



Agromet Advisory Bulletin for PALAKKAD District

(Valid from 15.05.2024 to 19.05.2024)

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

Weather parameters	15.05.2024	16.05.2024	17.05.2024	18.05.2024	19.05.2024
Rainfall (mm)	3	2	1	4	4
Maximum temperature (°C)	36	36	36	37	37
Minimum temperature (°C)	26	26	26	26	26
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	94	94	94	94	94
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	55	55	55	55	55
Wind speed (kmph)	2	2	2	2	2
Wind direction (deg)	230	140	270	270	250
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	8	8	8	8

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

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

C. General and Agro meteorological Advisories

The following are immediate steps to be followed to protect people, plants, and birds from the summer heat. Drink plenty of clean water from time to time to prevent dehydration. Avoid going out in hot weather to get rid of sunburn while going. Try to use a hat or an umbrella to prevent direct sunlight. Since dry and hot weather is prevailed, crops can be irrigated to ensure adequate soil moisture. Crops should not be irrigated during strong sunlight. Drip irrigation can reduce water loss to some extent.

Crop	Pest/ Disease	Crop/ Animal Advisory
Rice (virippu)	-	It is recommended to sow dhaincha seeds in the paddy field before virippu planting. Land preparation and nursery preparation for virippu paddy (Rainfed) can be started after receiving summer rains.
Coconut & Arecanut	-	Pits can be taken for planting seedlings of coconut and arecanut.
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 the 0.3 percent mancozeb or pseudomonas solution (3 gram per one litter of water) for 30 minutes. Moreover 90 kg FYM mixed with one kg Trichoderma and kept under shade for two weeks with sufficient moisture and can be applied.

Animal Husbandry: - Deworm the animals after dung examination. Care should be taken to prevent rat breeding in the premises of cattle shed to prevent leptospirosis. Keep away livestock from open fields to avoid lightning and thunder.