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Subject: **PEST ALERT OF COTTON THRIPS ON EARLY SOWN COTTON**

During field inspections of early sown cotton in drought-prone areas, Pest Warning teams reported infestation of thrips on early sown cotton crop is in increasing trend. The current hot and dry weather conditions favour rapid multiplication of this pest. The seedling stage of cotton is highly vulnerable and has a low tolerance to pest attack resulting in poor crop establishment and stunted plant growth. Farmers are advised to remain vigilant and adopt the following management practices after consultation with Agri. Experts of Pest Warning;

- Ensure the cotton seed treatment with any of the recommended seed dressing pesticides before sowing;
 1. Imidacloprid + Tebuconazole 372.5 FS @ 10 ml per kg of seed
 2. Azoxystrobin + Clothianidin 62.5% @ 9 g per kg of seed
 3. Azoxystrobin + Clothianidin + Fludioxonil 72% WS @ 9 g per kg of seed
- Conduct regular pest scouting at least twice a week, particularly during the seedling stage.
- Ensure removal of weeds from fields and surrounding areas.
- Apply light irrigation to reduce soil dryness, which suppress thrips population build up.
- Install bio-cards of *Chrysoperla* @ 20 per acre
- In case of severe infestation, apply soft insecticides like Spintoram 120 SC @60 ml or Chlorfenpyr 360 SC@ 75 ml per acre.

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- PS to Secretary Agriculture, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
- PA to Additional Secretary (Task Force) Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
- Director General Agricultural Information, Punjab, Lahore with the request to ensure maximum dissemination through social media.