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Significant past weather for the preceding week (Period –23/03/2019 to 29/03/2019)							Weather Parameters	Weather forecast until 08.30 hrs of 03/04/2019				
23/03	24/03	25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03	29/03		30/03	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Rainfall (mm)	0	0	0	0	0
33.2	34.0	34.5	35.4	38.0	35.0	34.2	Maximum temperature (°C)	33	32	33	34	34
15.0	17.5	17.5	19.0	23.0	22.0	19.5	Minimum temperature (°C)	22	23	23	22	23
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cloud cover (Octa)	0	0	1	0	0
90	88	90	87	90	90	88	Relative Humidity Max. (%)	82	86	85	78	78
54	45	45	62	72	63	-	Relative Humidity Min. (%)	28	34	36	29	27
4.7	4.2	3.9	4.1	5.1	5.1	4.5	Wind speed (Km/hr)	3	3	4	4	4
Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Calm	Wind direction	158	163	101	116	165
Rainfall (mm) in last week						Rainfall (mm) from 01/01/2019 to till dated		Total Rainfall (mm) in last year				
0.0						0.0		3071.8				

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Sky will be clear from 30th March to 3rd April, 2019.

Crop	Stage	Agro Advise
Groundnut	Pod development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increase in rate of evaporation, irrigate the groundnut crop at an interval of 8-10 days.
Mango	Fruiting (Marble to Arecanut stage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is possibility for incidence of powdery mildew disease on mango, if incidence is noticed spray Hexaconazole 5% @ 5 ml or wettable Sulphur 80% @ 20 gm per 10 liter of water. During summer, to protect the mango tree from increasing temperature, apply 1% bordopaste to the base of stem. To protect the mango fruit from the incidence of fruit fly, install ‘Rakshak fruit fly trap’ developed by University @ 4 traps per hectare. 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). New growth below graft union should be removed regularly.
Cashewnut	Fruiting and maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If nuts are ready for harvesting, harvest the mature nuts and dry in the sun for 7 to 8 days to bring down the moisture content. Prepare different processed product from cashew apple as per recommended by Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli. During summer, to protect the cashewnut tree from increasing temperature, apply 1% bordopaste to the base of stem. Use straw or polythene mulch in cashew orchard to reduce evaporation losses. Provide irrigation to newly planted cashew orchard @ 15 liters of water once in week. New growth below graft union should be removed regularly.
Coconut	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increase in rate of evaporation, provide irrigation to coconut orchard at 5 to 6 days interval. Provide support and shade to newly planted coconut orchard.
Sapota	Flowering and Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to increase in rate of evaporation, provide irrigation to sapota orchard at 5 to 6 days interval also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation.
Vegetables/ Fruit crop nursery	Fruiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If incidence of shoot and fruit borer is noticed on brinjal, collect and destroy all infected shoots and fruit and spray Fenvalerate 10 ml per 10 liters of water. Due to increase in rate of evaporation, provide irrigation regularly to fruit crop nursery, new planted fruit crops and vegetable crops. Keep the nursery areas clean by removing weeds also provide shed to nursery seedlings.
Milch animal /goat/poultry	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clean, hygienic and plenty amount of drinking water to farm animals and poultry birds. 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. Clean the water tank once in 15 days. and apply lime inside the tank which help to prevent the algae development and help to supply clean water enriched with calcium. There is forecast for increase in temperature, hence protect animals and poultry birds from heat by covering roof of the shed with insulating materials such as paddy straw, dry coconut leaves and make arrangement for sprinkle cold water on the roof of shed during afternoon time. Use wet gunny bags as side curtains to protect animals and poultry birds from direct hot winds. Vaccination against foot and mouth disease in farm animals and Ranikhet disease in poultry birds under supervision of veterinary officers is advocated.

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