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	District :	<b>Dindigul</b>	Forecast Period :	<b>27/04/2024</b>	to	
	Bulletin No:	<b>MSSRF/ DGL /034/ 2024</b>	Release Date :	<b>26/04/2024</b>		

<b>Significant past weather</b>	From	<b>23/04/2024</b>	to	<b>25/04/2024</b>
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<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Past Weather</b>			
Rainfall (mm)	0.0			
Maximum Temperature (°C)	40-41			
Minimum Temperature (°C)	27			
Sky Condition (Octas)	1-3			
Relative Humidity (%)	39-81			
Wind Speed (kmph)	4-15			

**Ensemble Weather Forecast**  
until **08:30Hrs of 01-05-2024**

Parameters	27-04-2024	28-04-2024	29-04-2024	30-04-2024	01-05-2024
	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rainfall (mm)	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum Temperature (°C)	40	41	41	42	42
Minimum Temperature (°C)	27	28	28	28	27
Sky Condition (Octa)	3	6	2	6	4
Max. Relative Humidity (%)	70	70	70	70	70
Min. Relative Humidity (%)	20	20	20	20	20
Wind Speed (Kmph)	8	8	10	8	8
Wind Direction	SE	SE	SE	SE	S

<b>SMS Advisory</b>	Dry weather will prevail for the next 5 days, Maximum temperature would be in the range of 40°C to 42°C and the minimum temperature would be between 27°C - 28°C. Partly cloudy sky will appear for the next five days. Wind is expected with the speed of 8-10 Kmph from, Southeast & South directions.
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**General Advisory:**

Owing to high maximum temperature and moderate wind, more moisture loss is expected and hence, more irrigation should be given to the standing crops.

**Livestock:**

Artificial insemination of goats and cows should be done within 9 am or after 4pm due to the high heat of the day.

For livestock, the heat stress can be managed by spraying/ sprinkling water directly on the body of animals for a period of 1 to 5 minutes at an interval of 30-60 minutes. Cover the sides of the cow shed with wet gunny bags. Ensure the increased mineral supplementation to the animals during hot weather to meet the increased demand for minerals. The potassium-rich mineral

### **Agriculture:**

As the temperature is expected to increase in the forthcoming days, sucking pest infestation may be prevalent in vegetables, pulses and groundnut crops. Hence, 5% Neem seed kernel extract may be sprayed to control the pest incidence.

### **Weather Based Agro-Advisories: (Lemon, Grapes & Animal Husbandry).**

#### **Lemon:**

To increase the fruit set of lemon, spray Isabion @ 10ml per 10 litres of water or Amino acid @ 10gm per 10 litres of water during the flowering stage. For fruit retention, spray NAA @ 30 ppm after fruit set (marble size).

#### **Grapes:**

Due to the prevailing hot weather conditions, the occurrence of the Mealy bug is expected in Grapes. The symptoms of damage found in fruit. Fruits will drop at a premature stage.

Collect and destroy the affected bark, leaves, twigs, and stems. Use sticky traps on fruit-bearing shoots.

To control this, release exotic predator, *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri* @ 10 beetles per vine.

#### **Animal Husbandry:**

Farmers are advised to deworm their goats for Round / Tap Worms for the months of May and June. The deworming should be done in the morning and the goat should be on an empty stomach.