



Agromet Advisory Bulletin for PALAKKAD District

(Valid from 10.08.2024 to 14.08.2024)

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A. Medium range weather forecast of IMD for next five days

Weather parameters	10.08.2024	11.08.2024	12.08.2024	13.08.2024	14.08.2024
Rainfall (mm)	3	2	19	15	10
Maximum temperature (°C)	32	32	33	33	33
Minimum temperature (°C)	24	24	23	23	23
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	88	88	94	94	94
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	76	76	86	86	86
Wind speed (kmph)	4	4	5	5	5
Wind direction (deg)	320	320	320	290	290
Total cloud cover (octa)	5	6	8	8	8

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

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

C. General and Agro meteorological Advisories

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	Pest/ Disease	Crop/ Animal Advisory
Rice (virippu) Tillering stage	Rice case worm	During rainy season, there is a chance of rice case worm in paddy field. Drain water from the field for three days. To control this 25 kg sawdust mixed with one litre kerosene can be spread per one acre.
Pepper	Quick wilt	Proper drainage facilities have to be ensured. As a prophylactic measure to control quick wilt of pepper, add 2 kg Trichoderma to a mixture of 90 kg FYM and 10 kg neem cake and kept for two weeks with sufficient moisture. Add 2.5 kg of this mixture to the base of each matured pepper vine.
Cucurbitaceous Vegetables	Downy mildew	During rainy season, there is a chance of downy mildew attack in cucurbitaceous vegetables. Spray 2.5gm Mancozeb per one litre of water under the leaves.
Nutmeg	Leaf fall	During rainy season, there is a chance of leaf fall in nutmeg. As a prophylactic measure to manage leaf fall in nutmeg, spray 1% Bordeaux mixture. Proper drainage facilities have to be ensured

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. (CAADECCS, KVASU, Mannuthy)