



# 2012 Hybrid Stand Guarantee Policy

*Leadership and Innovation Within the Field of Rice*

The RiceTec Hybrid Rice stand guarantee policy is designed to provide RiceTec seed customers replant seed in the event a customer does not get an adequate initial stand (as defined below) on his/her RiceTec hybrid rice acreage.

## Eligibility and Limitations:

- Customer orders and receives seed from an authorized RiceTec Service Partner location in 2012.
- Customer plants during the recommended time period for the area (not before March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Gulf Coast and April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Mid-South) and follows RiceTec recommendations regarding:
  - Planting rates
  - Seedbed preparation
  - Planting methods
  - Flushing or fertilizing to enhance seed germination and stand establishment opportunities under difficult soil and/or environmental conditions.
- Customer allows inspection of any “concern” fields by RiceTec Technical Services Representative to assess plant stand prior to taking any action.
- Customer agrees that RiceTec will be the sole party to determine the adequacy of the existing plant stand.
- For stand concerns not related to seed quality but rather due to “Acts of God” e.g. flooding or water standing as determined by a RiceTec Technical Services Representative, RiceTec will offer for planting in 2012 replant seed (subject to availability) at no cost on 50% of those same replant acres at our recommended seeding rate as long as at the same time the other 50% of the replant acres are purchased at list purchase price at our recommended seeding rate.
- RiceTec hybrid rice stand concerns that are not drill-seeded and it is determined by a RiceTec Technical Services Representative to be a seed quality issue will be offered replant seed (subject to availability) at no cost on 50% of those replant acres at our recommended seeding rate as long as at the same time the other 50% of the replant acres are purchased at list purchase price at our recommended seeding rate.
  - An additional requirement for eligibility of water-seeded RiceTec hybrid rice is that the seed is pre-soaked for a minimum of 24 hours and drained for a minimum of 24 hours before seeding.
- Tech Fee on CLEARFIELD acres that are offered for replant that are not drill-seeded and/or due to “Acts of God” will be determined on a case by case basis.
- When replant is determined to be necessary by RiceTec, only replant seed will be provided as a remedy. There will be no refunds or crediting of customer or Service Partner accounts.
- Replant seed will not be provided to customers with any past due unpaid seed balances.
- Replant seed will not be provided for fields with pre-existing field conditions, including but not limited to:
  - Salt intrusion, Lack of water availability sufficient to flush/flood field
- RiceTec may make hybrid substitution for replant seed based upon seed availability.
- Customer must use current year tested and germ guaranteed seed to be eligible for replant.

## Determination of plant stand

- Customer reports any stand concerns less than 3 plants per square foot promptly for each field to RiceTec Technical Services or the Service Partner for review of plant stands and uniformity.
- Initial plant stand per square foot is determined by randomly tossing a one square foot PVC square and counting emerged plants within the square.
- Counts are made after full emergence at 20 to 30 locations across the field, depending on field size.

## Follow up

- Customer follows RiceTec replant recommendations if initial plant stand is determined to be inadequate.
- If, at the time of replant determination, it is determined to be a RiceTec seed quality issue, and unfeasible to replant rice in the field, RiceTec will provide seed for the following season to plant equivalent acres at our recommended seeding rate.
  - To qualify for deferred replant the current/remaining hybrid rice crop must be destroyed and no rice can be planted in the field until next season.
- Customers who choose to replant hybrid fields without first being viewed by RiceTec personnel will forfeit the opportunity to receive replant seed at reduced or no cost at RiceTec's discretion.