

**KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**  
Main Campus, Vellanikkara, Thrissur- 680 656

**Diploma Course in Organic Agriculture**  
PROSPECTUS – 2015

**Introduction:**

Diploma in Organic Agriculture Course is offered at College of Agriculture, Vellayani with a duration of two semesters (1 year), for the improvement of organic method in Agriculture in the production, preservation and usage of agricultural commodities in the state so as to minimize due to the use of harmful fertilizers and chemicals.

1	Name of the Institution	:	College of Agriculture, Vellayani, Thiruvananthapuram	
2	Location	:	Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, College of Agriculture, Vellayani, Thiruvananthapuram	
3	Objectives	:	1. To offer one year Diploma course in Organic Agriculture to impart knowledge and proficiency in organic production practices & certification process, handling, storage, labeling & marking of organic products. 2. To promote self employment and income generation	
4	Duration of the course	:	Two semesters (one year)	
5	Eligibility criteria	:	Pass in Plus two with science subjects or equivalent qualification	
6	Fee structure	:	Rs. 20,000/- per semester per student (i) Admission Fee: Rs. 500/- (ii) Caution Deposit: Rs.750/-	
7	Boarding & lodging	:	The candidates have to make own arrangements for boarding and lodging.	
8	Number of seats	:	State Merit	12
			Ezhava	2
			Muslim	1
			Other Backward Hindus	1
			Latin Catholic	1
			Dheevera / Viswakarma	1
			S.C/S.T.	2
			Total	20
9	Total credits	:	30	
10	Selection procedure	:	Based on marks in qualifying examination	
11	Evaluation pattern	:	Internal Evaluation	
12	Medium of instruction	:	English	

**General Conditions:**

1. The candidates should have completed the age of 17 years as on the last date fixed for the submission of online application.
2. The candidate should submit the online application and take a print out of the same. Print out of the application along with self attested copies of certificates in proof of age, educational qualifications for all candidates and experience, community, income certificates in the case of candidates claimed reservations. The candidate should also attach the counterfoil of Pay-in-Slip/original Demand Draft along with the print out of application. This should reach to the Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, KAU Main Campus, KAU P.O., Thrissur – 680 656 on or before the last date prescribed in the notification.
3. The communal reservation should be allowed only to the candidates of Kerala natives.
4. The candidates should have passed the qualifying examinations before the last date fixed for the receipt of application in the University.
5. The candidate should produce all the original documents required by the University at the time of admission, failing which, their candidature for admission will be forfeited. They should also remit the amount of fees on the date of admission itself. Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances. The SC/ST students are exempted from remitting the Tuition fee and special fee.
6. All those who take admission and discontinued the course shall liable to pay liquidated damages to the University as directed by the authorities.
7. The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University or the officer entrusted by him with the work of admission on his behalf is entitled to refuse admission to candidates if they are not satisfied with the correctness or genuineness of any certificates filed by them along with the application. The decision of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on his behalf will be final.
8. The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University is competent to close the admission at any date after the commencement of 1<sup>st</sup> semester of course.
9. The student should report in the concerned college/institution on the date mentioned in their Bio-data cum Admit Card. Failure to report the college/institution on the date without prior permission will lose the admission of candidate without further notice.
- 10.(i) *Foreign students*

The following procedures have been prescribed for admission of the foreign students. The normal procedure for seeking admission is that the foreign student should apply in the prescribed form available in the Indian missions abroad and the application is to be forwarded to the Government of India by the Embassy/Mission concerned. The Ministry of Education will then arrange for admission through ICAR. The foreign students who arrive in India

on Tourist visas will not be admitted unless he/she has taken previous approval of the Government of India for his/her visa being converted to student visa but his/her application will be provisionally considered and the eligibility decided. An 'Eligibility Certificate' indicating the last date by which he/she must join the course will be issued to the eligible candidate who will be advised to approach the Ministry of Home affairs through the Foreigner's Registration Officers of the State Government where the foreign student is temporarily residing at the time of application. The eligibility certificate in original should be attached with the application for conversion of visa.

No application for admission from students holding Chinese nationality (from Mainland and Formosa) will be entertained without a clearance from the Government of India 'Ministry of Education'. Before joining the course, the foreign student also will be required to fill in relevant particulars in the application form available from the Kerala Agricultural University.

No self-supporting student of any foreign country is admitted in the University.

Foreign students being admitted in the University should undergo medical examination within a month of their admission. These students will initially be admitted provisionally on the strength of a Medical Certificate and AIDS free certificate and only on the production of valid medical certificate, admission will be confirmed.

Medical Examination shall be carried out by an authorized Medical Officer with a rank of not less than that of Civil Surgeon/CMO of the District where the institution is located or any other Officer designated for the purpose.

(ii) *Candidates from outside states*

The candidates having the requisite qualification seeking admission from outside Kerala State should apply to the ICAR, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi through their State Government concerned. In respect of Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Andaman/Nicobar, the reserved seats are exclusively for the ethnic natives. No restriction will be imposed on candidate, sponsored by the ICAR except to the extent that they should satisfy the minimum requirements prescribed.

A special caution deposit of Rs.2,000/- is to be paid at the time of admission in the case of candidates from outside the State/Foreign country which will be refunded when he/she leaves the University.

## **11. Penalty for furnishing false information**

Any candidate who is found to have willfully or otherwise given any particulars which are false or has suppressed material information or does not satisfy the requisite qualification for admission shall be disqualified. They shall not be allowed to continue on the rolls of the University, if it is detected at any stage of his/her studentship in the University. In case the candidate has already passed out of the University then the degree awarded by the University shall be withdrawn.

12. High Court of Kerala will be the only judicial body to decide on all disputes arising, if any, in the matter of admission.
13. The prospectus is subject to further modification/addition as may be considered necessary by the University and will be issued as executive orders/notifications. And such modifications will be applicable to all students admitted during this year.

**Note:- The course will be offered only if at least 50% of students take admission during the Academic Year**

**REGISTRAR**

### **TIME SCHEDULE FOR ADMISSION**

Diploma in Organic Agriculture	
Issue of Notification	15.05.2015
Last date of submission of online application	15.06.2015
Last date of receipt of Hard Copy of application	7 days from 15.6.2015
Date of Publication of Rank List	10.07.2015
Date of Admission	03.08.2015
Date of Registration	05.08.2015
Date of Classes begins	05.08.2015