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Agro-met Advisory Update - For rest of the 2021 Yala season

The period from late July to mid-August is the harvesting season of the Yala season of both paddy and rainfed upland crops grown across both Dry and Intermediate zones. Generally, a dry weather condition is to be experienced during this period across those two climatic zones of the country as per the climatological normal and prevailing atmospheric conditions.

However, under a changing and variable climate, a few days of rainy weather could be expected in the Wet zone, if Typhoons are to be developed in the Pacific Ocean resulting in a pseudo-southwest monsoon type circulation. If so, the Department of Meteorology (DoM) will announce it with at least 2-3 days of lead time. Thus, as a precautionary measure, it is recommended to keep the eye on short range and medium range forecasts of the DoM at the time of harvesting, especially for cultivations in the Wet zone.

Meanwhile, farmers are requested to harvest their matured psddy crops as early as possible since the delaying of harvesting may run in to a problematic situation of finding necessary harvesting machines when the harvesting come in to a peak by early to mid-August in the Dry and Intermediate zones' paddy cultivations.

Third Season Cultivation

After harvesting the Yala season paddy crops, farmers are requested to opt for a Third season cultivation with available residual soil moisture in paddy lands using a short age legume crops. i.e, Mung bean. The suitable varieties are either MI-6 or MI-7. The direct seed sowing has to be completed before the mid-August and harvesting can be after 55 to 65 days from seeding. A minimum of two picks of green gram can be obtained and then the stubble should be incorporated in to the soil with deep ploughing with a disc

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plough to start the next Maha season. If a long dry spell prevails while the cultivation is being progressed, take necessary actions to negotiate with irrigation officials for a life-saving water issue from the tank, if an adequate storage is available in respective tanks.



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