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April	1	90-100 DAT •	Do roughing in seed production fields to avoid seed mixtures
	2		Drain out water from the main field Harvest the crop when 80 per cent of the grains in panicles got matured (at physiological maturity stage)
May	1		Do threshing and cleaning Dry the grains under sun until 14 per cent moisture content and pack it properly before storing

here are ample possibilities of improving rice productivity through 'Integrated Crop Management (ICM)' strategies by growing appropriate varieties with improved crop and natural resource management practices and need based plant protection measures to keep the pest population below economic threshold level. The components of ICM and its operation schedule for different rice ecologies are mentioned in the crop calendar. Since weather plays an important role in rice productivity and sustainability, execution of all the agricultural operations at appropriate time during the cropping season will further help in improving the productivity.

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MONTHLY CROP CALENDAR FOR RICE CULTIVATION

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ice, the staple food crop, is grown in 148 million hectares of land in the world. The contribution of Asia is about 90 per cent with limited extent in North & South America, Africa, Australia and Europe. In India, rice occupies the first place amongst all cereals and contributes over 43 per cent of the annual food grain production of the country. It provides food and calorie to 65 per cent of the population. The crop is grown over a wide range of soils, land types, climatic and hydrological conditions from Kashmir in North to Kanyakumari in South and Gujarat in West to Arunachal Pradesh in East. Thus rice production system differ widely in cropping intensity, growing season and grain yield ranging from single crop of rainfed lowland and upland rice to double or triple crop in irrigated system. During wet season, the crop is direct seeded either under dry condition in uplands and some parts of rainfed lowlands of intermediate and deep water rice ecologies or under wet condition in irrigated and partly in shallow lowlands, where as transplanting is practiced mostly in irrigated and shallow lowlands. It is established either by sowing of pre-germinated seeds in wet saturated rice fields or by transplanting during dry season. Since it is grown in different ecologies, the different packages of practices are needed for enhancing the productivity in different rice ecologies. Efforts have been made at the Central Rice Research Institute to bring out this publication highlighting major agricultural operations to be performed in different months for improving and sustaining the productivity of rice in different rice ecologies.

Calendar of operations for rainfed upland rice

Season: June to September-October

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Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
June	1	Pre-sowing	Do final land preparation by shallow tillage 2-3 times to get a fine tilth after onset of monsoon followed by proper land leveling
			 Apply well decomposed farm yard manure or compost at 2-3 t ha⁻¹ during final land preparation
			Apply full P (125 kg SSP ha ⁻¹) and 2/3 rd of K (22 kg MOP ha ⁻¹) during final land preparation
	2	Sowing	• Seed rate: 75-80 kg ha ⁻¹
- 2 m			• Fertilizer dose : 40 : 20: 20 kg N, P ₂ O ₅ & K ₂ O ha ⁻¹
			Do seed treatment with chloropyriphos at 30 ml/ 100 kg seed against termite infestation
		I wast	Sow seed at 20 cm apart rows behind the country plough or by seed drill during middle of June
		3 DAS	Spray herbicide pretilachlor in moist soil at 1600 ml ha ⁻¹ after mixing in 500 litre of water for controlling grassy weeds and sedges
Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
July	1	20 DAS	 Do first manual weeding or mechanical weeding by operating finger weeder in herbicide non-treated fields
			• Apply first dose of 1/3 rd N (29 kg urea ha ⁻¹)
August	1	40-45 DAS	Do second or final hand weeding
			• Apply 1/3 rd N (29 kg urea ha ⁻¹) as second top dressing
	2	60 DAS	• Apply rest 1/3 rd of N and K (29 kg urea and 11 kg MOP ha ⁻¹)
		60-75 DAS	 Do dusting with methyl parathion at 25 kg ha⁻¹ in the early morning or late evening when 2-3 gundhi bugs/ m² are observed
	10.5	70-75 DAS	Do roughing in seed production fields to avoid seed mixtures

• Harvest the crop when 80 per cent of the grains in panicles got matured (at physiological maturity stage)

Do threshing and cleaning
Dry the grains under sun until 14 per cent moisture content and store

September

October

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85-95 DAS

Post-harvest operations

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Calendar of operations for rainfed lowland direct-sown rice

Season: May to December
Varieties: Pooja, Moti, Swarna Sub 1, Pankaj (Shallow lowlands)
Gayatri, Savitri, Varshadhan, Sarala, Durga (Intermediate & deep water)

Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
May	2	Pre-sowing	 Do final land preparation by shallow tillage 2-3 times to get a fine tilth in intermediate deep and deep water rice ecology followed by proper land leveling Apply well decomposed farm yard manure at 5 t ha⁻¹ during land preparation Apply full dose of P (65 kg DAP ha⁻¹) and K (33 kg MoP ha⁻¹) during final land preparation.
		Sowing 3-5 DAS	 Seed rate: 75-80 kg ha⁻¹ Fertilizer dose: 60:30:30 (for shallow) and 40:20:20 (for intermediate to deep) kg N, P₂O₅ & K₂O ha⁻¹ Do seed treatment with agrosan GN or bavistin at 2 g kg⁻¹ of seed Sow seed at 20 cm apart rows behind the country plough in 4-5 cm depth or by seed drill or spot seeding (dibbling) at 20 cm x 15 cm spacing Spray herbicide pretilachlor at 1600 ml ha⁻¹ in moist soil after mixing in 500 litre of water for controlling grassy weeds and sedges
June	2	20 DAS	 Do first manual weeding or mechanical weeding by operating finger weeder in herbicide non-treated fields Apply 1/3rd N in shallow lowland (35 kg urea ha⁻¹) as first top dressing Apply the rest N (60 kg urea ha⁻¹) in intermediate and deep water rice ecology
Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
July	1	40-45 DAS	 Do beaushening in shallow lowlands after accumulation of sufficient water (at least 7-10 cm standing water) in fields where weeding is not done earlier Then apply 1/3rd of N (35 kg urea ha⁻¹) as second top dressing
	1	50-60 DAS	 Do second hand weeding for removal of sedges and broad leaf/aquatic weeds in manually weeded fields Apply 1/3rd of N (35 kg urea ha⁻¹) as final top dressing in shallow lowlands Do planting with colonel tillers removed from an established direct seeded crop or aged seedlings in case of crop failures in intermediate and deep water rice ecology
August	1 & 2	60-90 DAS	 Do need-based plant protection if required against insects/diseases attack Apply carbafuran at 33 kg ha⁻¹ when 1-2 yellow stem borer moths/ one egg mass are found in 1.0 m². If water depth is more than 10 cm, spray monocrotophos twice at weekly interval at 1500 ml ha⁻¹ after mixing in 500 litre of water Spray monocrotophos at 1500 ml ha⁻¹ or imidachloprid at 500 ml ha⁻¹ against leaf folder and case worm Spray Streptocycline (75 g ha⁻¹) + copper oxychloride (500 g ha⁻¹) by mixing in 500 litre of water against bacterial blight
September	1 & 2	90-120 DAS	Do need-based plant protection as mentioned above
October	1	120-135 DAS	Do need-based plant protection if required against stem borer as mentioned earlier
November	1	165-175 DAS	Do roughing in seed production fields to avoid seed mixtures
	2	180-190 DAS	 Harvest the crop when 80% of the grains in panicles got matured (at physiological maturity stage)
December	1	Post-harvest Operations	 Do threshing and cleaning Dry the grains under sun until 14% moisture content and store it properly

Calendar of operations for transplanted wet season rice

Season: June to November

Varieties: Naveen, Vijeta, Swarna, Surendra, Padmini Coastal Saline: Lunishree, SR 26 B, Pankaj Hybrids: Rajlakshmi, Ajay, KRH 2, PHB 71; Scented varieties: Geetanjali, Ketekijoha, Nua Kalajeera, Nua Dhusara

Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
June	1	Nursery	 Do nursery bed preparation during early June for transplanting in favourable lowlands /irrigated medium lands/ coastal saline areas Sow the pre-germinated seeds Nursery area: 800 m² for planting in one hectare Seed rate: 45-50 kg ha¹ Fertilizer dose: 10 kg each of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O ha⁻¹
June	2	3-5 DAS	 Spray herbicide pretilachlor at 100 ml or pyrazosulfuron ethyl at 8 g for 800 m² area to control grassy weeds and sedges Or as alternate of herbicide application, keep 5 cm standing water for 7 days before sowing. Drain out water as germination begins. Again maintain 2-5 cm standing water for next 15 days to suppress weeds
June	2	Land preparation	 Do first puddling for main field preparation Apply well decomposed farm yard manure at 5 t ha⁻¹
July	1	Transplanting	 Do second puddling after 7-10 days and proper land leveling for uniform crop stand Apply 1/3rd of N (35 kg urea ha⁻¹) and full dose of P and K (110 kg DAP and 85 kg MOP ha⁻¹) as basal Pull out 25-30 days old seedlings from nursery beds (40-50 days old seedlings for coastal saline areas Do seedling root dipping in chloropyriphos solution (1 ml in 1 litre of water) against insect attack Transplant 2-3 seedlings per hill at 20 cm x 15 cm spacing Maintain thin layer of water (1-2 cm) in the main field upto 10 DAT

Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
	2	3-7 DAT 8-10 DAT 10 DAT	 Apply herbicide pretilachlor at 1500 ml ha⁻¹ or pyrazosulfuron ethyl at 100 g ha⁻¹ by mixing in 50 kg sand and uniformly broadcast in the field for controlling grassy weeds and sedges For controlling non-grassy broadleaf weeds and sedges, spray herbicide metsulfuron methyl at 4 g ha⁻¹ or almix 20 g ha⁻¹ after mixing in 500 litre of water Maintain 5 cm water level in the main field upto tillering stage
August	1	20-25 DAT	 Do first manual weeding if herbicide was not applied Apply 1/3rd of N (60 kg urea for inbreds and 70 kg urea for hybrids ha⁻¹) as first top dressing
	2	30-40 DAT	Do need-based plant protection against insects/ diseases specially stem borer, leaf folder, case worm, bacterial blight (doses as mentioned earlier)
September	1	40-45 DAT	 Do second manual weeding if required in herbicide non-treated fileds Apply 1/3rd of N (60 kg urea for inbreds and 70 kg urea for hybrids ha⁻¹) as final top dressing
September	2	65-75 DAT	Do need-based plant protection against insects/ diseases specially leaffolder, case worm, gall midge and bacterial blight
October	1	80-85 DAT	 Do roughing in seed production fields to avoid seed mixtures Drain out water from the main field
	2	95-100 DAT	 Harvest the crop when 80 per cent of the grains in panicles got matured (at physiological maturity stage)
November	1	Post-harvest Operations	 Do threshing and cleaning Dry the grains under sun until 14% moisture content and pack it properly for storing

Calendar of operations for wet direct-sown summer rice Season: December to April-May Varieties: Naveen, Satabdi, Lalat, Khandagiri

Month	Fortnight		nge Operations
December	2	Land	Do initial shallow tillage after the harvest of wet season rice followed by ponding of
December	2	Preparation	water and first puddling
January	1	Sowing	 Do second puddling after 7-10 days and proper land leveling to facilitate uniform crop stand and better water management Apply full dose of P (87 kg DAP ha⁻¹) and 2/3rd of K (23 kg MOP ha⁻¹) as basal Sow pre-germinated sprouted seeds in saturated field either by spot seeding (dibbling) at 15 cm x 15 cm spacing or by drum seeder at 15 cm apart rows Seed rate: 70 kg ha⁻¹ Fertilizer dose: 80: 40: 40 kg N, P₂O₅ and K₂O ha⁻¹
	1	3-5 DAS 7-10 DAS	 Do spray herbicide pretilachlor + safener at 1350 ml ha⁻¹ in moist saturated field for controlling grassy weeds and sedges Or spray pyrazosulfuron ethyl at 100 g ha⁻¹ to suppress wide spectrum of weeds (grassy weeds, sedges and broadleaf weeds)
	2	15 DAS	 Do gap filling, if required Apply 1/3rd of N (46 kg urea ha⁻¹) as first top dressing Apply carbafuran (furadon) at 33 kg ha⁻¹ by uniformly broadcasting in field against stem borer infestation
	2	7-21 DAS 18-20 DAS	 Keep the field in saturated condition for first 7-10 days, subsequently maintain 2-3 cm standing water up to 3 weeks for better suppression of early emerging weeds In areas predominant with sedges and non-grassy broadleaf weeds, spray almix at 20 g ha⁻¹ or bensulfuron methyl at 100 g ha⁻¹ Do spray in moist (saturated) field after draining out of standing water by mixing the herbicides in 500 litres of water
Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
Month February	Fortnight 2	Growth stage 21 DAS	 Operations Do first manual weeding if herbicide was not applied Or as a cost effective alternative of manual weeding, operate finger weeder in between rice rows in saturated field after draining out of excess water followed by manual removal of weeds within rice rows Apply irrigation at 3-5 cm depth after disappearance of water from the field starting from 21 DAS till 15 days prior to maturity Do need-based plant protection against insect/pest like plant hoppers by spraying imidachloprid (500 ml ha⁻¹) or monocrotophos (1500 ml ha⁻¹) in 500 litres of water
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February	2	21 DAS 40 DAS 60 DAS	 Do first manual weeding if herbicide was not applied Or as a cost effective alternative of manual weeding, operate finger weeder in between rice rows in saturated field after draining out of excess water followed by manual removal of weeds within rice rows Apply irrigation at 3-5 cm depth after disappearance of water from the field starting from 21 DAS till 15 days prior to maturity Do need-based plant protection against insect/pest like plant hoppers by spraying imidachloprid (500 ml ha⁻¹) or monocrotophos (1500 ml ha⁻¹) in 500 litres of water Do second manual weeding, if required in herbicide non-treated plots Apply 1/3rd of N (46 kg urea ha⁻¹) as second top dressing Apply final 1/3rd of N (46 kg urea ha⁻¹) and 1/3rd of K (12 kg ha⁻¹) Need-based plant protection against insect pests like stem borer, plant hopper or disease like blast and brown spot Spray tilt twice at 7 days interval at 2 ml per litre of water against brown spot when 8-10% leaf infection occurs Spray hinosan twice at 7 days interval at 2 ml per litre of water against blast when 8-10% leaf infection occurs
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• Dry the grains under sun until 14% moisture content and store it properly

Operations

Calendar of operations for transplanted summer rice Season: December to May Varieties: Naveen, Satabdi, Chandan, IR 36, Lalat; Annapurna, CSR 4 (Coastal saline)

Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
December	1	Nursery	 Prepare wet seed bed by shallow tillage twice at 7-10 days interval followed by ponding of water and puddling Apply 2 kg urea, 5 kg SSP and 1.5 kg MOP in 800 m² area Sow pre-germinated (sprouted) seeds at 45-50 kg ha¹ In coastal saline areas, raised seed bed in non-saline or less saline field. Keep water at shallow depth (0-3 cm) from the beginning to reduce the chance of salinity damage Do frequent washing of seed bed by draining out of water for reducing salinity level Fertilizer dose: 10 kg each of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O ha¹¹
December	2	Land preparation	 Do initial shallow tillage after the harvest of wet season rice followed by ponding of water and first puddling (use non-saline water in coastal saline areas)
January	1	Final land Preparation	 Do second puddling after 7-10 days and proper land leveling to facilitate uniform crop stand In coastal saline areas, pond fresh water before transplanting for leaching of soluble salts and reducing the problem of salinity Apply full dose of P (109 kg DAP ha⁻¹) and 2/3rd of K (56 kg MOP ha⁻¹) as basal Fertilizer dose: 100:50:50 kg N, P₂O₅ and K₂O ha⁻¹
	1	Transplanting	 Pull out 25 days old seedlings from nursery beds Do seedling root dipping in chloropyriphos solution (1 ml in 1 litre of water) Transplant 2-3 seedlings per hill at 15 cm x 15 cm spacing Maintain thin layer of water (1-2 cm) in the main field upto 10 DAT
	1	3-5 DAT	 Spray herbicide pretilachlor + safener at 1350 ml ha⁻¹ for controlling grassy weeds and sedges
		7 DAT	 Or spray pyrazosulfuron ethyl at 100 g ha⁻¹ 7 DAT to suppress broad spectrum of weeds including grasses, sedges and broadleaf weeds
Month	Fortnight	Growth stage	Operations
Month	Fortnight 2	Growth stage 18 DAT 7-21 DAT	 Operations In areas predominant with sedges and non-grassy broadleaf weeds, spray almix at 20 g ha⁻¹ or bensulfuron methyl at 100 g ha⁻¹ Spray in moist (saturated) field after draining out of standing water by mixing the herbicides with 500 litres of water Keep the field in saturated condition for first 7-10 days, subsequently maintain 2-3 cm standing water up to 3 weeks for better suppression of early emerging weeds
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