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Significant past weather for the preceding week  
(Period –10/03/2016 to 14/03/2017)

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: Agro-met Advisory:

Sky will be clear from 15th to 19th March, 2017. Wind velocity range from 3 to 11 kmph on 15th to 19th March, 2017.

Mango and Cashew

- Fruit Stage
  - There is possibility for incidence of Mango hoppers on Alphonso mango, if it is noticed, spray Thiometoxiam 25 EC (WDG) @ 1 g or Triazophos 40 @ 10 ml per 10 lit of water add 10 g Carbendazim or 20 g wetable sulphur or 5 gm hexaconizole for control of powdery mildew.
  - For increasing the production and quality improvement of fruits of mango, spraying of 1% Potassium nitrate at pea stage, marble stage and arecanut size stage is recommended.
  - Apply protected irrigation for alphonso mango @ 150 to 200 lit. of water at fortnight interval to reduce fruit drop and increase the size of fruits.
  - If the incidence of Cashew Stem and Root Borer (CSRB) is noticed in Cashew, remove the grubs from the holes with the help of 15 mm chisel and apply Chloropyriphos 20 EC @ 10 ml per litre of water on the stem (swabbing) and pour remaining solution around the stem near to the roots.
  - It is necessary to protect new emerging flowering flush of cashew from Tea mosquito bug as well as leaf minor, by spraying it with monocrotoph os 36% (15 ml in 10 lit. of water) or profenophos 15% (10 ml. in 10 lit. of water).

Coconut, Arecanut

- Vegetative Stage
  - Spraying the FYM pits with 0.2 % Carbaryl for control of adults and grubs of rhinoceros beetle.
  - To control red palm weevil affected coconut, fill the holes made by RPW with 10 per cent Carbaryl dust and sand mixture. Prepare a slanting hole with the help of screw drill about 1 m height from ground level on tree trunk and pour about 20 ml of 36 % Monocrotophos or 20% Chlorpyriphos + 20 ml water with the help of plastic funnel in the hole and close the hole with the help of cement.
  - Prepare water channels to drain out excess water from coconut and arecanut garden during rainy season.

Vegetable

- Vegetative Stage
  - If incidence of hopper, aphids and thrips is observed in rabi vegetable nursery viz., brinjal, tomato, cabbage, chili, knol knol etc., spray Malathion @ 20 ml or Dimethoate @ 12 ml per 10 liter of water.
  - If 5 to 6 weeks completed after sowing of brinjal and chilli crops then seedling are ready for transplanting. At the time of transplanting the seedlings may be deep in Dimethoate @ 10 ml/10 lit. of water and transplanted on ridges of main field with spacing of 60 x 60 cm.

Watermelon Cultivation

- Watermelon
  - In watermelon crop if symptoms of wilting is observed then drenching of carbendazim @ 1 gm. per lit. of water per vine.
  - Apply straw mulch or polythene mulch for water melon crops.
  - Installation of Rakshak fruit fly traps developed by the University @ 4 traps per ha area is advocated to control fruit fly in cucurbitaceous crops as well as watermelon crop.

Goats/ Milch animals

- Provide clean and hygienic drinking water and nutritious fodder and concentrates to farm animal.
- Planting of binneal forage crops like Paragrass, Napier, Gajraj etc is advocated.
- Protect the animals/poultry birds from low temperature by providing curtains and electric bulbs as per the need.

Suggestion

- Contact nearby SAU Scientists or State Agril. Dept. for detail control measures against incidence of pest and diseases under adverse weather conditions.