

## Work of agriculture scientists helping Pakistan to become enough in producing staple crops:

*Dr. Muhammad Azeem Khan, Chairman, PARC*

**Islamabad:** Dr. Muhammad Azeem Khan, Chairman, PARC has given overview on the occasion of a meeting with **NARC Scientists** on agriculture sector in Pakistan and highlighted areas which require improvement. He said that farmers need improved and certified seed to enhance their crop production. PARC is working with the farmers to develop new technologies to save water and produce food. The Chairman, PARC also discussed the issues related to food security, sustainable food production, strategic planning to maximize dietary diversity and quality. Dr. Muhammad Azeem Khan, Chairman, PARC appreciated the work of agriculture scientists helping Pakistan to become enough in producing staple crops. Despite Corona Pandemic, Agriculture Scientists of PARC and NARC are working hard to meet the requirements and ensuring Food Security in Pakistan. Agri. Scientists has to play a key role in this tough situation while taking all precautions.

The Chairman, PARC further added that Despite this Pandemic, we are lucky that we produced enough food in Pakistan. Challenges ahead are to produce pulses and edible oil also in sufficient quantities to reduce imports. In this season, NARC has bumper crop of Oil seeds and pulses. Dr. Muhammad Azeem Khan also was of the view that two pulses in field are ready to harvest in coming fortnight; currently crop is safe except in few pockets where fusarium wilt has been reported in around 5% area. Over all, the targets of FCA will easily be achieved Insha Allah. It is good that Pakistan is food secure country and we will come out of this crisis.

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