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Significant past weather for the preceding week (Period –22/04/2020 to 28/04/2020)							Weather Parameters	Weather forecast until 08.30 hrs of 03/05/2020				
22/04	23/04	24/04	25/04	26/04	27/04	28/04		29/04	30/04	01/05	02/05	03/05
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Rainfall (mm)	0	11	12	3	2
33.5	34.2	34.0	33.4	34.0	34.0	33.4	Maximum temperature (°C)	36	36	34	34	34
18.5	22.0	20.0	21.5	18.5	21.0	22.5	Minimum temperature (°C)	26	27	27	27	27
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cloud cover (Octa)	3	2	2	3	1
85	92	90	89	90	87	86	Relative Humidity Max. (%)	89	94	91	92	88
50	48	49	50	55	57	-	Relative Humidity Min. (%)	36	37	44	41	41
4.8	4.5	4.7	5.0	5.2	6.1	5.8	Wind speed (Km/hr)	5	4	5	6	6
Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Wind direction	WNW	W	SSW	W	NNW
Rainfall (mm) in last week							Rainfall (mm) from 01/01/2020 to till dated	Total Rainfall (mm) in last year				
1.2							1.2	5130.9				

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There is possibility of light rainfall from 30th April to 3rd May, 2020 and also possibility of increase in maximum and minimum temperature and sky remain partly cloudy.

Crop	Stage	Agro Advise
Value addition of Fruits	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the lockdown in the view of outbreak of Covid-19 (Corona), farmers are facing difficulties in marketing of perishable farm produce. To reduce the loss of perishable fruits, it is suggested to go for value addition by processing the fruits. In this connection it is possible to make pickle and chutney from unripe mango fruits, fried chips and leather from jackfruits, syrup from available cashew apples, pickle, chutney, and syrup from Karonda fruits, amsul, syrup and agal from ripe kokum, syrup from jamun. Detail flow chart for preparation of value added product is available in farmers corner on university website (www.dbskvv.org).
Kharif rice	Land preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start the land preparation operation for kharif season and expose to soil to sun which will help in controlling weeds effectively.
Mango	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to forecast for light rainfall from 30th April to 3rd May, 2020, harvest the mature mango fruits by observing rainfall situation before 10 hours in the morning and after 16 hours in the evening with the help on Nutan mango harvester at 80 to 85% maturity. Keep the harvested fruits in shade to prevent spongy tissue disease and from heat. Withhold irrigation one month before fruit are ready for harvesting. Do not spray any insecticides/fungicides 15 days before harvesting of mango fruits. To prevent incidence of post harvest diseases on fruits, place the fruits in hot water of 52°C for 10 minutes and then keep for ripening. Use C.F.B. (corrugated fiber box) for packing developed by B. S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli. Transport of harvested fruits should be done preferably during night hours. Due to forecast for light rainfall from 30th April to 3rd May, 2020, there is possibility of incidence of anthracnose disease on fruits of mango, for protection of mango fruits from incidence of anthracnose, spray Thiophanate methyl @10 g or Carbendazim 12% + Mancozeb 63% @ 10 g per 10 liter of water. To protect the mango fruits from the incidence of fruit fly, install “Rakshak fruit fly trap” developed by University @ 4 traps per hectare. Collect and destroy fallen fruits and keep orchard clean. Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to newly planted mango orchard @ 30 liters of water twice in week (1 years old), twice in 15 days interval (2 years old) and twice in month (3 years old). For new plantation of mango, clean the field and dig the pits of size 1 X 1 X 1 m at a spacing of 10 X 10 m (5 X 5 m for high density planting). Re-filled the pits with mixture of soil, 3 to 4 baskets of well decomposed FYM and 3 kg of single super phosphate.
Cashewnut	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest the matured nuts and sun dry for 7 to 8 days to bring down moisture content and then stored in dry places. Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to newly planted cashew orchard @ 15 liters of water once in week. also use straw or polythene mulch in cashew orchard to reduce evaporation losses.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For new plantation of cashewnut, clean the field, dig the pits of size 0.6 X 0.6 X 0.6 m at a spacing of 7.5 X 7.5 m or 8 X 8 m. Re-filled the pits with mixture of soil, 1½ to 2 baskets of well decomposed FYM and ½ kg of single super phosphate.
Coconut	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to coconut orchard at 5-6 days interval also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses. For new plantation of coconut, clean the field and dig the pits of size 1 X 1 X 1 m at a spacing of 7.5 X 7.5 m or 8 X 8 m. Re-filled the pits with mixture of soil, 10 kg of well decomposed FYM and 2 kg of single super phosphate. Prepare the copra from dried coconut by sun dry for minimum 3 days and then stored in dry place.
Arecanut	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to arecanut orchard at 4-5 days interval also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses. For new plantation of arecanut, clean the field and dig the pits of size 0.6 X 0.6 X 0.6 m at a spacing of 2.7 X 2.7 m. Re-filled the pits with mixture of soil, 20 kg of well decomposed FYM and ½ kg of single super phosphate. To protect the stem of arecanut from sunburn, cover the stem with grasses or branches of arecanut palm.
Milch animals	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is possibility of increase in temperature hence Provide clean, hygienic and plenty amount of drinking water to farm animals To protect animals from heat, sprinkle cold water on animals during the afternoon, it will help to maintain the body temperature. To reduce the stress of heat in farm animals, provide roughages by mixing with solution of 1% gaggery and 0.5% salt separately. There is forecast for increase in temperature, hence protect animals from heat by covering roof of the shed with insulating materials such as paddy straw, dry coconut leaves and make arrangement for sprinkle cold water on the roof of shed during afternoon time. Use wet gunny bags as side curtains to protect animals from direct hot winds. Vaccination against foot and mouth disease in farm animals under supervision of veterinary officers is advocated.

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