



Agromet Advisory Bulletin for PALAKKAD District

(Valid from 16.07.2024 to 20.07.2024)

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

Weather parameters	16.07.2024	17.07.2024	18.07.2024	19.07.2024	20.07.2024
Rainfall (mm)	30	20	15	10	3
Maximum temperature (°C)	27	27	27	32	32
Minimum temperature (°C)	24	24	24	25	25
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	98	98	98	98	92
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	89	89	89	89	80
Wind speed (kmph)	2	2	6	6	6
Wind direction (deg)	270	250	250	250	250
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	8	8	8	8

Weather summary / Alert: As per the forecast of IMD, there is a chance of moderate rainfall in the district and heavy rainfall in isolated places. Above 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) Seedling stage	Bacterial Leaf blight	During rainy season, 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. Pesticides should not be applied during rainy period.
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.
Arecanut	Mahali	As a prophylactic measure, spray 1% Bordeaux mixture or two gram Copper oxychloride per one litre of water with stickers at 45 days interval. Keep the field clean. Pesticides should not be applied during rainy period. Completely affected arecanut trees can be removed.

Animal Husbandry: Sundry the cattle feed frequently to avoid fungal growth. Give foot and mouth disease (FMD) vaccination to the animal. Don't allow the animals go to water logged areas in order to avoid anthrax and foot lesions. (CAADECCS, KVASU, Mannuthy)