

- **AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION, PONNAMPET (ZONE-9)**



Agricultural Research Station, Ponnampet was established in 1951. It is located at a distance of 6 km from Gonikoppal – Nagarahole road in Virajpet Taluk of Kodagu District and is 96 km away from Mysore. The soil ranges from sandy loam to red loam. The station is situated in 867 M above MSL with a latitude of 12.29N and Longitude of 75.56E. The station is in hill zone and receives an average annual rainfall of 2200 mm. About 60-70 per cent of the total rainfall is received between June and August.

The station has been recognized as an international center for screening rice varieties for blast tolerance. The research station is also one of the centers of All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project for Plant Pathology and Plant Breeding work. A piggery and a dairy unit are being maintained in the station. Nursery activity on pepper, Areca and silver oak is also carried out at the station.

Brief Information

Particulars	Area (In ha)
Total area of the farm	23.88
Total Cultivable area (Rainfed)	9.77
Area allotted to ICAR Scheme (AICRIP on Rice)	1.60
Area under farm section	
a) Area under Rainfed paddy	3.46
b) Area under Horticultural crops	2.68
c) Area under AICRIP nursery	0.20
d) Area under Nursery and Threshing yard	0.02
Area under irrigation	-
Area under rainfed	9.77
Area under cultivable waste	-
Area under uncultivable waste	-
Area under roads, buildings, channels and ponds etc.,	1.81
Area under Forestry college	12.30

Research mandate

The mandates for research are paddy, coffee, fishery and piggery. The research mandates are screening and development of blast tolerant paddy varieties and integrated management of pests and diseases in paddy.