

WEATHER DATA FOR THE PREVAILING WEEK

Date of foundation pruning: 15/04/2020

Wednesday (26/8/2020) – Wednesday (2/9/2020)

Location	Temperature (°C)		Possibility of Rain	Cloud Cover	Wind Speed (Km/hr) Min-Max	R H%	
	Min	Max				Min	Max
Nashik	21-22	26-29	Nashik, Pimpalgaon Baswant, Ozar Palkhed, Dindori, Vani Thu & Tue- Drizzling. Fri to Sun & Wed- Moderate Rain. Mon- Light Rain. Shirdi, Loni Thu & Sun to Wed- Drizzling. Fri & Sat- Light Rain. Niphad, Kalwan, Devla Thu, Mon & Tue- Drizzling. Fri to Sun & Wed- Light Rain.	Mostly Cloudy	2-21	74-87	98-100
Pune	21-22	27-29	Pune Thu, Fri, Mon & Tue- Drizzling. Sat & Sun- Moderate Rain. Wed- Light Rain. Phursungi Thu, Fri, Mon & Tue- Drizzling. Sat- Good Rain. Sun- Moderate Rain. Wed- Light Rain. Narayangaon, Junnar Thu & Tue- Drizzling. Fri to Sun- Moderate Rain. Mon & Wed- Light Rain. Loni Kalbhor, Uruli Kanchan, Yavat, Patas, Supa, Baramati Thu- Light Rain. Fri to Wed- Drizzling.	Mostly Cloudy	1-18	70-81	97-100
Solapur	22-23	30-33	Solapur, Nannaj, Kati , Thu-Drizzling. Fri & Sat- Moderate Rain. Sun to Wed- Drizzling. Pandharpur Thu- Moderate Rain. Fri- Drizzling. Sat- Light Rain. Sun to Wed- Drizzling. Vairag, Pangri, Barshi Thu- Drizzling. Fri- Good Rain. Sat- Moderate Rain. Sun to Wed- Drizzling. Osmanabad, Tuljapur Thu- Light Rain. Fri- Good Rain. Sat- Moderate Rain. Sun & Wed- Drizzling. Latur, Ausa Thu & Fri- Good Rain. Sat- Moderate Rain. Sun & Wed- Drizzling. Kasegaon, Atpadi Thu & Fri- Drizzling. Sat & Wed- Light Rain. Fri to Mon- Moderate Rain. Sun to Tue- Drizzling	Mostly Cloudy	4-16	55-69	91-94
Sangli	21-22	28-30	Sangli, Miraj, Shirguppi, Kagvad, Arag Thu to Wed- Drizzling. Kawthe Mahakal, Palus, Walva, Palsi, Vita , Thu, Fri & Sun to Tue - Drizzling. Sat & Wed- Light Rain. Tasgaon Thu, Sat & Wed- Light Rain. Fri- Moderate Rain. Sun to Tue - Drizzling. Shetfal Thu- Moderate Rain. Fri & Sat- Light Rain. Sun & Wed- Drizzling. Khanapur Thu- Good Rain. Fri- Drizzling. Sat- Light Rain. Tue- Drizzling.	Mostly Cloudy	2-20	65-77	97-99
Bijapur	22-23	29-32	Bijapur, Tikota, Telsang Thu, Fri & Sun to Wed- Drizzling. Sat- Light Rain. Chadchan Thu to Wed- Drizzling.	Mostly Cloudy	5-22	57-68	91-96
Hyderabad	23	27-31	Hyderabad Thu- Moderate Rain. Fri- Good Rain. Sat & Wed- Light Rain. Sun & Tue- Drizzling. Medchal Thu & Sat - Moderate Rain. Fri- Good Rain. Sun & Tue- Drizzling. Wed- Light Rain. Zahirabad Thu & Fri - Moderate Rain. Sat- Good Rain. Wed- Drizzling.	Mostly Cloudy	0-15	65-72	89-97

Note: Above weather information is summary of weather forecasting given in following websites

<http://www.imd.gov.in/>, <http://wxmaps.org/pix/prec6.html>, <http://www.fallingrain.com/world/IN/>,
<http://www.wunderground.com/>, <http://www.bbcweather.com-weather/1269750>, etc.

II. a) Days after pruning: - 133 days

b) Expected growth stage of the crop: sub cane development

Expected pan evaporation: 3- 5 mm

Amount of irrigation advised:

1. Some of the grape growing areas are likely to receive from drizzling to light rains. The irrigation water application should be based upon the growth of the vines. In case rain exceeds 5 mm on a given day, irrigation water application can be skipped for that day. Generally, under wapsa (field capacity) condition of the soil, do not irrigate the vineyard.
2. Most of the vineyards have already crossed cane maturity stage. The irrigation water application should be such as to avoid new shoot growth as this may lead to development of disease and pests. Emphasis should be to maintain existing leaf in healthy condition and avoid leaf fall till it is desired.
3. Wherever the vineyards are at Cane maturity stage provide irrigation through drip @ 2500 - 300 litre/acre/day in case no rains are received.
4. Remove the mulch and allow the bund/ rootzone to be fully wet with water for leaching of salts.

Nutrient management:

1. Potassium application is required from Cane maturity stage onwards. Apply 15 kg SOP in two splits during this week. Total application should not exceed 64 kg during cane maturity period. In calcareous soils, provide foliar application of Sulphate of Potash (@ 4g/L) once in this growth stage.
2. In case of calcareous soils where acute iron deficiency is observed, repeatedly spray 2-3g/L Ferrous sulphate two to three times at 4-5 days interval followed by 15-20 kg/ acre Ferrous sulphate application through drip. The fertigation dose should be split into atleast 3 doses of 5kg each.
3. If problems of yellowing of the leaves along the margin along with vein reddening is observed, then apply 5g/litre SOP along with drip application of SOP @ 20-25kg/acre in 3-4 splits.
4. As the rains are in progress in many areas, the vineyards where sodicity problems are there, apply gypsum to the soil for removal of sodium from the soil exchange complex. In case of calcareous

soils, use sulphur for similar purpose. The application should be alongwith FYM/compost etc. They should be mixed in the soil and not left on the top.

5. Remove mulch applied during Foundation pruning and loosen the soil for improving movement of water through the root zone to reduce salts accumulated in the root zone. Organic mulch can be mixed in the soil to improve the porosity of the soil.

Pre-pruning operations – Fruit pruning season:

1. In case pruning is planned during September-October, raise Sunnhemp or Dhaincha for green manuring purpose.
2. The vineyards where sodicity problems are there, apply gypsum to the soil for removal of sodium from the soil exchange complex. In case of calcareous soils, use sulphur for similar purpose. The application should be alongwith FYM/compost etc. They should be mixed in the soil and not left on the top.
3. In case in calcareous soils, if SSP is applied as basal dose, mix with FYM/compost etc. to avoid phosphorus fixation.
4. Test the soil and irrigation water, to plan for nutrient and water management during fruit pruning season.
5. In areas where rains have not been received and the irrigation water availability is less, it is suggested to flood the rootzone (only) with water to leach out the salts and wet the entire soil depth before pruning and then cover with mulch. Thereafter irrigate as per availability of water.

IV. Requirement of growth regulators (Dr. S.D. Ramteke)

Nil

V. Canopy management (Dr. R.G. Somkuwar)

Established garden:

A) Problem of leaf fall:

During the last week all the major grape growing areas are experiencing the rainfall. The increased and continuous rains have reduced the temperature and increased relative humidity. In many garden, cultural operation is becoming difficult. The condition is favourable for increase in inoculum load of diseases. Hence, majority of the grape gardens are suffering with leaf fall. This leaf fall is mainly due to the incidence of downy mildew incidence. On the new growth, incidence of anthracnose as well as bacterial leaf spot is seen. The organism presently on the young leaf may enter into green shoot and then matured cane. If the disease is not controlled in time, we may get the symptoms of anthracnose on berries after the forward pruning. During this time, the leaf on young shoots are above the requirement (16-17 leaf on a shoot). Hence, retaining these shoots will have disadvantage.

The incidence of downy mildew will be seen on young as well as just older leaves. The available dense canopy is mainly the result of this disease. The organism sucks the sap from leaf and thus becomes yellow. After some time, the leaf starts drying thus weakening its attachment from pedicel and then starts falling. Under complete leaf fall condition, the growers are helpless as the new sprouting starts thus compelling to go for forward pruning.

To control the situation of leaf fall, following practices are suggested.

- a) Remove young shoots which are above the requirement.
- b) Train the shoots/tie on wire so that there will not be overlapping canopy. This will reduce the microclimate.
- c) Formation of open canopy will support for uniform coverage of any fungicide sprayed for the control of disease.
- d) Spray Bordeaux mixture @ 1% in case of vineyard at cane maturity stage while 0.50 to 0.75% at the stage of initiation of cane maturity (initiation of conversion of pink colour shoot to milky white)
- e) Apply potash through spray and soil application. Application of 0:40:37 @ 2.5 g/L and through soil application @ 2.0 to 2.5 kg/acre will support for fruit bud differentiation and also cane maturity.

- f) Spray 0:0:50 @ 4 to 5 g/L water will help to initiate the cane maturity or advancing the maturity.



Fig. 1: Open canopy will help in controlling the diseases



Fig. 2: Leaf fall due to disease incidence

Nutrient deficiency:



Fig. 3: Nutrient deficiency

With the excess rains, majority of the grape suffered with nutrient deficiency. In the vineyard where earthing up was followed, the leaching of nutrients including harmful elements was experienced. Root blackening was mainly due to the non-functioning of roots due to severe water logging also be responsible for hampering the uptake of nutrients resulting into leaf cupping, leaf yellowing, etc.

To avoid these, under the condition of rainfall, spray the nutrients as per the recommended dose. Loosening of soil around the root zone will create aeration thereby formation of white root required for uptake of nutrients.



Fig. 4: Nutrient deficiency in vineyard

Grafting of new variety:

The period of grafting of new varieties is approaching. Generally, grafting is performed when the temperature in the atmosphere is about 30 to 35⁰C while the relative humidity is above 80%. In addition, the rootstock shoots should be in full sap flow condition. This is generally available from third week of August. Hence, following suggestions are given below.

- 1) Clear all the shoots of rootstock leaving only three shoots.
- 2) The growers generally cut the rootstock shoots at about 2 feet above the ground. This should be avoided as it allows to drain the sap available in the shoots.
- 3) At the time of grafting the shoots of rootstock should be semi matured, however, the scion shoot selected for grafting should be completely matured with brown pith.
- 4) The matured cane with brown colour pith is generally available from third basal bud to 6 buds after the sub cane while in case of straight cane, it upto 10th bud. Hence, collection of scion for grafting should be from these portion.
- 5) The cuttings are taken for grafting from the vine where the vineyard was sprayed with ethephon 10-12 days before. Under such situation, the leaf fall is complete and the buds are swollen which may start sprouting after 6-7 days. If the grafting is done using these scion, early bud sprouts will be experienced. This condition will lead to failure of grafts as the graft joint is not yet established. Bud sprouting should take place 15- 16 days after the actual grafting.
- 6) Sometime there will be dry spell in the atmosphere leading to high temperature and reduction in relative humidity. At the time of grafting, if the rootstock shoot does not have sufficient sap, irrigation in the vineyard 2-3 days before grafting is necessary. This will support for sap flow condition of rootstock.
- 7) The scion selected for grafting should be dipped in Carbendazim solution (4-5g/L water) for about 2-3 hours before grafting. This will help to control the graft from diseases.
- 8) To avoid failure, basal portion of scion can be dipped in 15 to 20 ppm 6-BA.
- 9) The plastic tape used for grafting should be of good quality, tied firmly on the graft joint so that air/water will not enter inside.

10) Spraying of insecticide to be taken up from 6-7 days after grafting to avoid damage due to flea beetle while at 13-14 days after grafting precautionary measures to control fungal diseases are important.



Rootstock shoots



Matured Scion



Scion dipped in Carbendazim solution



Successful graft

Selection of varieties:

Varietal selection should be based on objectives (raisin making, export, juice making, wine making, etc.). The selected varieties should fulfil the requirement. Following varieties are given below:

Green seedless:

Round and oblong type (Green): Thompson Seedless, Tas-A_Ganesh, Sudhakar Seedless, Manjari Naveen Sonaka, Clone 2A, etc.

Round and oblong type (coloured): Sharad Seedless, Fantasy Seedless, Flame Seedless, Nanasahab Purple, etc.

Elongated type (Green): Sonaka, Super Sonaka, SSN, Manik Chaman, Danaka, etc

Elongated type (Coloured): Krishna Seedless, Sarita Seedless, Jyoti Seedless.

1. Manjari Naveen

Salient features:

- a) Duration of variety: 110-120 days after fruit pruning.
- b) Berry diameter: 16 to 18mm
- c) Average bunch weight: 400-600 g
- d) Yield/vine: 12-14 kg
- e) TSS: 16° Brix

Other characters:

The variety is to be harvested at 16° Brix. The application of GA₃ @ 5 ppm + 0.25 ml CPPU should be given as a spray only once at 8 mm berry diameter. This helps in increase in berry diameter up to 20mm. It can be more suitable for double crops in a year.

2. Manjari Shyama:

Black seedless variety with rudimentary seeds, suited for table/ black raisin developed at ICAR-NRC for Grapes.

Salient features:

- a) Duration: 125-130 days after fruit pruning
- b) Berry diameter: 16-17mm
- c) Average bunch weight: 300.0g
- d) Yield/vine: 8-10 kg regular yielder



3. Manjari Kishmish:

A white mutant selection from Kishmish Rozavis has been identified for raisins and table purpose. It is also a good yielder of quality fruits.

Salient features:

- a) Duration of variety: 130-140 days after fruit pruning
- b) Berry diameter: 14-15 mm
- c) Average bunch weight: 190-200 g.
- d) Yield/vine: 15-20 kg
- e) TSS: 23-24° Brix.
- f) Raisin recovery: 3.5 t/acre



Other characters:

The pulp is better than Thompson Seedless in addition to the canopy size. The higher leaf area may help for better photosynthesis. It is also a sturdy variety as compared to the present Thompson Seedless.

4. Manjari Medika

Hybrid developed from the cross between Pusa Navrang X Flame Seedless at NRC for Grapes, Pune.

Salient features: Duration of variety: 115-125 days after fruit pruning

- a) Berry diameter: 14-16 mm
- b) Yield/vine: 16-17 kg
- c) Juice recovery: 60%
- d) Average bunch weight: 300 g (without GA₃)
- e) Juice colour: Purple to black
- f) No of seeds/berry: 2-3
- g) TSS: 21-22° Brix.



VI. Disease management (Dr. Sujoy Saha)

	Risk of diseases
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Days after pruning	Downy mildew	Powdery mildew	Anthraco nose	Others (specify)
133	Moderate	Low	High	Bacterial spot

Foliar spray of Potassium salt of phosphoric acid@ 4g/L+ mancozeb@2g/L for downy mildew control needs to be done. Use of systemic fungicides need not be done at this juncture for downy mildew control. As cloudy conditions are prevailing in most of the regions a preventive spray of sulphur @2g/l may be given for powdery mildew management. Use of triazoles may be restricted. Application of Kasugamycin 5% + Copper oxychloride 45% @ 0.75 g/l may be applied for the control of both bacterial spot and anthracnose. If it is only anthracnose, application of thiophanate methyl 70WP @ 1g/L may be done. If it is only bacterial leaf spot application of mancozeb 75WP @ 2g/L may be done. The tank-mixture of Thiophenate methyl@1g/l + Mancozeb @ 2g/l will also give a good control of mixed infection of anthracnose and bacterial spot. For all fungicide applications use of any silicon based adjuvants @ 1ml/L will enhance the efficacy of spray. Drip application of Trichoderma may be given in areas where there is slight drizzle which will enable the BCA to multiply. Foliar application of Trichoderma, twice, will also bring down the anthracnose infection. Botryodiplodia infection is prevalent in many of the vineyards, especially in those where canopy management is not proper. The disease may be severe in weak canes and immediate application of carbendazim 50WP or thiophanate methyl 70WP @ 1g/L may be given to control the disease.

In Satana region, where berry setting has started and the vines are less than 40 days old after fruit pruning, application of CAA fungicides viz. Dimethomorph@1g/L+mancozeb 75WP@2g/L or Iprovalicarb+propineb @ 2.25g/L or Mandipropamid@ 0.8g/L or Dimethomorph +ametotradin@0.8g/L may be done. Due to drizzle, water might get accumulated in berries and a horticultural grade oil spray may be undertaken @2ml/L which will shed the water from within. No sprays should be taken during rainfall period and an open dry period should be selected for subsequent sprays.



Water droplet

Water droplet

Water accumulation in berries

VI. Insect and Mite management. (Dr. D.S. Yadav)

Days after pruning	Risk of pests				
	Mealybug	Mite	Thrips	Caterpillar	Flea beetle
Cane maturity and afterwards	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low to moderate

- ◆ Stem borer, *Celosterna scabrator* adults may seen in vineyards and/or near light at night at homes near vineyards. In case, spinetoram 11.7 SC @ 0.3 ml per litre or fipronil 80 WG @ 0.0625 g per litre water are used for caterpillars, it will also control these adults of stem borer.
- ◆ In case of caterpillar infestation, application of spinetoram 11.7 SC @ 0.3 ml per litre or fipronil 80 WG @ 0.0625 g per litre or emamectin benzoate 5 SG @ 0.22 g per litre or cyantraniliprole 10 OD @ 0.7 ml per litre water is effective.
- ◆ Use of broad-spectrum insecticides should be avoided for mealybug control. Buprofezin 25 SC @ 1.25 ml per litre or spirotetramat 15.31 OD @ 0.7 ml per litre water may be given to manage mealybugs. Preventive plant wash, on stem and cordons, of biocontrol agents such as *Verticillium*, *Metarhizium*, *Beauveria* may be given.
- ◆ In case of thrips infestation, remove excess shoot growth.
- ◆ Red colour stem borer (*Dervishiya cadambae*) has started egg laying and infestation under bark in grape areas. Install light traps near the vineyards to manage moths of this stem borer. Remove loose bark from stem and cordons and give preventive wash on stem and cordons with biocontrol agent *Metarhizium* @ 3-5 ml per litre water minimum once in the month during July to September months. If infestation is observed, remove the loose bark and give stem and cordon wash with lambda cyhalothrin 5 CS @ 2.5 ml per litre water and 1.5-2 litres water per plant.
- ◆ In new vineyards after grafting, flea beetle infestation may be observed. In case of heavy infestation, give soil drenching with imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 1.5 ml per plant and foliar application with spinosad 45 SC @ 0.25 ml per litre or spinetoram 11.7 SC @ 0.3 ml per litre or fipronil 80 WG @ 0.0625 g per litre water.
- ◆ Mite infestation may start appearing, therefore, monitor the vineyards carefully. If mite infestation is observed, sulphur 80 WDG @ 1.5-2.0 gram per litre or abamectin 1.9 EC @ 0.75 ml/l water is effective.