



## X. Suggested Reading

- Clay SA, Clay DE and Bruggeman SA. 2017. *Practical Mathematics for Precision Farming* American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society and Soil Science Society of America, 5585 Guford Rd, Madison, WI 53711
- Henten EJV, Goense D and Lokhorst C. 2009. *Precision Agriculture*. Wageningen Academic Publishers.
- Ram T, Lohan SK, Singh R and Singh P. 2014. *Precision Farming: A New Approach*. Astral International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, ISBN: ISBN 978-81-7035-827-5 (Hardbound) ISBN 978-93-5130-258-2 (International Edition).
- Shannon DK, Clay DE and Kitchen NR (editors). 2018. *Precision Agriculture Basics* American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society and Soil Science Society of America, 5585 Guford Rd, Madison, WI 53711
- Singh AK and Chopra UK. 2007. *Geoinformatics Applications in Agriculture*. New India Publishing Agency, PritamPura, New Delhi.

**I. Course Title : Machinery for Horticulture and Protected Agriculture**

**II. Course Code : FMPE 518**

**III. Credit Hours : 2+0**

### IV. Aim of the course

To learn about the different machinery used in cultivation of vegetable crops, orchard crops and also in protected agriculture.

### V. Theory

#### Unit I

Vegetable cultivation, nursery machinery, tray seeders, grafting machines, vegetable trans-planters. Machinery for planting crops on raised beds, mulch laying and planting machines. Harvesting of vegetable crops: Harvesting platforms and pickers.

#### Unit II

Machinery for orchard crops: Pit diggers, inter-cultivators and basin forming equipment for orchards. Machinery for transplanting of trees. Harvesters for fruit crops: Shaker harvesters, types and principle of operation. Elevated platforms for orchard management and harvesting. Pruning machines.

#### Unit III

Machinery for orchards, vineyard machinery spraying machines, inter-cultivation machines. High clearance machines and special purpose machinery for crops on trellis. Machinery for special crops: Tea leaf harvesters, pruners and secateurs.

#### Unit IV

Machinery for lawn and garden: Grass cutters, special machinery for turf maintenance. Turf aerators and lime applicators.

#### Unit V

Protected agriculture: Principles, mechanical systems of greenhouse, ventilation systems, shading system, water fogging system, irrigation system, sensors, electrical and electronic system. Intelligent Control system for greenhouses. Machinery for processing of growth media, tray filling machines-tray sowing machines, transplanting machines. Robotic grafting machines. Weeding and thinning equipment. Crop protection and harvest under protected agriculture.

**VI. Learning outcome**

Knowledge about different principles of mechanizing cultivation of horticultural crops and in protected agriculture.

**VII. Lecture Schedule**

S.No.	Topic	No. of Lecture
1.	History of vegetable cultivation in India and scope of mechanization in Horticulture	1
2.	Methods of Nursery propagation techniques and machinery for nursery and tray seeders	1
3.	Machinery for field preparation for vegetables (Disc harrows, Disc plough, offset rotavator, sub soiler, bed makers)	1
4.	Principles of mulch laying and planting machines. Types of vegetable transplanters and their construction and working	1
5.	Working and construction of subsurface drip laying machine. Types of planters for vegetable crops and its working	1
6.	Principles of Pneumatic vegetable seeders and its working. Machinery for harvesting of vegetable crops like root crop harvester, its construction and working	1
7.	Types of vegetable extraction machine, its working and construction	1
8.	Types of pickers, their construction and working	1
9.	Construction and working of different types of post hole diggers	1
10.	Types of tractors and their uses in orchards	1
11.	Types of inter cultivators and its construction and working.	1
12.	Types of brush cutters and its working	1
13.	Types of basin forming equipment for orchards. Machinery for transplanting of trees and their construction and working	1
14.	Types of elevated platforms for orchard management. Types of Tree Pruners and principles and its working and construction	1
15.	Types of fruit pluckers and its working and construction	1
16.	Principles and working and construction of shaker harvesters	1
17.	Types of vineyard machinery and its working and construction	1
18.	Types of spraying machines and its working and construction. High clearance machines and special purpose machinery for crops on trellis.	1
19.	Types of orchard sprayers, its working and construction	1
20.	Types of Tea leaf harvesters, pruners and secateurs and its working and Construction	1
21.	Special purpose machinery for crops on trellis	1
22.	Types of lawn and garden mowers and its working.	1
23.	Studies on special machinery for turf maintenance working and construction of Turf aerators and lime applicators	1
24.	Introduction to protected agriculture. Principles of protected agriculture	1
25.	Greenhouses - Mechanical systems, ventilation systems, shading system, water fogging system and irrigation system.	2
26.	Sensors, electrical and electronic system. Intelligent Control system for greenhouses	1
27.	Machinery for processing of growth media, tray filling machines-tray sowing machines, transplanting machines	1
28.	Robotic grafting machines. Weeding and thinning equipment	1
29.	Crop protection and harvest under protected agriculture	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>



### VIII. Suggested Reading

- Bell B and Cousins S. 1997. *Machinery for Horticulture*. Old Pond Publishing Ltd ISBN-10: 0852363699, ISBN-13: 978-0852363690
- *Good Agricultural Practices for Greenhouse Vegetable Production in the South East European countries* FAO Rome 2017.
- Ponce P, Molina A, Cepeda P, Lugo E and MacCleery B. 2014. *Greenhouse Design and Control*. CRC Press, ISBN 9781138026292 - CAT K23481, 1st Edition.