

**IX. List of Practicals**

S.No.	Topic	No of Practicals
1.	Measurements of soil shear strength by <i>in-situ</i> shear box apparatus and soil friction by friction plate.	3
2.	Measuring cone penetrometer resistance and working out tractive coefficients for tyres.	2
3.	Measurement of <i>in-situ</i> shear strength of soil by torsional vane shear apparatus.	1
4.	Solving problems on stress in soil.	2
5.	Solving problems on soil properties.	2
6.	Solving problems of tillage tool forces.	1
7.	Problems on wheel slippage and tyre deflection.	3
8.	Problems on design and performance of traction devices.	1
9.	Practical examination	1
	Total	16

X. Suggested Reading

- Gill WR and Van den Berg GE. 1968. *Soil Dynamics in Tillage and Traction*.
- Handbook 316, *Agricultural Research Service*, US Department of Agriculture, Washington DC, 1968.
- John BL, Paul KT, David WS and Makoto H. 2012. *Tractors and their Power Units*. 4th Edition. Springer Science & Business Media, ISBN: 81-239-0501-7, ASAE ISBN: 0-929355-72-5.
- Koolen AJ and Kuipers H. 1983. *Agricultural Soil Mechanics*. Springer-Verlag ISBN 13:978-3-642-69012-9.
- McKyes E. 1989. *Agricultural Engineering Soil Mechanics*, Elsevier science publishers B.V., P.O. Box 211, 1000 AE Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- McKyes E. 2016. *Soil Cutting and Tillage: Vol 7*. Developments in Agricultural Engineering Elsevier R Science Publisher SBV.

I. Course Title : Testing and Evaluation of Agriculture Equipment

II. Course Code : FMPE 502

III. Credit Hours : 2+1

IV. Aim of the course

To enable the student to learn the procedure for testing of different farm machinery and the concept behind evaluation of different performance parameters of farm machinery and the standards adopted therein.

V. Theory**Unit I**

Importance and significance of testing and types of testing. Test equipment, usage and limitations. Test procedures and various test codes: National and International.

Unit II

Laboratory and field testing of tillage and sowing machinery: Sub-soiler, laser land leveler, mould board Plough, disc plough, rotavator, cultivator, disc harrow, seed cum fertilizer drill and planter.



Unit III

Laboratory and field testing of manual and power operated intercultural machinery and plant protection machine.

Unit IV

Laboratory and field testing of reaper, thresher and chaff cutter.

Unit V

Laboratory and field testing of straw combine and combine harvester. Review and interpretation of test reports. Importance and need of standardization of components of agricultural equipment.

VI. Practical

Laboratory and field testing of selected farm equipment: Tillage, sowing and planting. Material testing of critical components. Accelerated testing of fast wearing components.

VII. Learning outcome

The student will be able to test farm machinery, prepare performance reports and also analyze the performance reports to find the suitability of a machinery for a given farm operation.

VIII. Lecture Schedule

S.No	Topic	No. of Lectures
1.	Introduction, various test codes, Test programs, testing terminology, procedures and type of testing systems	2
2.	Study of different types of Dynamometer	2
3.	Stationary diesel engine performance testing	2
4.	Tractor Test Codes and Data Interpretation Estimation of error	2
5.	Testing and evaluation of tillage machinery	2
6.	Testing and evaluation of seed-cum-fertilizers drills/planters	3
7.	Testing and evaluation of manually and power operated Sprayers	3
8.	Testing and evaluation of reapers and straw combines	1
9.	Testing and evaluation of combine harvester and threshers	3
10.	Testing and evaluation of manually and power operated chaff cutters	2
11.	Testing and evaluation of advanced machinery	2
12.	Reliability in Engineering with emphasis on agricultural machinery	2
13.	Discussion on Farm machinery codes	2
14.	Interpretations of the information given in different codes on farm machinery	1
15.	Formulation of test-code for machines that do not have any code.	2
16.	Current topics/discussion	1
	Total	32

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1.	Lab testing of Stationary diesel engine for full load, variable load and governor test	2
2.	Lab Testing and evaluation of seed-cum-fertilizers drills	1
3.	Lab Testing and evaluation of seed-cum-fertilizers planters	1
4.	Lab Testing and evaluation of knapsack Sprayers	1



S.No.	Topic	No of Practicals
5.	Lab Testing and evaluation of nozzles	1
6.	Field testing of rotavators	1
7.	Lab testing of rotavators for soil sample analysis	1
8.	Testing and evaluation of reapers	1
9.	Testing and evaluation of combine harvester and threshers	1
10.	Testing and evaluation of chaff cutters	1
11.	Testing and evaluation of laser land leveler	1
12.	Case study of test reports of different agricultural implements	3
	Total	15

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- Barger E L, Liljedahl J B and McKibben E C. 1967. *Tractors and their Power Units*. Eastern Wiley 4th Edition.
- *Indian Standard Codes for Agricultural Implements*. Published by BIS, New Delhi.
- Inns F M. 1986. *Selection, Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural Machines and Equipment*. FAO Service Bull. No.115.
- Mehta M L, Verma S R, Rajan P and Singh S K 2019. *Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural Machinery*. Daya Publishing House, Delhi.
- *Nebraska Tractor Test Code for Testing Tractor*, Nebraska, USA.
- Smith D W, Sims B G and O'Neill D H 2001. *Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment -Principle and Practice*. FAO Agricultural Services Bull. 110.

I. Course Title : Ergonomics and Safety in Farm Operations

II. Course Code : FMPE 503

III. Credit Hours : 2+1

IV. Aim of the course

To understand the principles of the science of Ergonomics and its application to farm machinery in order to reduce drudgery in the use of tools and equipment and also make them safe and comfortable to operate.

V. Theory

Unit I

Description of human-machine systems. Ergonomics and its areas of application in the work system. History of ergonomics. Modern ergonomics.

Unit II

Anthropometry: Its role in daily life, principles in workspace and equipment design, design of manual handling tasks and application in equipment design. Human postures: Postural stress and its role in design of farm machinery.

Unit III

Human factors in tractor seat design: Entry system, controls, shape, colour coding, dial and indicators. Modern technology for comfort in driving places.

Unit IV

Physiological parameters: Psychological and mental stresses and their measurement techniques. Human energy expenditure: Calibration of subjects, human workload and its assessment.