



Agromet Advisory Bulletin for PALAKKAD District

(Valid from 03.05.2025 to 07.05.2025)

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

Weather parameters	03.05.2025	04.05.2025	05.05.2025	06.05.2025	07.05.2025
Rainfall (mm)	3	0.2	0.2	0.5	4
Maximum temperature (°C)	37	37	37	37	37
Minimum temperature (°C)	26	26	26	26	26
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	86	86	86	86	86
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	68	68	68	68	68
Wind speed (kmph)	2	2	3	3	3
Wind direction (deg)	290	320	320	320	320
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	6	6	7	8

Weather summary / Alert: -. As per the forecast of IMD, there is a chance of light rainfall in the district. Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds is very likely to occur at one or two places over Kerala on 02nd May to 06th May 2025. Normal to above normal rainfall is expected in Kerala.

Maximum temperatures are very likely to be around 36°C in 02nd May 2025. Hot & Humid weather is very likely to prevail over the district except in hilly areas due to high temperature and humidity.

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

General and Agrometeorological Advisories for Palakkad District

General Advisory: - Proper mulching can be followed to conserve soil moisture. Since air temperature is increasing, it is a desirable practice to bury fresh or dried coconut husk in the coconut basin to conserve soil moisture.

Crop	Pest/ Disease, Crop Management	Agromet Advisory
Puncha rice (Maturity stage)	Brown Plant Hopper (BPH)	There is a chance of brown plant hopper attack in rice. Spray 2 gram Thiamethoxam per ten litre of water.
Rice (virippu)	Management	It is recommended to sow dhaincha seeds in the paddy field before virippu planting.
Banana	Calcium & Boron Deficiency	To control leaf curling in banana, due to calcium deficiency, apply 250g lime per banana plant. Boron deficiency is seen more during dry weather. Spray one gram borax per one litre of water.
Ginger, Turmeric	Planting time	While preparing land for ginger and turmeric cultivations, apply 2 to 3 kg lime per cent. As a prophylactic measure against rhizome rot disease, the ginger and turmeric rhizome should be soaked in 0.3% mancozeb or pseudomonas solution (3 gram per one litre of water) for 30 minutes.
Vegetables	Management	Addition of pseudomonas culture to the soil at the time of planting of vegetables will help to reduce fungal diseases

Animal Husbandry: - Before the rainy season begins, keep the cattle shed clean and tidy. (CAADECCS, KVASU, Mannuthy).