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## The cotton harvest in Sughd Province is progressing steadily

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution 'Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development,' as part of the 'Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project,' provided seedgrowing farms in various cities and districts of Sughd Province with seeds of three high-quality elite cotton varieties—Lim, Laser, and Ramses—during the planting season.

Motivated by this continued support, farmers (the project's beneficiaries) have cultivated cotton across 840 hectares this year, with 160 hectares sown with the Lim variety, 240 hectares with the Laser variety, and 440 hectares with the Ramses variety.

These imported varieties are distinguished by their high yield potential and are well-suited to local climatic conditions and variations. This year, by adhering to advanced agricultural practices, farmers were able to substantially increase cotton productivity, achieving yields of 20 to 27 centners per hectare during the first harvest.

Currently, the cotton harvest is ongoing in the cities and districts of the province, and farmers are confident that, with favorable autumn weather conditions, the yield from the Lim, Laser, and Ramses varieties could reach up to 40-50 centners per hectare.

