

## **Do's & Don'ts for Thunderstorm and Lightening in Agriculture**

### **Do's:**

- In view of thunderstorm accompanied with gusty winds, provide mechanical support to orchards, staking in vegetables.
- If farmers are in the field and can't find any shelter, avoid the tallest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, best protection is to crouch in the open.
- Keep animals away from open water, pond or river.
- Keep animals away from tractors and other metal farm equipment.
- Drain out excess water from standing crops.
- Cover the harvested produce (if in the field) with polythene sheet.

### **Don'ts:**

- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords.
- Keep away contact with anything metal - tractors, farm equipment and bicycles. As metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity.
- Don't allow your animals to congregate under trees. Watch your animals closely and try to keep them under your direct control.