





Agromet Advisory Bulletin for PALAKKAD District

(Valid from 04.01.2025 to 08.01.2025)

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

| Weather parameters | 04.01.2025 | 05.01.2025 | 06.01.2025 | 07.01.2025 | 08.01.2025 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rainfall (mm) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maximum temperature (°C) | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| Minimum temperature (°C) | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Maximum Relative Humidity (%) | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| Minimum Relative Humidity (%) | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Wind speed (kmph) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Wind direction (deg) | 90 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 90 |
| Total cloud cover (octa) | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |

Weather summary / Alert: Since dry weather condition is prevailed, irrigation of crops can be continued as per requirement. Normal rainfall is expected in Kerala.

B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

General and Agrometeorological Advisories for Thrissur District

General Advisory: - Prophylactic measures can be taken to control and to avoid the spread of crop pest and diseases. Since there is a chance of dry weather condition due to strong wind and high evaporation, crops should be irrigated, when required. Since the wind speed may increase, give strong propping to banana and staking to vegetables. As the rain is decreasing proper mulching can be followed to conserve soil moisture.

| Crop | Pest/ Disease, Crop Management | Agromet Advisory | | |
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| Rice (Mundakan) Panicle Emergence stage | Bacterial Leaf Blight | To control and prevent Bacterial leaf blight in paddy, dissolve 20 g of cow dung in one litre of water and spray the supernatant liquid by mixing with 20g of pseudomonas. If the attack is severe spray 6 g of Streptocycline in 30 litre of water. | | |
| | Brown Plant Hopper (BPH) There is a chance of Brown plant hopper attack in rice. Spring Imidacloprid 3ml per ten litre of water or Thiamethoxa gram per ten litre of water. | | | |
| | Sheath Blight | To control sheath blight disease in rice, spray 4 gram of Trifloxystrobin + Tebuconazole mixture in ten litres of water. | | |
| Pepper | Pollu disease | During high humidity, there is a chance of pollu disease in pepper plants. Control the shade in the garden and spray with 1% Bordeaux mixture. | | |
| Cowpea | Pod borer | There is a chance of pod borer attack in cowpea. It can be controlled by spraying 50 grams Neem extract per one litre of water. Or spray 20 grams of <i>Beauveria</i> in one litre of water. | | |

Animal Husbandry: Vaccinate animals against foot and mouth disease and hemorrhagic septicemia. Ensure sufficient supply of clean drinking water to the animals. (CAADECCS, KVASU, Mannuthy).