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## Cotton Farmers from Karnataka visited CICR and KVK, Nagpur

A group of 50 cotton farmers from Yadgiri district of Karnataka visited CICR-KVK and ICAR-CICR, Nagpur as part of their agricultural education tour under NFSM scheme on 31st March 2017. Dr Ulhas Galkate, CICR-KVK welcomed and addressed the farmers. The team of scientists from CICR, Nagpur, Dr. Neelakanth S. Hiremani (Plant Pathology), Dr. Vivek Shah (Entomology) and Mr. Madhu, T. N. (Entomology) interacted with the farmers. Mr. Madhu T. N. explained about the concept of Bt technology to the farmers and educated them about its importance and safety by responding to their queries. He also explained the importance of high density planting and short duration varieties that has early maturity in achieving higher yields using less inputs, time and management. Dr. Neelakanth S. Hiremani addressed the farmers' queries on diseases of cotton, pigeonpea and groundnut with their management. Dr. Shah Vivek explained about the incidence and management of pink bollworm in cotton. He also explained about importance of yellow sticky traps and pheromone traps pest management aspects of cotton and drew the attention of farmers towards the management of cotton sucking pests and Spodoptera. He also suggested the use of poison bait for the management of Spodoptera at early stage of the crop in groundnut and emphasised on the judicious use of insecticides. Shri. Basavaraja and Shri. Sadik Patil representative of farmers group expressed gratitude to ICAR-CICR and CICR-KVK for making their visit most fruitful and educating.





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