TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Director of Research's visit made at Citurs Research Station, Sankarankovil.

CITRUS RESEARCH STATION, SANKARANKOVIL

The Director of Research after inspecting the farm and reviewing the development and ongoing research activities of CRS, Sankarankoil, made the following remarks / suggestions for immediate action. Following Scientists attended the meeting.

- 1. Dr.P.Nainar, Professor and Head
- 2. Dr.T.Rangaraj, Professor (Agronomy)
- 3. Dr.S.Mahadevan, Teaching Assistant (Hort)

GENERAL

- The Director of Research appreciated bountifully for the excellent upkeep of experimental field, farms, office records and ATRs of VC Proceedings, DR Remarks, SWC & CSM recommendations. Despite the farm is inaccessible to many, it is maintained excellently well and wish it should maintain its glamour in future also.
- Attempts may be made for the preparation of bio inoculants in the form of capsules including VAM. Trichoderma and Pseudomonas etc; for ready application to citrus since response by the citrus species for these bio inoculants is very high. (Action: Professor (Agronomy)
 - Separate block of Minor fruit crops that are amenable for this dry tract need to be established.
 - Mulching with possible materials may be attempted in all the acid lime basins for conservation of soil moisture.
 - Possibility of use of plastic mulching may be explored in the HDP plot.

- All the Wooden work tables available in the laboratory may be laminated.
- All rooms in office may be appropriately labelled.
- · Proposal may be submitted to the university for engaging new casual labourers as a special case since so far no casual labourers is available for carrying out the regular filed activities including watch and ward.
- A visit may be made to Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur, by a scientist to collect citrus germplasm accessions and also to have access to the latest technologies developed at CCRI, Nagpur.

RESEARCH

- · Field boards (G.I board) of larger sizes may be displayed in UHDP field and also in fields wherever possible.
- Actions may be continued to speed up the proposal for formation of the proposed approach road from Vannikonenthal town to CRS, via, State Horticulture Farm.

ACTION PLAN

- Establishment of elite nursery for producing healthy and disease free planting materials.
- Establishment of plant protection lab.
- Strengthening of linkage between the University and State Department.
- Establishment of farm percolation ponds for rain water harvesting.

· Establishment of separate block for Model Orchard and Forest tree species, Landscaping office frontage area.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

The Professor and Head, CRS, Sankarankovil.

The TPO to Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore.