

## **Farmer's field day at Salhakheri, Muzaffarnagar District, UP**

Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI) New Delhi organized Field day program on “Potential and Prospects of precision farming technologies” at village Salhakheri, Block Baghra, Muzaffarnagar on 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 sponsored by Precision Farming Development Center (NCPAH), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. More than 270 farmers from the village attended the program. Officials from KVK, Industry and State government attended and interacted with the farmers on the issues of importance of precision farming technologies in agriculture and their role for enhancing the productivity with savings of resources.

Dr. Surendra Singh Balyan F/o Honorable Minister of State (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) and Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI inaugurated the programme. Dr. (Ms.) Neelam Patel, PI (PFDC) and Principal Scientist (WTC), Dr. Harshwardhan Choudhary, Senior Scientist (Division of Vegetables), Dr. P.K. Singh, Senior Scientist (CPCT), Dr. R. C. Rathi (Animal Science), Dr. R.C. Verma (Plant Pathology) of KVK. Bagra, Mr. Subodh Tomar, Statistical Officer (Horticulture Dept.) Muzaffarnagar, Dr. Anil Khippal, Senior Scientist, DWR (Karnal) and representative of Micro Irrigation industries namely Netafim and Jain Irrigation delivered the lecture on different topics including water management through adoption of micro irrigation technologies, technological options for improving the productivity of wheat and sugarcane, plant protection measures, possibility of crop diversification with vegetables.

The day was concluded with a positive note on farmers' enthusiasm to pursue further and adopt such technologies in their fields. Dr. Neelam Patel, PI expressed her sincere thanks to Dr. Surendra Singh Balyan, Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI, farmers, Irrigation industry, KVK scientists, State government Officials for gracing the occasion and sharing their views with the farmers. The impact created by this program will motivate many more farmers to come forward to adopt the precision farming technologies. The PFDC, IARI is continuing its efforts and is planning to conduct exposure programs for the farmers for enhancing yield besides savings of water, electricity and labour.



Joint Director (Extension) addressing the farmers



Incharge CPCT addressing the farmers



Dr. Surendra Singh Balyan sharing experiences with farmers

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