCUST SITUATION.**

Pakistan remained free from gregarious adults locust activity. However, scattered mature / immature solitary adults population ranging from 5-1050/ ha were observed in 63 localities of Uthal, Bahawalpur and Rahimyar Khan areas. A maximum population of 1050 adults/ha. Was observed at Sapat Area (252906N-655251E) in Uthal on 26-09-2007.

### **2. PLANT QUARANTINE**

9196 import and export consignments were examined for quarantine pests. A revenue of Rs.3860742 was collected for the services rendered and fines imposed.

### **3. REGISTRATION**

33 pesticides were granted registration / import permission. A total revenue of Rs. 20,97,000/- was collected as Registration/Permission/Renewal and Revised fee. Similarly revenue of Rs. 55, 000/= was collected as fee on account of analysis of samples of pesticides. Break up is as under:-

Registration fee	Rs. 1, 950, 000
Renewal fee	Rs. 115, 000

Amendment fee	Rs. 32,000
Sample analysis fee	Rs. 665, 000
Formulation/refilling and repacking fee.	Rs.55,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rs. 2,817,000</b>

#### 4. **AERIAL PEST CONTROL**

The Department did not receive any demand from provincial governments for aerial spray during the report period.

#### **FOOD WING OF MinFAL.**

##### **Information regarding Wheat Section MinFAL**

- i) A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary MinFAL on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2007 to discuss the current wheat situation in the country and allocation of wheat to the Provinces/Agencies and also discussed the position regarding availability of wheat/wheat flour and their prices, in various parts of the country.
- ii) On the approval of the competent authority Secretary MinFAL requested to Ministry of Commerce to make necessary arrangements for import of one million tons of wheat through TCP.
- iii) A quantity of 514,901 tons has been released to Flour Mills & USC during the month of September, 2007.

#### **ANIMAL QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT**

The specific monthly activities of the Animal Quarantine Department are given below:-

1. No. of samples processed and Health Certificate issued.	1. Export = 1430 No. 2. Import = 96 No.
2. Revenues collected and deposited.	Rs. - 2.825 - Millions
3. Expenditure incurred.	Rs. 1.180 – Millions

The directive of PM is being implemented in the true spirit.

#### **MARINE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.**

Marine Fisheries Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi is responsible for management and exploitation of fisheries resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan. The department is also engaged in biological, hydrological and quality control research activities. In addition, the department performs the function of provincial coordination, international liaison, compilation and publication of fisheries statistics, issuance of certificate of health, quality and origin for export commodities and fishermen training etc.

2. Fish and shrimp samples of 2 different species were examined for study of length-weight relationship, sex ratio, maturity, food and feeding habit and fecundity etc.

3. Seafood export during the month of September 2007 was recorded to be about 11,312 m. tons valued at US \$ 27.213 million as compared to September, 2006 when the export was 9526 m. tons valued at US \$ 25.787 million. No landings from deep sea fishing have been reported in September 2007 as no vessel under license issued by Marine Fisheries Department operated vessel in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan.

## OUT LOOK ATTACHED

1. Wheat Commissioner.
2. Monthly activities of PARC.
3. Monthly Progress Report Development Projects of MinFAL for the month of September, 2007.

### **Economic Wing**

#### **Brief for ECC Meetings**

- Prepared Summaries for weekly prices of agricultural commodities and fertilizer for Secretary and Additional Secretary, MinFAL.
- Briefs for ECC meetings held on 11 September, 2007 was prepared.

#### **Dissemination of Publications**

- Proof for five volumes of “**50 Years Agricultural Statistics of Pakistan**” was checked and the publications are at the final stage for printing.

#### **Agricultural Credit**

- Data on agricultural credit was collected from different financial institutions for the month of August, 2007.
- Prepared brief for Secretary, MinFAL on disbursement position of agricultural credit for the month of August 2007.

#### **Brief for Joint Ministerial Meeting**

- Prepared brief on Tunisia and sent to IC-III Section, MinFAL, Islamabad.

#### **Other Activities**

- Reminders to crop reporting offices of provinces for supply of rabi crop estimates for the year 2006-07 were issued.

- Manuscript for the Year Book 2006-07 was prepared and submitted for approval.
- Letters/reminders for supply of data for publication "Agricultural Statistics of Pakistan 2006-07" were issued to different departments/organizations and updating of the tables is in progress.
- Computerized the fruit, vegetables and condiments data for the publication "Fruit, Vegetable and Condiments Statistics 2006-07".
- Computerized the data for the publication "Crops Area and Production by Districts for the year 2006-07".
- Prepared final estimate of Wheat and Groundnut Crops for the year 2006-07.
- Incorporated the data in FAO Questionnaire-Sub Group on Tropical Fruits.
- Tables for the Economic survey 2006-07 were checked, updated and sent to Ministry of Finance.
- Statement showing area, production for second and final estimates of wheat for the year 2002-03 to 2006-07 was prepared for E.C for a meeting in B-Block.
- Province-wise final figures of wheat crop for the year 2006-07 were made and faxed to Wheat Commissioner on his request.
- Prepared working paper of the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of Federal Committee on Agricultural (Rabi Crops) meeting is proposed to be held in 1<sup>st</sup> week of October, 2007.
- Prepared views/comments on Terms of Reference of Human Resource Management Committee of ZTBL for submission to Additional Secretary-I.
- Collected and submitted presentations of different development projects to Secretary, MinFAL for approval and convening of meeting on "Government's Initiative for Agri Credit Demand".
- Press cuttings from the daily Jang and Dawn for the preparation of briefs for ECC Meetings were made.

### **Meetings**

- Economic Consultant attended the meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Planning and Development held on 03-09-2007..
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting of Introduction for out put Based Budgeting held on 06-09-2007..
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting on Tariff Escalation held on 08-09-2007..
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting of Purchase/Tender Committee for the Project "Strengthening of Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity of Plan Wing" MinFAL under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Plan) held on 10-09-2007.
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting on the System of Financial Control of Budgeting 2006 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MinFAL held on 20-09-2007.
- Economic Consultant attended the meeting on the Progress of ASPL-II Funded Project "Monitoring of Crops Through Satellite Technology" – to give presentation to the Secretary/Additional Secretary-II on their projects held on 25-09-2007.

### **Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority**

Under the existing Deep Sea Fishing Policy of 1995 as amended in year 2001, the GOP had allowed operation of 20 Nos. medium-sized fishing vessels in Zone-II (12-35 NM), 10 Nos. larger-sized fishing vessels and tuna long liners in Zone-III (i.e. beyond 35 NM). Upon expiry of validity period of three years, the operational activities of medium-sized trawlers are stand still since October, 2005 at Korangi Fish Harbour. MFD has invited applications for the grant of licenses against 20 vacant slots and received 47 applications by closing date of 31-08-2006. Similarly MFD has received 28 applications for the operation of stern trawlers in Zone-III. In the light of decision taken in 35<sup>th</sup> IMSC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2007 in the Committee Room of MinFAL, the bids were opened on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. In a subsequent meeting of IMSC held on 28-09-2007, it was decided to award licenses to 3 Nos parties who have deposited bid bonds along with their bids and re-advertised the remaining slots (17 Nos.) for grant of licenses. Similarly it was decided to invite fresh application for grant of fishing licenses for Zone-III. Present status of the licenses/LOIs so far issued by MFD and vessels presently in operation is given as under:-

Description	of	Provision as per	LOIs issued	Licenses	In operation
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Medium-sized fishing vessels (Zone-II)	20	-	-	-
Stern trawlers (Zone-III)	10	-	-	-
Tuna Long Liners	25	-	5	1

Since commencement of the operation of MST in Zone-II, the Authority has earned a total revenue of Rs.94,361,564 million on account of commission on the landed fish catch 10,079 MT against 174 trips, berthing charges and development cess. Beside, an additional amount of Rs.46,344,152 million has been earned by the Authority on account of Cess Development and non-utilization fee from the operation of larger vessels (Tuna long liners) in Zone-III. Two medium sized trawlers are still berthed idle at the harbour since October, 2005. Under the present condition when the fishing area of Zone-II has been reduced, it is unlikely to have any interest from the foreign collaborators to operate medium-sized trawlers in future.

During the month construction works of three processing plants for value added seafood products remained under progress.

Government of Sindh has granted fishing licenses to M/s ABC Gold (Pvt) Limited for the operation of 9 Tuna Long Liners in territorial waters, which have been expired on 31-05-2007. The request of the company for the renewal of licenses is under consideration by the GOS. The GOS has finalized the revised fee tariff for the operation of medium sized tuna long liners and it is expected that licenses would be renewed shortly.

The Prime Minister during the presentation at Governor House on March 3, 2007 has directed that the Korangi Fisheries Harbour must be made fully operational without further delay. Further, the Prime Minister has approved the recommendations/Action Plan proposed by the Planning Commission. According to the directives, Korangi Fisheries Harbour has to be converted into export corridor to EU and other countries for which Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority will work out modalities for up-gradation of facilities in consultation with Marine Fisheries Department. A PC-I for the modification of Auction Hall and additional required facilities is under preparation which shall be soon submitted for approval.



