



- ❖ Hybrid seeds are reported to provide more per acre yield as compared to local coarse seeds. It has been argued that hybrid seeds are of low quality compared to local variety due to which Pakistani rice loses ground in terms of prices in international market.
- ❖ The Indus River System Authority (Irsa) has reportedly managed to store at least 30% more water to provide to farmers for sowing, growing and harvesting Rabi crops.
- ❖ According to official estimates shows that in 2013-14 wheat crop may not exceed 24 million tonnes, which is slightly higher than 2012-13's crop of 23.3 million tonnes.
- ❖ According to the data of Pakistan, Bureau of Statistics Oil and eatables, import bill decreased by 3% in the first, quarter of the current fiscal year compared, to last year. Import bill of these two, products declined to \$5.026bn in July-Sept 2013 from \$5.192bn.
- ❖ Abdul Majeed Nizamani, President, Sindh Abadgar Board (SAB), has urged the government to withdraw export duty, on onion trade and save onion growers of, Sindh.
- ❖ Tractor manufacturers have slowed down their production owing to continuous decline in sales. As a result, the vendors are troubled due to decreased procurement of parts by the local industry.
- ❖ The Economic Coordination Committee and the Islamabad High Court has decided to ban the export of live animals with the objective of lowering the prices in the local market.
- ❖ Overall food exports in FY13 rose 11% to \$4.732 billion, despite a 7% decline in the cumulative exports of all categories of rice. Compared to this, the food import bill shrank 16 % to \$4.187 billion, resulting in a food trade surplus of \$545 million.
- ❖ The State Bank of Pakistan announced a framework for livestock insurance for borrowers. Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan has collaborated with insurance companies and provincial livestock to develop this framework.
- ❖ Export of meat from Punjab to Malaysia have picked up recently, after team of officials from Malaysian department of Islamic development visited several abattoirs in Lahore to inspect and ensure that the meat being exported to their country was halal and safe for consumption.
- ❖ In spite of bumper paddy crop this season, farmers in Sindh are dissatisfied over the prevalent price of Rs 850 per maund for their produce.
- ❖ Sindh is expected to maintain the rising trend in production of cotton and sugarcane. Output of rice is also expected to rise after a sharp decline.
- ❖ A model controlled-environment shed in Poultry Research Institute has also been built in Karachi. In addition to this, several enterprising poultry farmers in Karachi and in the interior of Sindh are also constructing such farms.
- ❖ Industry sources are of the view that fishing activities at six other main landing sites (Damb, Gaddani, Jiwani, Ormara, Pishukan and Surbandar) are also progressing well and they hope that overall 2013 fish production in the province would easily cross 155,000-tonne mark.
- ❖ Exports of fish and fish preparations crossed 36,000 tonnes during July-September, up 33% as compared to the last year.
- ❖ The exporters expect a huge surplus for trading as Pakistan officially began its Kinnow export season this month.
- ❖ (TDAP) has promised to develop the sector of mango growers from Sindh on long-term and sustainable basis, as an integral part of its ongoing efforts to boost the fruits products export from Pakistan.