

CHAPTER III

EDUCATION

Education is a powerful tool for the social and economic development of a society. India being a developing country with majority of the population engaged in agriculture, 'agricultural education' acquires more importance than any other sector in order to provide much requiring manpower with knowledge and skills to face the challenges in the agriculture sector posed by nature as well as by the economic factors like globalisation, liberalization and industrialization, the University has been engaged in creating a strong force of skilled manpower in the field of agriculture.

Post Graduate Degree Programme

At TNAU, masters programme are offered in 22 disciplines and doctoral programme in 20 disciplines. During the year 2003-04, a total number of 242 students were admitted in post graduate programmes and 86 students were admitted in doctoral programmes. A total number of 361 students in post graduate programmes and 138 students in doctoral programme have successfully passed out in the same period. The discipline wise details are furnished below:

POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

Sl. No.	Discipline	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted 2003-2004
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME - M.Sc. COIMBATORE CAMPUS			
01.	Agronomy	14	6
02.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	18	13
03.	Agricultural Entomology	18	8
04.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	25	7
05.	Agricultural Economics	7	12
06.	Agricultural Extension	15	10
07.	Agricultural Microbiology	8	6
08.	Seed Science and Technology	9	7
09.	Crop Physiology	7	5
10.	Plant Pathology	12	7
11.	Plant Nematology	9	5
II.	M.Sc. (Horticulture)	20	13
III.	M.E. (Agriculture)		
1.	Farm Power and Machinery	2	4
2.	Soil and water Conservation	5	5
3.	Bio-Energy	-	6

4.	Agricultural Processing	8	6
IV.	a) Master of Business Administration	16	15
	b) Master of Business Management	1	-
V.	M.Sc. (Bio-Technology)	14	23
VI.	M.Sc. (Environmental Science)	16	7
VII.	M.Sc. (Sericulture)	2	2
VIII.	M.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition)	5	-
MADURAI CAMPUS			
I.	M.Sc. (Agriculture)		
1.	Agronomy	9	3
2.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	9	4
3.	Agricultural Entomology	10	6
4.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	2	4
5.	Agricultural Microbiology	4	4
6.	Agricultural Economics	-	-
7.	Agricultural Extension	8	3
8.	Plant Pathology	4	3
II.	M.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition)	11	11
III.	M.Sc. (Horticulture)	2	6
KILLIKULAM CAMPUS			
I.	M.Sc. (Agriculture)		
1.	Agronomy	5	3
2.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	6	3
3.	Agricultural Entomology	-	3
4.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	4	3
5..	Plant Pathology	4	-
PERIYAKULAM CAMPUS			
I.	M.Sc. (Horticulture)	7	8
METTUPALAYAM CAMPUS			
I.	M.Sc. (Forestry)	13	10
PAJANCOA & RI, KARAIKAL CAMPUS			
1..	Agronomy	8	5
2..	Plant Breeding and Genetics	5	5
3..	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	4	5
4..	Agricultural Economics	-	5
5..	Entomology	5	5
6..	Horticulture	-	5
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – Ph.D.			
COIMBATORE (CAMPUS)			

I.	Faculty of Agriculture		
01.	Agronomy	12	5
02.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	10	6
03.	Agricultural Entomology	10	4
04.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	9	3
05.	Agricultural Extension	3	5
06.	Agricultural Microbiology	2	2
07.	Crop Physiology	3	2
08.	Seed Science and Technology	7	4
09.	Plant Pathology	7	7
10.	Agricultural Economics	3	4
11.	Environmental Science	2	3
12.	Plant Nematology	2	-
II.	Faculty of Horticulture	5	10
III.	Faculty of Bio-technology	2	6
IV.	Faculty of Forestry (MTP)	3	3
V.	Faculty of Agricultural Engineering		
01.	Farm Power and Machinery	3	1
02.	Soil and Water Conservation	-	6
03.	Bio-Energy	2	-
04.	Agricultural Processing	2	3
MADURAI CAMPUS			
I.	Faculty of Agriculture		
01.	Agronomy	4	2
02.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	3	3
03.	Agricultural Entomology	1	2
04.	Plant Pathology	1	2
05.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	3	2
06.	Econometrics	-	2
II.	Faculty of Home Science		
01.	Food Science and Nutrition	3	5

Foreign students admission

During 2003-04, the following numbers of foreign students were admitted in TNAU.

Post Graduate Programme

Vietnam - 1

Doctoral Programme

Syria - 2

Vietnam	- 1
Ethiopia	- 2
Sudan	- 1
Sri Lanka	- 1

Scholarships/Fellowships won by the students

SI.No.	Name of the scholarship	Name of the student	Sponsor
1.	Chevening Scholarship	Th.Sathyaprakash	British Council
2.	Commonwealth Scholarship	Th.V.P.Muthukumar	British Council
3.	Western University, England Scholarship	Th.M.Gunasekaran	University
4.	Japanese Government Scholarship	Th.Aasaithambi Th.Thangavelu	Japan Government
5.	University Scholarship	Th.M.Rathan	Sharjiya University
6.	University Scholarship	Th.Thangasamy	Thaiwan University

During the period from 1.4.2003 to 31.3.2004, a sum of Rs.1,09,70,952 was disbursed as scholarship to the Pot Graduate students.

The following Ph.D students have carried out part of their thesis research in other institutes as furnished below.

SI. No	Name of the student	Discipline	Name of the institute
1.	Th.G.Velu	Plant Breeding and Genetics	ICRISAT fellowship
2.	Th.V.Chandrasekar	Agri. Processing	IRRI, Phillippines
3.	Mrs.Noorjehan A.K.A.Hanif	Agri. Extension	Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship, ADAC&RI, Trichy

Higher Education Abroad (GRE,TOEFL & CAT)

Batch No.	No. of Trainees	No. Secured Admission/ Assistantship/Fellowship
I	24	9 (USA, UK, Canada, Germany & Australia)
II	18	6 (Australia, Canada, Japan, UK, USA & Taiwan)

UNDER-GRADUATE EDUCATION

During the under report, number of students passedout and admitted in the different Under-graduate Degree Programme are furnished below:

Name of the Degree Programme	Number of Students passed out	Number of Students admitted 2003-2004
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B.Sc. (Agriculture)	366	356
B.Sc. (Horticulture)	64	66
B.Tech. (Agricultural Engineering)	41	35
B.Sc. (Home Science)	22	17
B.Sc. (Forestry)	20	20
B.Tech. (Food Process Engineering)	17	20
B. Tech. Bio-Tech	-	18
B. Tech. (Hort)	-	18
TOTAL	530	550

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COIMBATORE

Students Strength

B.Sc. (Agri.)

Year	Total
I Year	115
II Year	101
III Year	96
IV Year	92
Total	404

B.Tech. (Agrl. Biotech.)

Year	Total
I Year	18
II Year	20
Total	38

Scholarships/Fellowships won by the students

The Undergraduate students of this campus were awarded with various scholarships and financial assistantship owing to their social status and academic achievements. The details are furnished below:

Sl.No.	Name of Scholarship	No. of students benefited	Amount (Rs.)
1.	BC Scholarship	65	Amount varied every year as per the fee structure
2.	BC – First Graduate	69	
3.	MBC Scholarship	27	
4.	SC/ST Scholarship	15	
5.	TNAU Merit	32	
			100/- pm.

6.	AC & RI, Merit	4	250/- pm.
7.	ICAR – National Merit Scholarship	4	9,600/- p.a.
8.	Vedavalli Endowment	1	250/- pm.
9.	T.R.Krishnan Endowment	1	200/- pm.
10.	Periyar Endowment	9	500/-pm.
11.	Shanthi Trust Endowment	1	400/- pm.
12.	Kokilavani, Gayathri, Hemalatha Endowment	12	600/-pm.
13.	GOI Scholarship	2	1500/-p.a.
	Total	242	

Educational tours organized for students:

Kind of Tour	Year & Batch	No. of Students	Period	Places visited
All India Study Tour	IV Year VII Sem. 2000-2001 batch	92	24.8.2003 - 10.9.2003	New Delhi and other colleges and research stations in North India
Study Tour	II Year IV Sem. 2003-2004 batch	98	4.2.2004 - 12.2.2004	TNAU research stations

A Special Camp was conducted for 10 days from 21.12.2003 to 30.12.2003 at Alandurai by NSS volunteers, and the volunteers were involved in various activities organizing like medical camp, veterinary camp, cleaning work in the village roads, cleaning of temple Nanthavanam & white washing, parthenium eradication etc.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MADURAI

Students Strength

B.Sc. Agriculture

Year	Total
I Year	107
II Year	99
III Year	89
IV Year	90
Total	385

M.Sc. Agriculture

Sl. No.	Discipline	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted 2003-2004
MADURAI CAMPUS			
I.	M.Sc. (Agriculture)		
01.	Agronomy	9	3
02.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	9	4
03.	Agricultural Entomology	10	6
04.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	2	4
05.	Agricultural Microbiology	4	4
06.	Agricultural Extension	8	3
07.	Plant Pathology	4	3
II.	M.Sc. (Horticulture)		
		2	6

Ph.D.

Sl. No.	Discipline	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted 2003-2004
MADURAI CAMPUS			
I.	Faculty of Agriculture		
01.	Agronomy	4	2
02.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	3	3
03.	Agricultural Entomology	1	2
04.	Plant Pathology	1	2
05.	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	3	2
06.	Econometrics	-	2

Scholarship / Awards won by the students

Sl. No.	Name of Scholarship	No. of students benefited	Amount (Rs.)
1.	M.Sc (Ag) student Fellowship	1	3,850/- p.m
2.	Student SRF	1	90,000/- p.a

3.	TNAU Merit Scholarship	2	15,000 / 10,000/- p.a
4.	CSIR Fellowship	2	1,16,000/- p.a
5.	UGC Fellowship	1	1,16,000/- p.a
6.	ICAR Fellowship	4	49,000/- p.a
7.	Periyar Endowment Scholarship	1	5,000/- p.a
8.	Gram Mooliga, Bangalore	1	3850/- p.m

Medals /prizes won by the students:

Sl. No	Name of the Student	Award	Year
1.	Menaka	The best student award-Agronomy	2003
2.	Sheeba	Best Agronomy make award for UG programme	2003
3.	P.Yogameenakshi	Dr. S. R. Sree Rangaswamy Award for the Best M.Sc. (Ag.) student in Plant Breeding and Genetics (Major courses and research). Dr. K. Rajagopalan Award for the Best M.Sc.(Ag.) student in Plant Breeding and Genetics with the Thesis in Rice (Major courses and Research).	2003
4.	J.Anbumalarmathi	Prof.A Subramanian award for the best M.Sc.(Ag.) student in PB&G with thesis on Crop Improvement in Millet and Pulses	2003
5.	P.Azhaguvel	Jawaharlal Nehru Award for best Ph.D. thesis by ICAR.	2003

TOURS

Kind of tour	Year / batch	No.of students	Period	Place of visit
Short tour	II Year	90	Feb. 11-19, 2004	TNAU research stations
All India Tour	IV Year	90	Sept. 15- Oct.1, 2003	Other states in India

Placement through campus interview

Name of the company	No. of students selected
DHAN foundation	3
Syngenta India	2
International Panecea	1
Godrej Agrovat	1
SPIC, Madurai	2
Shepherd-trust	1

SPORTS

The 13th Inter Collegiate Tournament of TNAU was held between January 24 and 31, 2004 at AC&RI, Madurai. The meet was inaugurated by Thiru.M.Ravi, I.P.S., under the presidentship of Dr.C.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, TNAU and about 740 students participated in the meet. The following students of this college won the following prizes in the fifth All India Sports meet of State Agricultural Universities held at Bangalore.

Name of the student	Event	Prizes won
M.Kalaivani	4 x 100 meter relay	I
	High Jump	II
J.Mathi	Short put	II

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KILLIKULAM

Students Strength

B.Sc. (Agriculture)

Year	Total
I Year	65
II Year	78
III Year	67
IV Year	67
Total	277

M.Sc. (Agriculture)

Sl. No.	Subject	No. of students completed	No. of students admitted during 2003-04
1.	Agronomy	5	3
2.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	6	3
3.	Agricultural Entomology	-	3
4.	Soil science and Agrl. Chemistry	4	3
5.	Plant Pathology	4	-

TOURS

Kind of Tour	No. of students	Period	Places visited
Study tour	78	10 days	TNAU Research Stations
All India Study Tour	81	15 days	Delhi and other colleges and research stations in North India

**ANBIL DHARMALINGAM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, TRICHY**

Students Strength

B.Sc. (Agriculture)

Year	Total
I Year	69
II Year	62
III Year	64
IV Year	58
Total	253

Scholarship / Awards

Sl.No.	Name of Assistance	Number of students benefited	Amount / year (Rs.)
1.	The District Adi-Dravidar and Tribal welfare scholarship	20	134130
2.	The District backward and minorities scholarship-BC-MBC	147	474575
3.	Chief Minister Award	04	6000
4.	Periyar Endowment Scholarship	01	5000
5.	National Merit Scholarship	01	3000
6.	TNAU Merit students Endowment	03	18000

Medals / Prizes won by the students

Seventeen endowments have been instituted for motivating the students to get higher marks in the subjects of their own interest. These endowments prizes / medals were given to the following students during the College Day Function held on 23.04.2004 by Dr. V. Rajagopal, Controller of Examinations, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchy.

S.No	Details of Endowment	Remarks
1.	Western Electronic and Scientific Works Prize	Highest OGPA upto VI semester- III B.Sc. (Ag.) G.Abinayasaraswathi –BSA00601 (9.38)
2.	Bell & Co., Prize	Second Highest OGPA upto VI semester- III B. Sc.(Ag.) M.Vanitha-BSA00651 (9.37)
3.	Mr.Ibrahim Mohamed Doka Mohamed and Kenana Sugar Company Ltd., Prize	Best B.Sc.(Ag.) student D.Sugantha Gunthalam-BSA99642 (9.42)
4.	B.V.Velasamy Medal	Highest mark in SS&AC courses from I to VI Semester G.Abinayasaraswathi –BSA00601 (9.43)

5.	K.Senthilvel Medal	Second Highest mark in SS&AC courses from I to VI Semester K. Sakthi Bharathi-BSA00642 (9.30)
6.	Meenakshi Ammal Medal	Highest Mark in Agrl. Botany courses from I to VI semester K. Sakthi Bharathi-BSA00642 (9.76)
7.	Tmt. B.V.Sarojini Velasamy Medal	Highest Mark in all Soil Science and Agrl. Chemistry courses in B.Sc.(Ag.) A.Ananda Priya-BSA99603 (9.29)
8.	Karaikal Siva R.Gurumurthy Iyer Medal	Highest Marks in all Agrl. Extension courses in B.Sc.(Ag.) T.Revathy-BSA99630 (9.63)
9.	Tmt. R.Santha Medal	Highest Marks in all Agronomy Courses in B.Sc.(Ag.) D.Sugantha Gunthalam-BSA99642 (9.50)
10.	AVM Sundaram Trust	Best student in overall GPA in Horticulture courses D.Sugantha Gunthalam-BSA99642 (9.43)
11.	1995-96 batch Students Endowment	Best student in overall GPA in Horticulture courses D.Sugantha Gunthalam-BSA99642 (9.49)
12.	Mrs. Samppoornammal Medal	Highest OGPA in Crop Physiology courses M.Vanitha-BSA00657 (9.98)
13.	K.Rajukkannu Medal	Best outgoing student who got highest OGPA in the B.Sc.(Ag.) programme D.Sugantha Gunthalam-BSA99642 (9.42)
14.	Dr.C.V.Govindasamy Medal	Best Student in Plant Pathology A.Anandapriya-BSA99603 (9.70)
15.	Rasi Seed Medal	Highest OGPA in Seed Technology courses M.Vanitha-BSA00657 (9.83)
16.	Vada Madurai Govindasamy Medal	Best student in Entomology T.Revathy-BSA99630 (9.51)
17.	Dr.V.S.Subramaniyan Prize	Highest Marks in all Agrl. Extension courses T.Revathy-BSA99630 (9.63)

TOURS

Kind of Tour	Year & Batch	No.of students	Period	Places visited
Short tour	II B.Sc. (Ag.)	62	4.1.04 to 12.1.04	TNAU Research Stations
All India Study Tour	IV B.Sc.(Ag.)	58	27.10.2003 to 12.11.2003	Hyderabad, New Delhi, Simla

SPORTS

Game	Students	Competition	Prizes won
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Basket ball	Girls students	Annamalai University – 15.4.04-16.4.04	SPORAG 2004 First Prize.
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Placement through campus interview

Name of the Company	No. of students selected
Rasi seeds	5
Shepherd	2
Godrej Agrovet	3
Pesticide India Ltd.	2
Mahyco Seeds	3
Cauvery Oilpalm	4
Saravana Farms	2
Total	21

HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COIMBATORE

The Horticultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore, is one of the pioneering colleges of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University established during 1972. It is offering horticultural degree programmes such as M.Sc. (Hort.) and Ph.D (Hort.) since 1972 and B.Tech (Hort.) from 2002. The college has four disciplines viz., Department of Fruit Crops, Department of Vegetable Crops, Department of Spices and Plantation Crops and Department of Floriculture and Landscaping.

Students Strength

B.Tech. (Horticulture)

Year	Total
I Year	18
II Year	16
III Year	20
Total	54

M.Sc. (Horticulture)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
Horticulture	20	13

Ph.D. (Horticulture)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
Horticulture	5	10

Scholarship / Awards

During this year one student was benefited by SC/ST scholarship.

TOURS

Kind of tour	No. of students	Year & Batch	Places visited
Study tour	16	2003-04 batch Oct. 10-14, 2004	Bangalore
Study tour	20	2002-03 batch, Jan 19-Feb.1, 2004	Maharashtra state
Study tour	20	2002-03 batch Aug. 9-13, 2004	Andhra Pradesh
Study tour	20	2002-03 batch Sept. 22-26, 2004	Bangalore, Hosur, Kolar.

HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PERIYAKULAM**Students Strength****B.Sc. (Horticulture)**

Year	Total
I Year	66
II Year	54
III Year	50
IV Year	45
Total	215

M.Sc. (Horticulture)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
M.Sc. Horticulture	7	8

Scholarships

Name of the Scholarship	Number of students availed	Amount/Year in Rs.
SC/ST Chief Minister Award	6	1500
ICAR National Talent Scholarship	1	9600
Periyar Endowment Scholarship	1	5000
TNAU Merit Scholarship	4	1000
Prize Money Award Scholarship	1	5000
Total	13	22100

TOURS

Kind of tour	Year & Batch	No. of students	Duration of tour	Places visited
All India Study Tour	IV Year	57	18.09.2002 to 03.10.2002	Delhi and Agricultural Research Stations in North India, Horticultural College and industries.
Study tour	II Year 2001-02 batch	50	27.2.2003 to 7.3.2003	TNAU Agricultural and Horticultural Research Stations and industries

Placement through Campus Interview

Company name	Nos. selected
Cauvery Palm Ltd, Trichy	7

FOREST COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, METTUPALAYAM

Students Strength

B.Sc. (Forestry)

Year	Total
I Year	20
II Year	15
III Year	14
Total	63

M.Sc. (Forestry)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
M.Sc. Forestry	13	10

Ph.D. (Forestry)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
Ph.D. Forestry	3	3

Scholarship/Awards

Nature of Scholarship	Number of students benefited	Scholarship amount per year
Periyar endowment	1	Rs. 5,000
TNAU Merit	2	Rs. 10,000

TOURS

Kind of Tour	Year and Batch	No. of Students	Period	Places visited
Short tour	II	18	July 2003	Southern Tamil Nadu
All India Study	IV	14	Oct. - Nov. 03	Karnataka, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranjal, Himachal Pradesh

All India Competitive Exams

I.F.S. 2004 - List of successful candidates from Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam

Sl. No.	Name of the student	Year and programme of study	Rank (All India Level)
1.	P.Kathirvel	I Ph.D	28
2.	R.Manikanda Ramanujam	M.Sc. graduate	22
3.	S.Thirumal	I M.Sc.	17
4.	S.Ramesh	M.Sc. graduate	27

Placement through Campus Interview

Company name	Nos. selected
Pest Control India Ltd	2

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COIMBATORE

Students Strength

B.Tech. (Food Processing Engineering)

Year	Total
I Year	20
II Year	19
III Year	20
IV Year	16
Total	75

M.E (Agri.)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
Farm Power and Machinery	2	4
Soil and water Conservation	5	5
Bio-Energy	-	6
Agricultural Processing	8	6

Ph.D. (Agrl. Engineering)

Sl. No.	Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
1.	Farm Power and Machinery	3	1
2.	Soil and Water Conservation	-	6
3.	Bio-Energy	2	-
4.	Agricultural Processing	2	3

Scholarships

Sl.No.	Name of Scholarship	Duration	Amount (Rs.)
1.	SC Scholarship	10 months	5925/-
2.	GOI-SC Scholarship	For one year	1000/-
3.	Periyar Endowment scholarship	For one year	5000 for each person

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KUMULUR**Students Strength****B.Tech. (Agrl. Engineering)**

Year	Total
I Year	35
II Year	33
III Year	21
IV Year	28
Total	117

Scholarship/Awards

Nature of Scholarship	Number of students benefited	Scholarship amount per year
SC Scholarship	12	Rs. 6505 - Rs.6755
BC/MBC/DNC Scholarship	64	Rs.1280 - Rs.4280
Periyar Endowment	1	Rs. 5000

TOURS

Kind of Tour	Year and batch	No. of Students	Period	Places visited
All India Study Tour	2000-01	28	19.01.04 to 04.02.04	North India
Short Tour	2000-01	28	03.01.04 to 12.01.04	Tamil Nadu

SPORTS

Nature of sports	Name of student	Game	Prize won
SPORAG	Shankar Anand	Basket ball	Best player award

Placement through campus interview

Company name	No. of students selected
Plastro Plasson Industries India Ltd., Coimbatore.	2
Sommann Marketing Pvt Ltd. Bangalore-43.	2

HOME SCIENCE COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MADURAI

Students Strength

B.Sc. (Home Science)

Year	Total
I Year	17
II Year	12
III Year	6
IV Year	11
Total	46

M.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
M.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition)	11	11

Ph.D. Programme (Food Science and Nutrition)

Subject	Number of Students Passed out	Number of Students admitted in 2003-2004
Food Science and Nutrition	3	3

Scholarships

Name of Scholarship	No. of students	Amount (Rs.)
Periyar Endowment scholarship	1	5000 p.a.
TNAU Agri Merit Scholarship	4	1000 p.a.
TNAU Research Assistantship	1	15000 p.a

Medals / Prizes won by the students

Nature of the prize/medal	Name of the student	Donor
Staff of Home Science College and Res. Inst., Award	S.Suguna	TNAU
Full sponsorship for presenting paper	V.Veeranan Arun Giridhari	CFTRI, Mysore

STUDENTS WELFARE CENTRE

Placement through campus interview

The students as detailed below got their placement through the campus interviews organized by Directorate of Students Welfare, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Particulars	No. of students selected
Karnataka Agrochemicals Ltd, Trichy	3
Cauvery Palm Oil Ltd, Trichy	10
Harrisons Malayalam Kochi, Kerala	2
Western India Cashew Co. (P) Ltd, Kollam, Kerala	2
SHEPHERD, Trichy	10
Priya Sivakumar & Varshini Customer Care Centre, Coimbatore	2
RASI Seeds, Attur	1
Dhan Foundation, Maduari	18
Known-You Seed (India) Pvt Ltd, Pune	2
KPK Farm, Cumbum	3
EID Parry (India) Ltd., Krishnagiri	1
Renulakshmi Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore	2
Super Spinning Mills Ltd., Coimbatore	2
Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore	1
Super Spinning Mills (Member Sara Elgi Group, Coimbatore)	2
International Panacea Ltd., Bengali Market, New Delhi-1	10
Premier Irrigation Equipments Ltd., Secundrabad – 3.	9
Karthik Plantations, The Nilgiris.	4
OSAI (NGO), 4C-34, Cheran Nagar, G.N. Mill Post, Coimbatore – 641 029	1
EPC Agro Service Ltd., Scundrabad	15
Sabero Organics Gujarat Ltd., Coimbatore	3
Universal Fertilizers Corporation Ltd., Coimbatore	2
People's Agri. Farm, Pudukkottai.	2
M/s. Spices Board, Cochin	7

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library at the Main Campus is nearly a century old. The total collection of the library has crossed 1,60,500.

Apart from the regular collection of books and back-volumes, the collection comprises of very rare literature of eighteenth century on Agriculture and Horticulture. The Library received 1165 issues of Foreign journals. 324 General Knowledge books and Subject books were purchased under ICAR development Grant. 100 books were purchased under Regular Library Budget. The Library collection were utilized by 95,947 scientists and students of the University. 3622 visitors from other universities, colleges and institutions from Tamil Nadu and neighboring states consulted our Library collections for their research work.

CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

The controller of examinations has been started in 1997 for effectively conducting the examinations for under graduate and M.Sc. (Ag.) programmes and issuing transcript cards in time.

The question papers are received from experts, multiple copies are produced and examinations are conducted on a uniform date throughout the University. Bar-coded answer scripts are used to maintain the secrecy of individual students I.D.No. and they are evaluated at different campuses by the teachers other than the course teachers.

When the marks are received, statement of marks are prepared with the help of software developed for that purpose. As the statement of marks are distributed in time with the help of external evaluation, students are getting admissions at National Institutes for higher studies.

TWENTY FOURTH CONVOCATION OF TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

The Twenty-Fourth Convocation of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was held on June 25, 2003 at the convocation hall of TNAU, Coimbatore. His Excellency Thiru.P.S.RAMAMOHAN RAO, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University presided. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi.J.Jayalithaa participated as a special guest. In the convocation, out of 834 candidates applied, 586 candidates took the Degrees in person and 248 candidates took the degree *in absentia*. The details of the candidates (discipline wise) are furnished below:

Programme	In person	In absentia
Doctoral of Philosophy	110	24

Master of Science	192	100
Bachelor of Science (Agriculture)	194	98
Bachelor of Science (Horticulture)	42	11
Bachelor of Science (Forestry)	11	1
Bachelor of Agricultural Engineering	27	6
Bachelor of Technology (Food Process Engineering)	9	6
Bachelor of Science (Home Science)	1	1
Bachelor of Fisheries Science	-	1
TOTAL	586	248

A total of 170 prizes and medals were awarded to 71 candidates in various degree programmes.

During this occasion Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi.J.Jayalithaa was awarded the degree of *Honaris causa*. The convocation address was also delivered by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi.J.Jayalithaa.