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Weather Summary for the period since the issue of last bulletin 013 (14.02.2023) for Tamil Nadu. Maximum temperature ranged on 29-37°C and minimum temperature ranged on 16-23°C, over the State. Kodaikanal and Uthagamandalam recorded maximum temperature ranged on 18-26°C and minimum temperature ranged on 7-8°C. During this period dry spell was recorded in Tamil Nadu.

Weather Summary

Past week weather Summary (12.02.2023 to 16.02.2023)					Weather Parameters	Ensemble weather forecast valid until 08:30 hrs of 22.02.2023				
Day 1 12/02	Day 2 13/02	Day 3 14/02	Day 4 15/02	Day 5 16/02		Day 1 18/02	Day 2 19/02	Day 3 20/02	Day 4 21/02	Day 5 22/02
0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Rainfall (mm)	0	1	0	0	0
NA	NA	31	31	31	Max. Temp. (°C)	31	31	32	32	33
NA	21	21	20	21	Min. Temp. (°C)	22	22	23	23	24
NA	2	2	2	2	Cloud cover (Octa)	0	3	0	0	0
NA	80	76	76	79	Relative humidity - Mor. (%)	80	90	80	80	80
NA	66	72	74	67	Relative humidity - Eve. (%)	50	50	60	60	50
NA	5	4	0	8	Wind speed (kmph)	8	8	8	10	12
NA	110/ES E	110/ES E	0/N	90/E	Wind direction (dd)	20/NNE	20/NNE	50/NE	20/NNE	360/N

Weather forecast for next five days: 18.02.2023 to 22.02.2023

According to district forecast issued by the India Meteorological Department for Thoothukudi district, sky condition will be mainly clear sky. Day 2 is predicted with very little rainfall other four days no rainfall is predicted. The Maximum temperature is expected to be around 31-33°C and Minimum temperature is expected to be around 22-24°C. Morning relative humidity is expected to be around 80-90 per cent and evening relative humidity is expected to be around 50-60 per cent. 24-hour wind speed is expected to be around 8-12 km per hour and the wind direction will be from North-Northeast, North East and North direction.

Agromet Advisory

Crop	Stage	Crop Specific Advisory
Irrigated crops	Water management	Dry weather may prevail for the coming five days except day 2. Farmers are requested to irrigate the crop in frequent interval.
Rainfed and irrigate crops	Temperature / Relative humidity	Increase in maximum temperature, chance for increase of sucking pest. Farmers were advise to monitor the sucking pest and precaution may be given. Farmers are advised to use the yellow sticky trap @ 10-15/acre to monitor the incidence of sucking pests and Blue sticky trap @ 5-10/acre to monitor the Aphids and leaf miner.
Cotton	Boll development to maturation stage	Prevailing weather is conducive for boll worm. To control Quinalphos 25 EC 2.0 l/ha (or) Phosalone 35% EC 2000 ml/ha.
Rice	Milking stage	<p>1. Prevailed weather is conducive for Rice case worm. So farmers are advised to spray Quinalphos 25 EC 80 ml (or) Dislodge the cases by passing a rope and drain water. Collect the cases and destroy</p> <p>2. Prevailed weather is conducive for Blast. So farmers are advised to spray Azoxystrobin 25 SC @ 500 ml/ha</p>
Jasmine	Flowering stage	Prevailing weather is conducive for Blossom midge. Spray Thiamethoxam 2.5% WG @ 0.75 g/litre (or) Novaluron 3ml/lit. of water.
Chilli	Fruiting stage	Prevailing weather is conducive for Gram caterpillar @ Emamectin benzoate 5 % SG @ 4 g/10 lit.
Coconut	All stages	All stages- Rugose Spiralling whitefly is noticed in the prevailed weather condition. Application of water, maida solution as spray in order to increase the population of Encarsia parasitic. Also keep yellow stick trap.
Livestock	Goat	Deworm the non-pregnant animals with liquid oxychloxamide @ 5mg/kg of body weight. Vaccinate against P.P.R and enterotoxemia. If nasal discharge and cold administer Bolus sulphadimindine 5 gram per adult animal, half of bolus per young animals.
	Milch animals	Maximum temperature results to rise in body temperature, increased pulse rate, increased peripheral blood flow, reduced feed intake, and increased water intake. Measures like Thatching the roof with materials like paddy straw etc, painting the roof with white paint or, providing a false ceiling insulation will help provide a cooler environment. Create barriers against hot wind using thatched wall or wet gunny cloth/ gunny bags. Ensure increased mineral supplementation during hot weather to meet the increased demand of minerals. Potassium rich mineral mixture should be preferred.

SMS: Rain: 19.02-1 mm. Irrigate the crop. Chillies- Gram caterpillar @ Emamectin benzoate 5 % SG @ 4 g/10 lit.

Tamil Nadu

Light to moderate Easterlies/North-easterlies prevail over the region in the lower tropospheric levels.

Next five days	Weather warning	Day 1 (18.02.2023) to Day 5 (22.02.2023): Dry weather is very likely to prevail over Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area.
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