

Farming Based Livelihood Systems 3(2+1)

OBJECTIVE:-

1. To make the students aware about farming based livelihood systems in agriculture.
2. To disseminate the knowledge and skill how farming based systems can be a source of livelihood.

THEORY-

Status of agriculture in India and different states. Income of farmers and rural people in India. Livelihood-definition, concept and livelihood pattern in urban and rural areas. Different indicators to study livelihood systems. Agricultural livelihood systems (ALS); meaning, approach, approaches and framework. Definition of farming systems and farming based livelihood systems prevalent farming systems in India contributing to livelihood. Types of traditional and modern farming systems. Components of farming system/ farming-based livelihood systems- crops and cropping systems, livestock, (dairy, piggery, goatry, poultry, duckry etc.). Horticultural crops, agroforestry systems, aquaculture, duck/poultry cum fish, dairy cum fish, piggery cum fish etc. Small, medium and large enterprises including value chains and secondary enterprises as livelihood components for farmers. Factors affecting integration of various enterprises of farming for livelihood. Feasibility of different farming systems for different agro-climatic zones. Commercial farming-based livelihood models by NABARD, ICAR and other organizations across the country. Case studies on different livelihood enterprises associated with the farming. Risk and success factors in farming-based livelihood systems. Schemes and program by central and state government, public and private organizations involved in promotion of farming-based livelihood opportunities. Role of farming based livelihood enterprises in 21st century in view of circular economy, green economy, climate change, digitalization and changing life style.

PRACTICAL:-

Survey of farming systems and agriculture-based livelihood enterprises. Study of components of important farming-based livelihood models/ systems in different agro-climatic zones. Study of production and profitability of crop based, livestock based, processing based and integrated farming based livelihood models. Field visit of innovative farming system models. Visit of agri-based enterprises and their functional aspects for integration of production, processing and distribution sectors and study of agri-enterprises involved in industry and service sectors (value chain models). Learning about concept of project formulation on farming-based livelihood systems along with cost and profit analysis. Case study of start-ups in agri-sectors.

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Crop Production and Protection Technologies 4(3+1)

OBJECTIVE:-

To enable the students to have basic idea on crop production and protection practices to understand the domain of agricultural sciences and to have an idea of the different types of machineries/ equipment that can be adopted for these operations

THEORY-

Introduction and scope of agronomy; Classification of crops; Effect of different weather parameters on crop growth and development; Principles of tillage, tilth and its characteristics; Crop seasons; Time and method of sowing of major field crops, seed rate for important crops; Methods and time of application of manures and fertilizers, fertigation; Basic principles of natural farming, organic farming and sustainable agriculture.

Soil-water-plant relationship, crop coefficients, water requirement of crops and critical stages for irrigation; Weeds and their management in crops; Crop rotation, cropping systems, cropping scheme, relay cropping, mixed cropping and intercropping.

Soil forming processes; Classification and composition of soil, soil taxonomy orders; Important soil physical properties and their importance; soil particle distribution; soil inorganic colloids– their composition, properties and origin of charge; ion exchange in soil and nutrient availability; soil organic matter– its composition and decomposition, effect on soil fertility; Soil reaction – acidic, saline and sodic soils; Quality of irrigation water.

Essential plants nutrients- their functions and deficiency symptoms in plants; Important inorganic fertilizers and their reactions in soils; Gypsum requirement for reclamation of sodic soils and neutralizing RSC; Liquid fertilizers and their solubility and compatibility.

Types of horticultural crops; Sowing and planting times and methods; Seed rate and seed treatment for vegetable crops; Macro and micro propagation methods; Types of plant growing structures; Pruning and training; Water requirements and critical stages; Management of orchard; Major pests and diseases of horticultural crops and their management.

PRACTICAL:-

Identification of crops and their varieties, seeds and weeds; Study of different fertilizer application methods and weed control methods; Judging the maturity time for harvesting of crop; Study of seed viability and germination test; Identification of rocks and minerals; Examination of soil profile in the field; Determination of bulk density; particle density and porosity of soil; Determination of organic carbon of soil; Identification of nutrient deficiency symptoms of crops in the field; Determination of gypsum requirement of sodic soils; Identification and description of important fruits, flowers and vegetables crops; Study of different garden tools; Preparation of nursery bed; Practices of pruning and training in some important fruit crops; Study of cultural operations for vegetable crops (sowing, fertilizer

application, mulching, irrigation and weed control); Seed extraction techniques; Visit to commercial greenhouse/ polyhouse.

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Surveying and Leveling 3(1+2)

OBJECTIVE:-

To enable the students to conduct the survey work for any area and also to prepare layout of engineering structures

THEORY-

Surveying: introduction, classification and basic principles; Linear measurements, chain surveying, cross staff survey, compass survey, planimeter; Errors in measurements, their elimination and correction; Plane table surveying, methods, advantages and disadvantages. Levelling, levelling difficulties and error in levelling, contouring, computation of area and volume. Theodolite traversing, introduction to setting of curves; Total station, electronic theodolite; Introduction to GPS survey.

PRACTICAL:-

Linear measurements using different instruments; Reconnaissance survey in the field; Use of field book; Study on various types of chain used in chain survey and its components; Study of errors in chain surveying; Use of ranging rods and ranging in the field; Obstacles during chaining; Offsets in chain survey; Cross Staff; Survey of an area; Preparation of map; Study on various types of compass; Compass survey of an area; Plotting of compass survey; Plane table surveying and different methods; Study on various types of levels and its components; Setting up of dumpy level in the field; Computation of various methods for RL; Study on Levelling, L section and X sections and its plotting; Measurement of slope in the field; Study on contour and its characteristics; Contour survey of an area and preparation of contour map; Introduction of software in drawing contour; Theodolite surveying; Ranging by Theodolite; Height of object by using Theodolite; Setting out curves by Theodolite; Use of minor instruments; Use of total station, EDM in the field; Use of modern computers for surveying.

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Basic Electrical Gadgets and Instruments 3(2+1)

OBJECTIVE:-

To enable the students to take up repair and maintenance of different common electrical gadgets and instruments.

THEORY:-

Introduction to different electrical appliances used in agricultural buildings, structures and farm operations; Difference between AC and DC supply system; Introduction to AC fundamentals; AC through series RL, RC, and RLC circuits, parallel AC circuit, series and parallel resonance; Q-factor and bandwidth. Three- phase AC circuit: Concept of balanced three-phase AC circuits, line and phase quantity in star and delta network, power in three-phase circuit, various methods of three phase power measurement like (one wattmeter and two –wattmeter method). Diode and its applications: Rectifier, Clipper, Clamper, voltage multiplier and capacitive filter zener diode as voltage regulator. Transistor and its applications: Bipolar junction transistor, operating point. Various biasing methods, fixed, self biasing and potential divider biasing method; OP-AMP, Ideal OP-AMP characteristics, Linear and non-linear applications of OP-AMP (adder, subtractor, integrator, active rectifier, comparator). Introduction to digital electronics and logic gates: Basic theorem of boolean algebra, combinational logic circuits (basic gates, SOP rule and K-map), binary adder. Principles of general instruments, measurement of displacement, temperature, velocity, force and pressure using different instruments like strain gauges, load cell, thermistors, thermocouples, pyrometer, linear variable differential transformer (LVDT), capacitive transducers, RTD, instruments for measurement of speed, wind velocity, solar radiation, anemometer, multimeter, etc.

PRACTICAL:-

To prepare an electrical switch board to control two light points, one plug point, one fan point and fuse (House wiring); To prepare an electrical switch board to control two light points using two two-way switch (staircase wiring); To connect and test a fluorescent lamp; To find faults and repair home appliances such as heater, electric iron, fans and mixer-grinder, etc.; To find faults and repair UPS; To measure the power requirement and power factor in a AC single phase series RLC circuit; To measure energy of a single phase AC circuit with the help of ammeter, voltmeter and power factor meter and energy meter; To measure the power consumption in a three-phase circuit using two-wattmeter method.

INSTRUMENTATION :-

To prepare a DC power supply unit using diode and filter circuit; To study the Zener diode as voltage regulator circuit; To study transistor characteristics in CE configurations; To verify different logic gates; To measure unknown resistance using Wheatstone bridge; To measure the displacement and to determine the characteristics of LVDT; To measure the displacement using LVDT and potentiometer; To measure the pressure using strain gauge and Bourdentube; To measure the temperature using RTD, thermistors and thermocouple and study their characteristics; To measure the speed, wind velocity,

solar radiation etc, using different measuring tools like tachometer, anemometer, pyranometer, multimeter, etc.; To acquaint with different other types of instruments used in agriculture and food processing applications.

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Workshop Technology and Practice 2(0+2)

OBJECTIVE:-

To expose the students to basic manufacturing processes involved for production of different machine elements and to facilitate hands-on experience of using these machines.

PRACTICAL:-

Introduction about different shops in the workshop; Safety and precautions to be taken in the workshop; Study of different tools used for fitting and different fitting operations; Study of various measuring instruments used for fitting; Exercise in fitting: sawing, filing and right angle fitting of MS flat; Working with complex fitting jobs: operations of drilling, reaming, and threading and with tap dies; Preparation of a paper weight; Study of various carpentry tools, types of wood and their characteristics and working with carpentry tools; Preparation of simple joints in carpentry: cross half lap joint or T-half joint, Mortise and Tenon joint in carpentry; Preparation of dovetail joint in carpentry; Study of welding, types of welding, oxyacetylene gas welding, types of flames, welding techniques and equipment used for gas welding, working with welding equipment; Working with electric arc welding; Equipment and tools, safety and precautions taken in arc welding; Preparation of Butt joint and lap joint with ARC welding; Preparation of Lap and butt joints using gas welding; Working on a lathe machine and study of different tools used in lathe machine; Exercise on simple turning, step turning in lathe machine; Preparation of job on taper turning, drilling, knurling and threading in lathe machine; Working with different machines in machine shop such as shaper, milling machine, etc. and with different tools used in machine shop; Exercise on bending, shaping etc.; Exercise on Drawing, Punching, Riveting; Making different types of sheet metal joints using G.I. sheets; Practice job on shaper; changing a round MS rod into square section with a shaper; Exercise on a milling machine such as making a slot, gear tooth forming and indexing

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Introduction to Agricultural Engineering 3(2+1)

OBJECTIVE:-

To enable the students to have basic idea on different agricultural engineering applications and the machinery involved in different farm operations, post-harvest and allied activities.

THEORY:-

Agricultural Engineering as a discipline; Major divisions of Agricultural Engineering; Importance of Agricultural Engineering for today's agriculture; Different sectors of employment for Agricultural Engineers; Scope of research and higher studies in Agricultural Engineering in India and abroad. Farm mechanization needs and strategy; Classification of farm machinery on the basis of unit operations; Principles of selection of machinery for different sizes of land and matching power sources; Different types of equipment for tillage, sowing, planting and transplanting, fertilizer application, weed control, plant protection; Harvesting and threshing equipment for rice, wheat, maize, cotton, sugarcane, fruits, tuber crops and other locally important crops; Functions and capabilities of tractor and power tillers; Introduction to the IC engine systems, fuel and air supply systems, cooling and lubricating systems, and electrical systems in a tractor; Basic parts of a power tiller; Hitching system. Introduction to renewable energy systems; Types of biogas plants, Types of solar energy collectors; Solar water heating systems, solar dryers, solar photovoltaic systems; Wind mills and their different parts. Importance of soil and water conservation; Different agronomic measures for control of water erosion, mixed cropping, crop rotation, tillage practices, mulching; Different engineering measures; gully control measures. Use of topographical survey and contour maps. Different types of water harvesting structures. Introduction to soil-plant-water relationship; Equipment for measurement of irrigation water, viz. weirs, notches, orifices and mouth pieces; Introduction to different surface irrigation methods as border, furrow and check basin, sprinkler, drip irrigation and their different components; Underground water conveyance methods in pipes; Introduction to planning of drainage systems; Introduction to centrifugal pumps and different components. Different types of agricultural structures; Introduction to planning and layout of farmsteads, animal houses, poultry houses; Different types of grain storage structures; Greenhouse and its different parts; Low cost protected structures. Classification of different types of agricultural commodities as durables, perishables, etc.; Moisture content and its importance in grain storage; Common reasons of food spoilage, food preservation methods; Different primary processing operations and their necessity; Methods and equipment used for cleaning, washing, sorting, grading, peeling, size reduction; Different types of traditional and modern storage structures; Storage of perishable commodities; Different types of packaging materials and their suitability for various food products; Basic principles of value addition of food as drying and dehydration, evaporation, thermal processing, refrigerated and frozen storage, chemical preservation and other novel methods.

PRACTICAL:-

Study of various implements (tillage, sowing, planting, weeding, fertilizer application); Study of farm implements (pesticide application, harvesting and threshing); Study of various components of tractor

and matching implements; Study of various components of power tiller and matching implements; Study of various types of biogas plants and operational parameters; Study of various solar energy application systems; Study on various components of sprinkler and drip irrigation; Study on various components centrifugal pump; Study of various post-harvest operations; Study of different food processing equipment; Value addition of common crops; Visit to a greenhouse with modern irrigation system; Visit to implement manufacturing unit; Visit to a mechanized farm; Visit to a watershed; Visit to a food processing industry.

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