



Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Ernakulam District

(Valid from 07.08.2024 to 11.08.2024)

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A Medium range weather forecast of IMD for next five days

Weather parameters	07.08.2024	08.08.2024	09.08.2024	10.08.2024	11.08.2024
Rainfall (mm)	6	5	0	3	5
Maximum temperature (°C)	31	31	30	30	30
Minimum temperature (°C)	25	25	25	25	25
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	90	90	90	95	95
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	75	75	75	70	70
Wind speed (kmph)	10	14	10	10	8
Wind direction (deg)	320	340	340	290	320
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	8	6	7	7

Weather summary / Alert: As per the forecast of IMD, there is a chance of moderate rainfall in isolated places of the district. Above normal rainfall is expected in Kerala.

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

C. General and Agrometeorological Advisories for Ernakulum District (RRS Vyttila)

Special crop management is required for agricultural crops during monsoon season. Proper drainage facilities have to be ensured. If the soil is more acidic, add lime as per soil testing. Pesticides should not be applied during rainy period. Provide supports to banana crops. Make the vegetable pandals stronger. To protect farmers and livestock from lightning and thunder avoid standing in open areas.

Crop	-	Crop/ Animal Advisory
Paddy (Pokkali)	Leaf folder	Due to high humidity, there is chance of rice leaf folder incidence. Thoroughly monitor the field and take management actions during the initial stage of infestation itself. Trichocards of <i>Trichogramma japonicum</i> and <i>T. chilonis</i> each @ 1 lakh/ha along with <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> @10 gm/l spray can be done.
Paddy (Virippu)	Bacterial leaf blight	There is chance of bacterial leaf blight infestation in rice. As a prophylactic measure, spray 20 g <i>Pseudomonas</i> in one litre of water.
Coconut	Bud rot	Improve general condition of the palm by manuring and management. Clean the crown and remove rotten portions. Spray crowns and leaves with 1 % Bordeaux mixture as a prophylactic measure. For already infected palms, small perforated sachets containing 5 g Mancozeb may be tied to the top crown portion and 3 or 4 inner most leaf axils.

Animal Husbandry: Cattle feed should be stored on a wooden board or iron board. If moisture is in the cattle feed it may cause deadly fungal growth. Animals should not be allowed to go to water logged areas in order to avoid anthrax and foot lesions. (CAAECCS, KVASU, Mannuthy)