

Feed & Feed Ingredients Conclave – 2017
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Respected our Guests of Honour Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil, Former Governor of Tripura & Bihar and Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Joint Secretary (CDD), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India. Mr. R. S. Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Coop. Milk Federation, Dr. Bharati Singh, Director CPDO (WR) and Dr. S. K. Saxena, Director, Export Inspection Council of India; delegates from the three prestigious Associations and other participants.

It is our proud privilege to welcome you all to this very important National Seminar on “Compound Feed & Feed Ingredients Conclave – 2017”, in this historical city of Pune in Maharashtra. SEA/CLFMA/AICOSCA have been organising such Seminars from time to time at various places in India, either jointly or individually, on various topics concerning these three important Associations. However, this time the theme of the Conclave is a little wider viz. “Future Outlook for the entire feed industry – Demand – Supply position of feed ingredients, including Maize and other cereals, overview of feed industry in India, price analysis and forecasting of feed and feed ingredients, quality aspects etc. The very purpose of organising such Seminars is to highlight the importance of such food ingredients, in the context of the demand – supply position of such ingredients, price outlook etc.

All India Cottonseed Crushers' Association (AICOSCA in brief), is the only Association in the country which propagates scientific processing of cottonseed, as against the traditional method in which the cottonseeds are just mechanically crushed without delinting/dehulling and solvent extraction which result in yielding 85% of cake with only 12-13% of oil. About 92-93% of the cottonseed processed in the country are through the traditional method resulting in enormous loss of precious cottonseed oil and the resultant loss to the Exchequer in terms of crores of rupees.

Thus, our Association has been repeatedly stressing, through various Forums, on adoption of scientific processing of cottonseed to save such enormous national loss of crores of rupees.

Cottonseed cake or (meal), which an important feed ingredient for milch cattle, has been found as one of the best protein concentrate feeds for such animals. It is very economical ration and it can be fed to cattle as dry feed. Normally 2.5 kg. cottonseed cake (meal), is fed to milch cattle per day of 450 kg. live weight. Cottonseed meal or cake (left after extraction of the oil) contains high quality protein and is rich in essential amino acid content, as per scientists of Research Institutes. It is, therefore, an excellent cattle and animal feed and is useful as an important source of natural bypass protein supplement as compared to other protein meals. The metabolizable energy value of cottonseed cake (meal), is similar to that of other oilmeals and animals fed on this diet have shown good growth and performance than many other feeds. This extremely nutritious and reasonably priced cattle feed is easily available in major parts of the country and all round the year, thanks to proper storage of seed and running the plants almost throughout the year. Cottonseed meal is also cheaper in price in comparison to the price of other oilseed meals/cakes namely, soyabean, groundnut, mustard/rape, cottonseed meal being cheaper by about 45% to 50%.

We have invited a number of distinguished speakers from Research Institutes, Universities, Government Departments, to enlighten the audience on different aspects of the theme of the Seminar. We have about 200 delegates from all over India who are attending this Conclave. The Conclave will provide an excellent opportunity to interact with the members of various segments from the Feed industry and policy makers from Government.

I thank all of you for your presence in this Seminar and look forward to highly useful outcome of the deliberations here. I also thank the office bearers of the Solvent Extractors' Association, Mumbai, especially its dynamic Executive Director, Dr. B.V. Mehta, who almost single handedly attended to most of the spade work for the Seminar, such as, organising this grand Conclave, the selection of venue, inviting dignitaries and the speakers and making other associated arrangements for successful conduct of the Seminar. CLFMA and AICOSCA office bearers also deserve a mention in extending their helping hand to Solvent Extractors Association and Dr. Mehta

I wish the Seminar all success.
I thank you all once again

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