

Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Virudhungan district

(From 10th May to 14th May)

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Significant past weather data for the preceding week (5.5.17- 8.5.17)

Rainfall (mm)	0.0
Maximum Temperature (°C)	39- 40
Minimum Temperature (°C)	26- 28
Cloud cover (Octa)	4- 6
RH (%) at 07:00 hrs LMT	57 - 63
RH (%) at 14:00 hrs LMT	38- 57
Wind speed (kmph)	11- 16
Wind direction (deg)	140- 200

Weather forecast until 08:30 hrs of 14.05.2017

Parameters	Ensemble forecast				
	Day 1 10.5.17	Day 2 11.5.17	Day 3 12.05.17	Day 4 13.5.17	Day 5 14.5.17
Rainfall (mm)	2	9	6	0	0
Max. Temperature (°C)	39	39	39	38	38
Min. Temperature (°C)	26	26	26	26	26
Cloud cover (Octa)	4	4	4	4	4
Relative humidity (%)	45- 55	45- 55	45- 55	45- 60	45- 60
Wind (kmph) (dd)	14/ SW	14/ SW	14/ SW	14/ SW	14/ SW

SW- Southwest

Agromet advisories in relation to the anticipated weather having moderate cloud cover, light rainfall and moderate humidity

Crop/ Farming system	Stage / Activities	Advisories
Sorghum (Irrigated)	Vegetative stage	In the expected weather condition shoot fly incidence is noticed in sorghum. The symptoms are withering and drying of central shoot (dead heart) and red mining in the midrib. For controlling this pest spray any one of the following insecticide, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methyl demeton 25 EC 500 ml/ha • Dimethoate 30 EC 500 ml/ha
Jasmine	Flowering stage	In the prevailing weather condition, budworm incidence is may observed in Jasmine. To control spray Thiachloprid 240 SC @ 1 ml/ l of water.

Soil fertility management	Crop residue incorporation	Incorporate the residues of harvested crops like cotton, chilli and other crops by using rotoslasher when soil moisture is optimum. Addition of crop residues will help to improve organic matter content of the soil and conserve rain water.
Banana and Sugarcane	Grand growth stage	As high winds are expected in the coming days remove the dry cane leaves and do double line propping. This will prevent lodging due to heavy winds.

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