



AGROMET ADVISORY SERVICE BULLETIN FOR RATNAGIRI DISTRICT

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Significant past weather for the preceding week (Period –14/04/2021 to 20/04/2021)							Weather Parameters	Weather forecast until 08.30 hrs of 25/04/2021				
(Source: Agromet observatory, Dept of Agronomy, College of Agril, Dapoli)								(Source: Regional Meteorological Centre, Mumbai)				
14/04	15/04	16/04	17/04	18/04	19/04	20/04		21/04	22/04	23/04	24/04	25/04
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Rainfall (mm)	0	0	0	0	0
37.3	34.4	33.0	32.6	35.9	35.2	33.7	Max.Temp. (°C)	34	35	35	36	36
20.2	21.0	19.5	20.2	20.0	22.1	19.4	Min.Temp. (°C)	25	26	26	26	26
0	6	0	0	0	6	0	Cloud cover (Octa)	2	4	5	4	2
86	92	85	90	92	93	85	Max. RH (%)	71	72	73	75	75
55	64	65	66	59	67	-	Min. RH (%)	65	60	60	65	65
4.5	4.8	4.4	5.6	5.7	4.9	4.5	Wind speed(Km/hr)	5	8	6	5	5
W	W	W	W	SW	SW	WNW	Wind direction	S	SW	SSE	S	SSE
Rainfall (mm) in last week				Rainfall (mm) from 01/01/2021 to till dated			Total Rainfall (mm) in last year					
0.0				16.8			4145.4					

Weather summary/alert

Weather forecast	As per the forecast received from Regional Meteorological Centre Mumbai, there is possibility of dry weather with gradual rise in maximum and minimum temperature from 21st to 25th April, 2021 and sky remains cloudy from 22nd to 24th April, 2021 over Ratnagiri district.
ERFS	As per ERFS products normal rainfall, above normal maximum temperature and normal to below normal minimum temperature may occur in Konkani division during subsequent one-week 23rd to 29th April, 2021.

Agromet advisory based on weather forecast

Crop	Stage	Agro advisory
General advisory	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of manual field operations of harvesting/ picking, accomplish the operation in 4-6 feet spaced strips assigning one strip to one person. This will ensure adequate spacing between the engaged labour. All the persons engaged should use masks and ensure hand washing with soap at reasonable intervals. Maintain safe distance of 4-6 feet during rest, taking of meals, transfer of produce at collection point, loading/unloading. In hotspot areas of Covid-19, it is advise to sanitized the all machineries at the entry point and at regular interval. While carrying out field operations related to nutrient sprays and crop protection adequate precautions in handling of inputs, mixing, delivery and washing of equipment is to be undertaken. Follow the standard safety measures during the visit to market for the purchase of inputs/sale of produce.
SMS	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out harvesting of matured mango fruits during morning or in the evening hours and immediately keep the harvested fruits in shade to prevent spongy tissue development.
Mango	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest the matured mango fruits in the morning and in the evening with the help on 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 8 days before harvesting of mango fruits.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent incidence of post-harvest diseases fruit rot 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. Transport of harvested fruits should be done preferably during night hours. • Due to forecast for cloudy weather, there is possibility for incidence of fruit fly on mango fruits. Collect and destroy all fallen fruits and install “Rakshak fruit fly trap” developed by University @ 2 traps per acre. • 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). also use straw mulch.
Cashewnut	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to forecast for increase in temperature, 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.
Coconut	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For new plantation of coconut, select the fertile, well drain soil. • For control of eriophyid mite on coconut, neem-based insecticide Azadirachtin 5% @ 7.5 ml be mixed in equal quantity of water apply through root feeding three times in year (during month of October-November, January to February and April to May). Harvesting is avoided at least 45 days after treatment. In addition to this, spray Azadirachtin 10000 PPM 1% @4 ml per liter of water on bunch of nuts. Collect and destroy all infected inflorescence and nuts before spraying. • Due to forecast for increase in temperature, decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to first four years old coconut orchard at 4 to 5 days interval Provide shed to newly planted coconut orchard
Arecanut	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to forecast for increase in temperature, provide irrigation to arecanut orchard at 4-5 days interval. Provide shed to newly planted arecanut orchard.
Groundnut	Pod development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to forecast for increase in temperature, provide irrigation to groundnut crop at 10 to 12 days interval where crop is in pod development stage.
Turmeric	Land preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For cultivation of turmeric, perform the deep ploughing operation to exposed the hibernate pupae or egg stages of insect and disease spores.
Ginger	Land preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For cultivation of ginger crop, perform the deep ploughing operation to exposed the hibernate pupae or egg stages of insect and disease spores.
Vegetable crops	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to forecast for increase in temperature, provide irrigation to vegetable crop at 4-5 days interval.
Soil testing	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform soil testing once in 3-4 year and where 2 to 3 crops are cultivated in a year, soil testing should be done at every year. For seasonal crops soil at 20-25 cm depth and for fruit crop, soil from 60 cms depth should be tested.
Animal husbandry	--	<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. • Vaccination against Black Quarter disease in farm animals under supervision of veterinary officers is advocated.
Poultry	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is possibility of increase in temperature, hence in poultry shed, increase the water pot and provide adequate and clean water for drinking. • Vaccination against Ranikhet disease in poultry birds under the supervision of veterinary officer is advocated.
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