

Priority Cotton By-products Activities for Development

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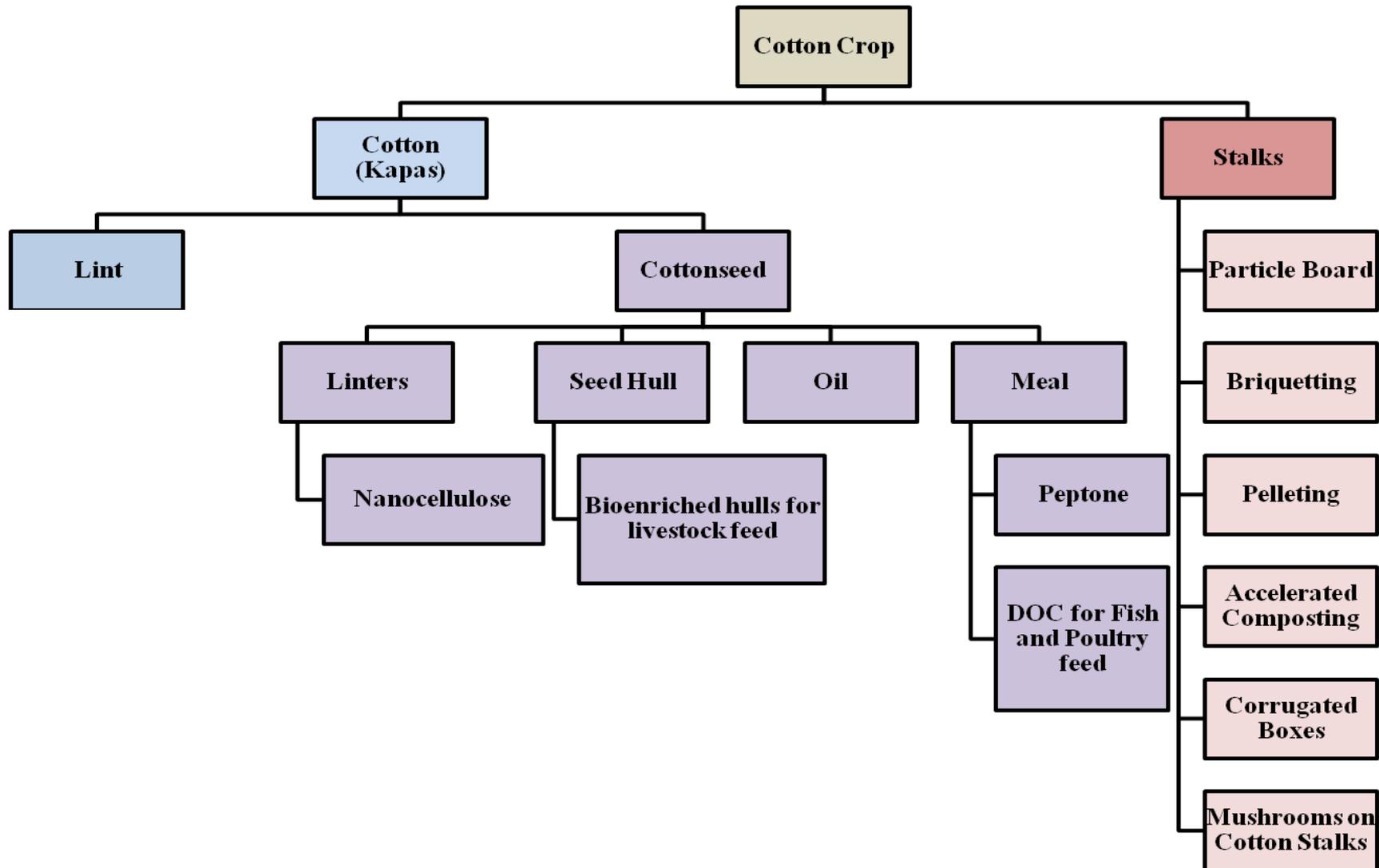


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Cotton Sector in India (2016-17)

- ❖ **Area Under Cotton Cultivation** : **10.5 million hectares**
- ❖ **Cotton Production** : **5.88 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cottonseed production** : **11.5 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cotton Stalk Production** : **26 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cotton Farmers** : **5 million**

Value Addition to Cottonseed and Stalks



Industrial Applications of Cottonseed Meal

Cottonseed Meal: India's Experiences

- ❑ Availability : **5.75 million tonnes** annually
- ❑ Oiled Cake: 5.4 m tonnes and De-oiled cake: 0.35 m tonnes
- ❑ Uses: **Mostly used for ruminates feeding**
- ❑ Total gossypol content: 0.6 - 1.15% (0.05 – 0.7% free gossypol)
- ❑ Gossypol: Limitation to non-ruminants like fish and Poultry
- ❑ Large scale production of **degossypolised meal under trials**
- ❑ Small scale production of **degossypolised meal for poultry and fish feeding, etc. using CIRCOT technology**



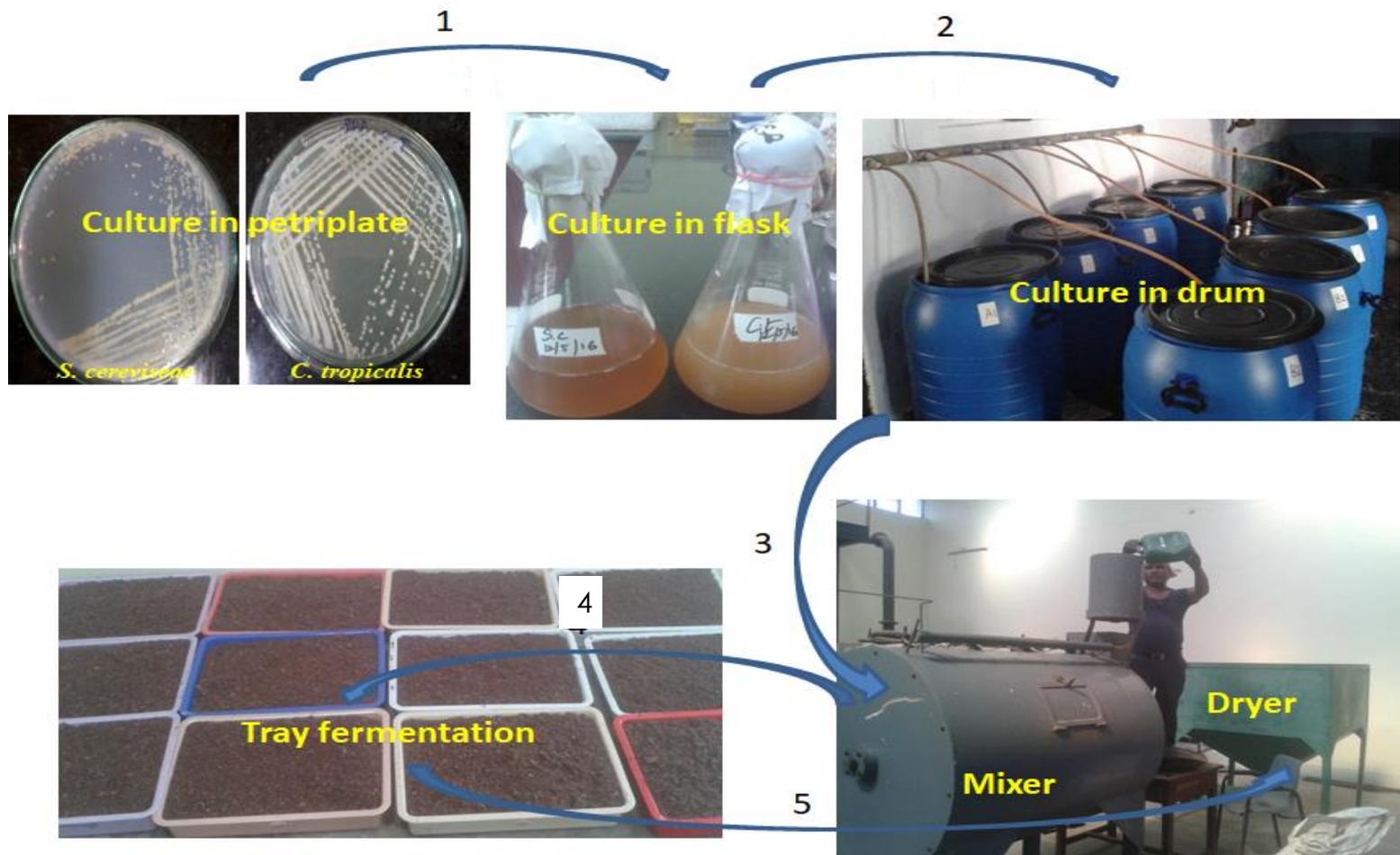
Possibility of By-products Preparations from Cottonseed Meal in Zimbabwe (2016-17)

❖ Area Under Cotton Cultivation	: 150,000 hectares
❖ Cottonseed Meal	: 35,000 tonnes
❖ Midland & Mashona Land (70 %)	: 17,500 tonnes
❖ Mesoland Centra & Masvingo (25%)	: 8,750 tonnes
❖ Mesoland East & Matabele Land (5%)	: 1,750 tonnes

➤ **Preparation of degossypolised cottonseed meal using CIRCOT Technology**

➤ **0.8 TPD capacity**

CIRCOT : Degossypolization Technology



Degossypolized Cottonseed Cake

- **CIRCOT microbial process**
 - **Reduction of free gossypol content (80%),**
 - **Reduce bound gossypol (60 %),**
 - **Reduce crude fibre (30%)**
 - **Improvement of protein content (40%)**
 - **Improvement in lysine content (25%)**
- **Gossypol level meets standard: Protein Advisory Group, UPA**
- **Enable Cottonseed meal for Poultry and Fish feed**
- **Human Protein Supplement**



Industrial Applications of Linters

Linters from Cottonseed: India's Experiences

Short fuzzy fibres from cottonseed



Uses

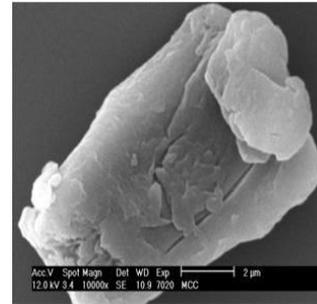
- Cellulose Nitrate (explosives)
- Cellulose acetate (film, membranes etc.)
- High grade paper (currency, security)
- Medical grade cotton (Absorbent)
- Micro Crystalline cellulose (Filler in Tablets)
- Food Casings, Felts



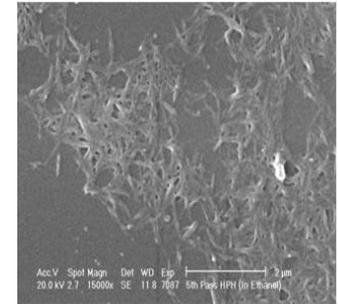
Nanocellulose from Cotton Linters

Nanocellulose (size < 100nm)

- ✓ High mechanical strength (1 to 10GPa)
- ✓ High young modulus (100-130GPa)
- ✓ High surface area (50-200 m²/g)
- ✓ Bio degradable
- ✓ Novel optical properties



MCC from Cotton Fibers

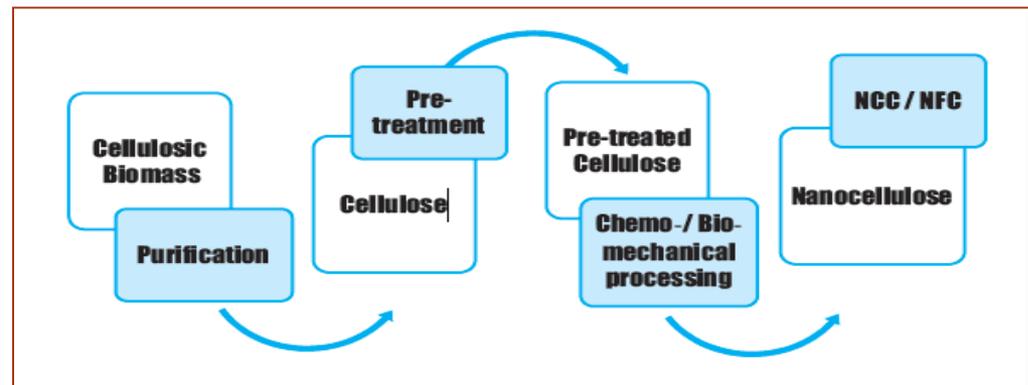


Nanofibrils

5th Pilot Plant in the World (1st Plant in Sweden – 2011)



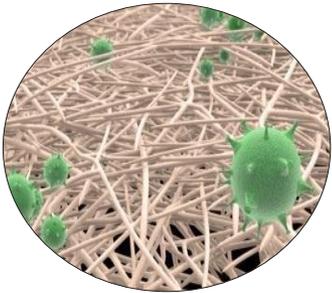
ICAR-CIRCOT pilot plant with capacity of 10kg/day



ICAR-CIRCOT Process

Applications of Nanocellulose

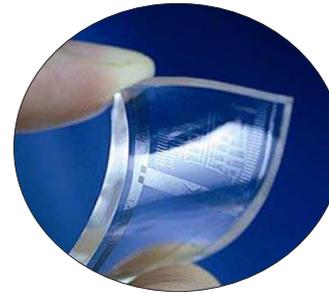
Virus filtration



Emulsion/
dispersion stabilizer



Liquid Crystal
Display



Non-caloric
Food thickeners



Targeted drug
delivery



Fillers in
Cement



Fillers in Film

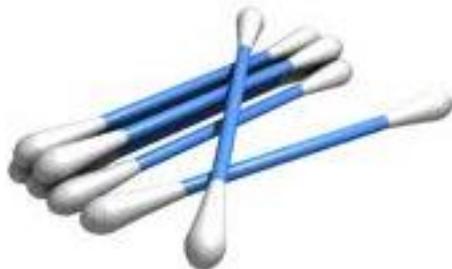


Paper Coating &
Furnish Additives

Industrial Applications of short staple/comber noil cotton

Short staple/comber noil cotton: India's Experiences

- ❑ Availability : **0.25 million tonne** annually
- ❑ Properties: staple length < 20 mm, MIC: 3-5; strength: 25g/tex Trash: 0.1-0.25%
- ❑ Commercial Uses: **Surgical Cotton, medicated cotton, Cotton Ball, Ear buds, wadings, security paper, currency notes, blend for coarse yarn and OE spinning for denim production**
- ❑ Under Trials: **Technical Textiles, etc.**



Standard of Absorbent cotton

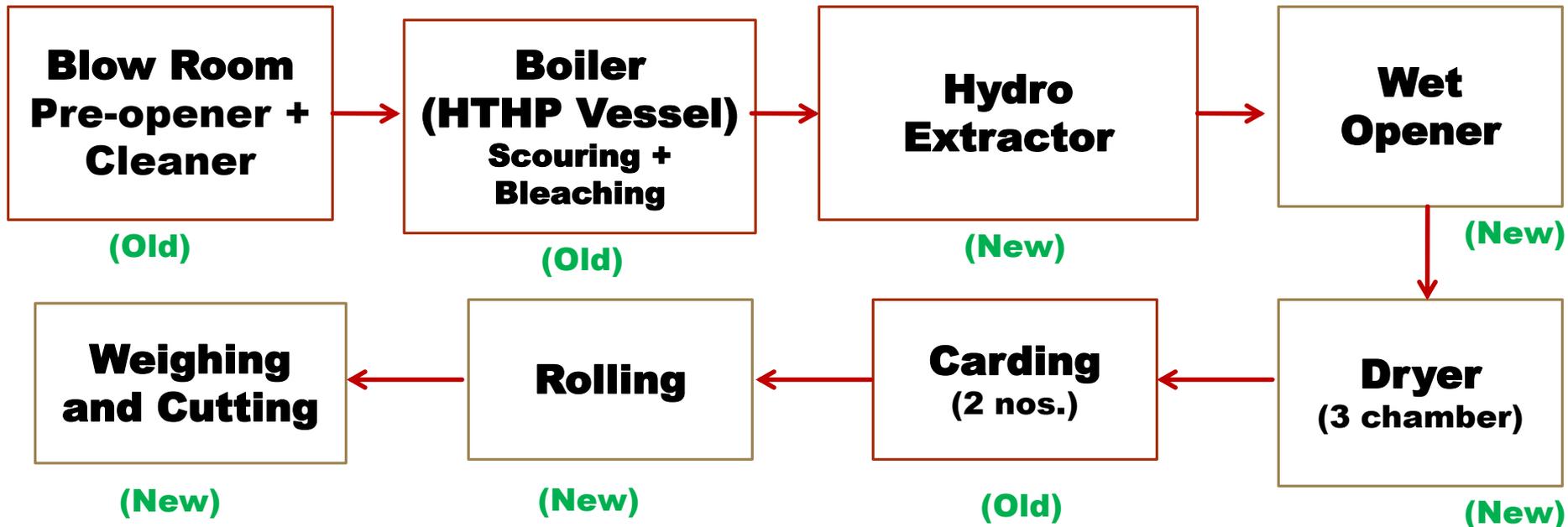
Raw Material	Virgin Cotton/Comber noil
Sinking Time/absorbency	< 10 Sec
Water Holding Capacity	Not less than 24 times of It's weight in water
Ether Soluble Substances	Max 0.50 %
Water Soluble Substances/Per 5g	Not more than 0.50%
Alcohol Extract	Colorless
Sulphate Ash	Max 0.40%
Surface Active Substances	Max 2mm
Mercury	None when examined under ultraviolet light
Odor	Odorless
Foreign Matter	Absent
Extractable Coloring Matters	Negative
Moisture (%)	8

Absorbent Cotton Preparation Process

- i.** Bale opening- manual or machine
- ii.** Pre-cleaning & opening- cleaner
- iii.** Kier/HTHP bleaching (100 °C Temp and 4 bar pressure using wetting agent, NaOH and H_2O_2)
- iv.** Neutralization and Hydro extraction
- v.** Wet opening
- vi.** Drying
- vii.** Carding
- viii.** Cutting, weighing
- ix.** Packaging

Flow Chart for Absorbent Cotton Plant

- **Capacity: 1.5 TPD for 3 shifts** (Semi automatic can be converted to fully automatic)



Commercial utilization: Absorbent Cotton

A	Capital Investment (1.5 TPD Capacity)	INR (Rs.)	USD
	Land and Building (Land Area: 1000 sq. m; Building for Machinery: 600 Sq. M ; Material storage area:200 Sq. M ; Office Building: 300 Sq. M)	0.50	7,692
	Plant and Equipment	4.00	61,538
	Auxiliary and Service Equipment (Electricals and handling tools)	0.50	7,692
	Total investment	5.0	76,923
B	Operational Expenses		
	Raw Material Cost for 1 year (1.5 TPD for 300 days @ Rs. 90,000 per tonne)	40.05	616,153
	Operational cost including repair and Maintenance and other charges (Rs. 40,000/tonnee) for 1 year	18.0	276,923
C	Gross Annual Income (Rs. 1,900,00/tonne)	85.5	1,315,384
	Net annual income (Rs. 50,000/tonne)	2.25	34,615
D	Payback period: 27 months		Return on investment : 37%

Cotton Stalks and Its Commercial Utilization

Cotton Stalks: India's Experiences

- ❑ Availability : **26 million tonnes** annually
- ❑ Utilization: About **5-6 %** commercially utilized
- ❑ Properties: about **60%** holocellulose, **27%** lignin and **6%** ash,
Gross calorific value: 4000 kcal/kg
- ❑ Commercial Uses: **Briquettes, Pellets, Compost, Power generation**
- ❑ Under Trials: **Particle Board, Pulp And Paper, Hard Boards, etc.**



Commercial Utilization of Cotton Stalks in India

Briquetting Plants

- Installed plants: about 100
- Capacity/plant: 20 TPD
- Size of briquettes: 90 mm diameter
- Uses: As substitute for coal for firing boilers in industries, brick kilns, etc.
- Raw materials: Cotton Stalk (150,000 T for 4 months:); Soybean; saw dust, wood chips, bagasse, etc.,
- Benefits: Cheap-80% of Coal Price; Renewable Source, farmers' income-Rs. 3000/ha for supply of chipped biomass



Commercial Utilization of Cotton Stalks in India (Contd.)

Pelleting Plant

- Installed Pelleting plants : 50
- Capacity/plant: 3 TPD & 60-80 TPD
- Size of pellets: 6, 8 and 10 mm diameter
- Uses: Boilers and Cooking in Restaurants
- Raw materials: Cotton Stalk (200,000 T for 4 months:); Soybean; saw dust, wood chips, bagasse, etc.
- Benefits: Cheap- half the commercial LPG prices; farmers' income-Rs. 3000/- per ha for supply of chipped biomass



Commercial Utilization of Cotton Stalks in India (Contd.)

Power Generation

- **Installed power plants: 225**
- **Installed Capacity: 4831 MW**
(Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, 2016)
- **Raw material Required: 48 TPD**
for 1 MW capacity
- **Cotton Stalk, Soybean, Bagasse, Saw dust, etc.**
- **Benefits:**
 - **Renewable source for power generation**
 - **Power plants accept cotton stalks with high moisture content: 50 - 60 %**
 - **farmer' income-Rs. 5000/- per ha for supply of chipped biomass**



Commercial Utilization of Cotton Stalks in India (Contd.)

Particle Boards

- One ton Stalk used for 600 Kg Boards
- Plants accept Cotton Stalks as Substitute for Bagasse
- Particle Boards from Cotton Stalk conform with IS standard 3087-1985
- Uses: furniture making, partitioning, panelling, false ceiling, etc.



On-farm Utilization of Cotton Stalks

Compost

- CIRCOT accelerated process for compost preparation.
- Compost is enriched with nutrients, plant growth micro organisms
- Stable for the period up to one year.

Parameter	Compost from cotton stalks	Farm Yard Manure
NPK content (%)	1.43 : 0.78 : 0.82	0.5 : 0.2 : 0.5
Duration (Days)	60	120

Mushroom Production

- Oyster Mushroom (edible) can be grown from cotton stalks
- Mushroom yields up to **500 g per kg of cotton stalks**



Cotton Sector in Zimbabwe (2016-17)

		2015-16	2016-17
❖ Cotton Cultivation	(Ha)	101,660	150,000
❖ Seed Cotton Production @ 281kg lint/ha	(Tonnes)	71,500	125,000
❖ Cottonseed production	(Tonnes)	28,800	70,000
❖ Oil	(Tonnes)	5,200	12,600
❖ Linter	(Tonnes)	2,000	4900
❖ Cotton Stalk Chips	(Tonnes)	132,000	195,000
❖ Cotton Farmers		200,000	

Possibility of By-products Preparations from Cotton Stalks in Zimbabwe (2016-17)

❖ Area Under Cotton Cultivation (expected) : 150,000 hectares

❖ Cotton Stalk Chips (@1.3 t chips/ha) : 195,000 tonnes

Midland & Mashona Land (70 %) : 136,000 tonnes

Mesoland Centra & Masvingo (25%) : 48,750 tonnes

Mesoland East & Matabele Land (5%) : 9,750 tonnes

➤ **Preparation of briquettes of 20 TPD capacity in 3 shifts**

➤ **Preparation of Pellets from 3 TPD capacity in 3 shifts**

➤ **Power generation of 30 MW capacity**

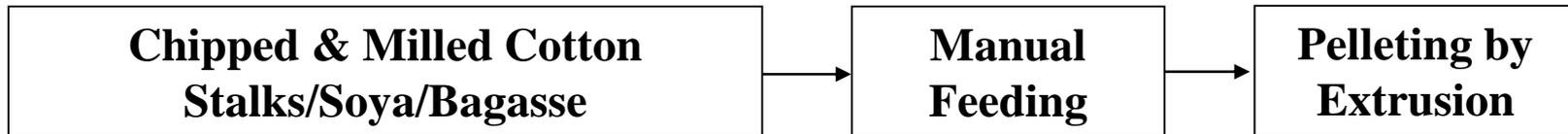
➤ **On-farm production of mushroom and composts**

Industrial Applications of Cotton Stalks

BRIQUETTING



PELLETING



POWER GENERATION



Connected Loads & Manpower

Briquetting plant

- Connected load: 90 HP
- Manpower requirement: 6/shift

Pelleting plant

- Connected load: 25 HP
- Manpower requirement: 3/shift

Power Generation

- Manpower requirement: 10/shift

Logistics for Supply of Cotton Stalks

- Uprooting of cotton stalks: **3-4 manpower/acre**
- Collection after 1 week sun drying: **2 manpower**
- **Chipping:** Tractor driven chipper, capacity **2 TPH**, 11 manpower, 2 tractor cum trolleys
- Transportation: **within 50 km**
- Total logistics Price: Rs. 1500 per tonne at factory gate (**\$ 23 per tonne**)



Chipping of Cotton Stalks



Shredding of Cotton Stalks



Briquetting



Pelleting



Commercial utilization: Power Generation

A	Capital Investment (30 MW Capacity)	INR in million	USD in million
	Land and Building (Land Area: 5 acre; Building for Machinery: 50 Sq. M ; Material storage area:5000 Sq. M ; Office Building: 50 Sq. M)	100.0	1.53
	Plant and Equipment	800.0	12.37
	Auxiliary and Service Equipment (Crushers, Gridding, Chimney, etc.)	100.0	1.53
	Total investment	1,000	15.43
B	Operational Expenses		
	Raw Material Cost for 1 year (1500 TPD for 360 days @ Rs. 2800 per tonne)	1,510	23.23
	Operational cost including repair and Maintenance and other charges (Rs. 30000/MWh) for 1 year	7,776	119.63
C	Gross Annual Income (Rs. 57000/MWh)	14,775	227.29
	Net annual income (Rs. 1000/MWh)	250	3.84
D	Payback period: 48 months		Return on investment : 25%

On-farm Applications of Cotton Stalks

Composting from Cotton Stalks

- ❖ Bio-enriched compost with nutrients, plant growth micro organisms prepared using ICAR-CIRCOT Accelerated process of composting

Parameter	Cotton stalk Composts	FYM
NPK content (%)	1.43 : 0.78 : 0.82	0.5 : 0.2 : 0.5
Duration (Days)	60	120

- ❖ Yield: 800 kg/tonne chipped stalks
- ❖ Production cost: Rs. 3000/tonne
- ❖ Selling Price: Rs. 3500/tonne

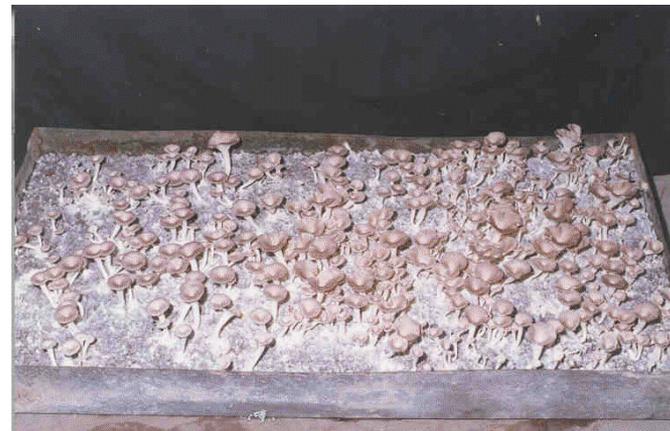


CIRCOT Technology for Bio-enriched Composts from Cotton Stalks



Mushroom from Cotton stalks

- Oyster Mushroom (edible) can be grown from cotton stalks
- Mushroom yields up to **500 g per kg of cotton stalks**



Mushrooms grown on cotton stalks

Bottom line

- Urgent need to **increase the seed cotton production** in Zimbabwe to feed the installed capacities of ginneries/oil expressers
- **Utilization of Cottonseed oil is well established** and is recognized as safe edible oil across the World
- Cottonseed meal is well established product for animal feeding, however, it can be **explored for poultry and fish feeding**
- **Explore the option of Absorbent cotton Production**

Bottom line (Contd.)

- Cotton stalks can be effectively used as **Renewable source of energy** : Briquettes, Pellets and Power generations
- **Promote on-farm composting of cotton stalks**: Reduction in input cost; Soil health improvement; increased productivity and Production of cotton.
- From cotton stalks, preparation of **Kraft paper (corrugated boxes) and Particle Boards is not a feasible proposition**
- **Training cum Exposure programme** on value addition to cotton By-produce



Thank You

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