Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Thoothukudi district (From 29th June to 3rd July) (Issued jointly by AAS Unit, Agricultural Research Station, Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University & India Meteorological Department) Significant past weather data for the preceding week (24.6.16- 27.6.16)

| Rainfall (mm) | 0.0 |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Maximum Temperature (°C) | 31-34 |
| Minimum Temperature (°C) | 27-28 |
| Cloud cover (Octa) | 6-8 |
| RH (%) at 07:00 hrs LMT | 74- 78 |
| RH (%) at 14:00 hrs LMT | 52-66 |
| Wind speed (kmph) | 14-22 |
| Wind direction (deg) | 290 |

Weather forecast until 08:30 hrs of 3.7.16

| Parameters | Ensemble forecast | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
| | 29.6.16 | 30.6.16 | 1.7.16 | 2.7.16 | 3.7.16 |
| Rainfall (mm) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Max. Temperature (°C) | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| Min. Temperature (°C) | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Cloud cover (Octa) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Relative humidity (%) | 58-75 | 58-75 | 58- 75 | 58-75 | 58- 75 |
| Wind (kmph) (dd) | 16/ W | 16/ W | 16/ W | 16/ W | 16/ W |

W-West

Agromet advisories in relation to the anticipated weather having high cloud cover and moderate humidity

| Crop/ Farming | Stage / Activities | Advisories |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| system Chilli (IR) | Flowering stage | In the prevailing weather there is incidence of pod borer in chilli. Setup pheromone traps 12 nos./ ha. Collect and destroy the larvae present in the affected fruits. For controlling the pest spray chlorphyriphos 3 ml/ l. Aphids incidence is observed in chilli. Flowering and fruit bearing will be affected by the pest incidence. Spraying of monocrotophos 500 ml/ ha or dimethoate 2 ml/ 1 is recommended to control the pest. |
| Tomato (IR) | Flowering stage | As moderate cloud cover and moderate humidity is forecasted in the coming days. White fly were found in tomato plant. For controlling this spray dimethoate 30% EC @ 1 ml/ 1 or malathion 1.5 ml/ l. |

| Banana (IR) | Shooting stage | As winds with high speed are expected in the coming days give support for banana. |
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| Sugarcane (IR) | Grant growth stage | Remove the dry cane leaves and do double line propping with trash twist at the age of 210 days of the crop. This will prevent lodging due to heavy winds. |

SMS: No rain. Chilli -Aphids- For controlling this pest spray monocrotophos 500 ml/ ha or dimethoate 2 ml/ l.

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