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## **Monitoring of crop growth in the RRS**

On July 3, 2024, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project assessed the progress of field work and the current state of crops of potatoes, onions, tomatoes and other crops on farms and seed farms of Faizabad and Nurobod district.

As in previous years, farmers who received elite seeds at the expense of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, used quality seeds and due to favorable weather completed planting of crops on time and in accordance with agrotechnical requirements. Currently, the harvesting of cereals (wheat) is close to completion. Treatment of inter-row and protective furrows against pests, feeding, fertilizing, loosening and weeding of other field crops are carried out in accordance with agrotechnical norms. Farmers are satisfied with good crop growth and are actively engaged in field work.

Specialists of the institution visited seed farms of Tukhmparvari State Unitary Enterprise named after A. Nazirov, farm "Zamira" of Faizabad district, farm "Nuri Nurobod", farm "Hodjiabdulbako" of Nurobad district and studied cultivation and growth of agricultural crops, especially seed potatoes of different varieties and received high marks. Farmers were also provided with valuable scientific recommendations on increasing yields of all crops.



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### **Monitoring of agriculture crops in Sughd Region**

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project last week conducted monitoring of agricultural crops such as wheat, corn, potatoes and other plants in Sughd region.

Last autumn, farmers of the Sughd region (beneficiaries of the project) planted high-quality wheat seeds of the elite group of varieties “Timiryazovka -150”, “Alixich” and “Thunder” on an area of 720 hectares. Currently, after the completion of fertilizing, agrotechnical work on the field continues, and the growth of crops remains favorable.

In Sughd region, farmers have already started sowing seeds of high-quality varieties such as “Lima”, “Lazer” and “Ramses” provided by the project. They are determined to make effective use of the favorable spring weather and intend to increase the sown area to 800 hectares within the established timeframe.

At the same time, related specialists constantly carry out

explanatory work in the direction of compliance with social and environmental requirements of the project in particular: control over storage of mineral fertilizers, compliance with safe storage of fertilizers and pesticides, compliance with working conditions, labor monitoring, etc.



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## **Improvement of agriculture monitoring**

Under the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, an international consultant on climate change and hydrometeorology, Fadi Karim, was involved to implement sub-component 3.1 Real-time monitoring of agricultural production, land use and agrometeorology.

The purpose of hiring a consultant is to analyze the system of data exchange between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Meteorological Agency in case of installation of agrometeorological stations in the establishment of the system of accounting and monitoring of agricultural products.

At the same time, a training workshop was held on 11-12 January this year with specialists and staff of the Meteorological Agency and specialists of the Center for the Development of Digitalization of Agriculture on "Drought indicators in relation to the standard precipitation index".

At the same time, the purpose of installing agrometeorological stations and the cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture with this agency were discussed with the staff of the Meteorological Agency.



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Recently, a group of specialists from the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the third component of the Project “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” visited the pest control activities of the State Enterprise “Locust Control Expedition” in the Khatlon region. During the monitoring of locust control operations, field workers were urged to adhere to social and environmental norms.

It should be noted that prior to the spraying season, the State Enterprise “Locust Control Expedition” received transport-spraying equipment and pesticides as part of the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”.

The result of these activities is a reduction in locust infestation and prevention of losses to agricultural crops.