



Gramin Krishi Mousam Sewa (GKMS), Thrissur
Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Ernakulam District
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A. Medium range weather forecast of IMD for next five days

Weather parameters	2.4.2022	3.4.2022	4.4.2022	5.4.2022	6.4.2022
Rainfall (mm)	7	3	0.1	3	4
Maximum temperature (°C)	33	33	33	33	33
Minimum temperature (°C)	26	26	26	26	26
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	80	80	80	80	80
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	72	72	72	72	72
Wind speed (kmph)	10	10	10	10	10
Wind direction (deg)	270	270	270	270	270
Total cloud cover (octa)	6	4	3	5	6




RAINFALL FORECAST FOR NEXT FIVE DAYS

2022 April 02	2022 April 03	2022 April 04	2022 April 05	2022 April 06
Light rain	light rain	Very light rain	Light rain	Light rain

Weather summary / Alert: Light rainfall is expected in the district. Normal to Above normal rainfall is expected in Kerala. .

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

The following are immediate steps to be followed protect farmers, plants, and birds from the summer heat. Avoid going out in hot weather as much as possible. That way you can get rid of sunburn. While working in the farm, try to use a hat or umbrella to prevent direct sunlight. Drink plenty of clean water from time to time to prevent dehydration. As the climate is hot and dry, irrigate the crops as required to ensure adequate soil moisture. Irrigate only, when there is no strong sunlight. Drip irrigation can reduce water loss to some extent.

Crop	Pest/ Disease	Crop/ Animal Advisories (RRS Vyttila)
Coconut & Arecanut	Irrigation	 Since dry weather condition is prevailed, irrigate Coconut and Arecanut. Give 40 to 50 liter water for a coconut palm and 25 litre water for an Arecanut plant. Since air temperature is increasing, it is a desirable practice to bury fresh or dried coconut husk around the coconut palm to conserve soil moisture. It is desirable to apply lime (white colour) on the stem near the ground to protect from heat
Turmeric	Planting	 On receipt of pre-monsoon showers, prepare beds of size 3 m x 1.2 m with a spacing of 40 cm between beds in already tilled land. 160 Kg organic manure, 600 g rajphos and 200g MOP to be given as basal dose for one cent. Whole or split mother rhizomes are used for planting. Mulch the crop immediately after planting.
Amaranthus	blight	 Intercrop red and green varieties, seed treatment with Trichoderma or Pseudomonas, restrict irrigation to the basin, dissolve 20 g cow dung in one litre of water and spray supernatant liquid by mixing with 20 g Pseudomonas with the onset of initial symptoms itself, foliar spray and soil drenching with Turmeric powder (5 g) + baking soda (1 g) mixture in one litre water at 7-8 days interal is also recommended for its control.
Fish farming		Brooders should be kept in breeding cages in the case of ornamental fishes such as guppies, platy, mollies etc. to avoid the young ones being eaten by its own mothers.