



## Hybrid Rice Report Vol IV:X; July 23, 2010

### Crop Reports from our Sales and Service Team

**District 10, Texas** – [Derrol Grymes](#), (281) 381-9371



The RiceTec hybrid rice crop is still looking good in the Texas Gulf Coast. There have been a number of fields drained in the past week in preparation for harvest, and we anticipate many more will be drained in the upcoming weeks. If the weather would cooperate, harvest could commence in the next few days. With the rainy weather pattern that we are in, it looks like there may be a lot of rice ready to cut when the rain finally breaks.

We have heard numerous reports of bacterial panicle blight severely infecting a number of the varietal rice fields in the area, thus we have been keeping a close look out in the hybrid fields for infection, and have not seen a serious case as of yet in any of the RiceTec hybrids. The Texas Replicated Farm-scale Yield Trials are progressing along with the remainder of the crop and I expect my first RFYT to be drained this week. In our CLEARFIELD locations, CLEARFIELD XP751 is maturing 7 to 8 days earlier than CL XL729 as expected and appears to have excellent yield potential. XP754 and CLEARFIELD XP756 appear to be 7 to 10 days later than our commercial hybrids as expected. In general, all of the Texas RFYT's are looking good at this point and have the potential to provide us with excellent yield data for our RiceTec hybrids in the Texas Gulf Coast.

**District 9, S Louisiana** – [Cullen Minter](#), (337) 499-6498



Much of the Hybrid rice crop in South Louisiana is nearing harvest maturity. The crop is looking good across the area. Harvest has begun in a few waterseeded variety fields so far. I have heard of a few variety yields near 50 barrels. This is a good indicator for what is to come in the near future. The first hybrid fields should start to be harvested at the beginning of the week. Just a reminder that putting the late boot application of nitrogen on the hybrids increases milling yields, aids in grain fill, and helps the rice stand at

maturity. It can also make a field appear greener than the actual grain moisture is at maturity. So if you have a field that is 30 days past 50% heading and still looks too green from the truck you may want to take a close look and test a sample to see if it is getting close to 21%. As in every year, spacing out harvest according to planting date does not always go as planned. Due to the warm weather we have had this year the later planted rice has really caught up with the earlier planted rice. On the CLEARFIELD side here is a list starting with CL products ranked by grain retention starting with the best: CL XL745, CL XL729, CF Hybrid Blend, and CL XP746. On the conventional side here is a list of products ranked by

grain retention starting with the best: Standard Hybrid Rice Blend then XL723. I hope this helps you make a decision on which fields to harvest first if you have multiple fields ready to harvest at the same time.

**District 8, MS and N Louisiana – [Jay Burchfield](#), (662) 402-2781**



This crop continues to move quickly. We are around 60% headed with our hybrids now. The crop looks great and seems to have excellent yield potential. We have begun draining a few fields already and many more will be drained over the next 10 days. We should begin cutting some of the earliest fields by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. We have received several calls on draining timing for the hybrids. Drain timings are the same with hybrids; on heavy soils when ½ the panicle is straw colored and ¾ of the panicle straw

colored on lighter soils. Several fields are still reaching threshold levels for stinkbugs. Continue to scout for stinkbugs and as a reminder thresholds are 5 rice stinkbugs per 10 sweeps for the first two weeks of heading and 10 rice stinkbugs per 10 sweeps the second two weeks of heading.

**District 7, SE Arkansas – [Jeff Branson](#), (870) 578-8436**



The rice crop in D7 is approximately 40% headed with around 5% of the acres drained. The crop appears to have a good yield potential; however, the high temperatures may affect grain fill on rice that is presently flowering. Disease pressure has been light due to the environmental conditions. I have not seen any fields that warranted a fungicide application. Rice stinkbug pressure has been high in some areas and does not appear to be tapering off. Scouting should continue for 4 weeks after 50% heading, even if one insecticide

application has been made, you must still continue to scout. There are a couple of producers that will harvest a few fields by the end of next week but for the most part we are still at least 3 weeks before any significant acreage will be ready to cut.

**District 6, Eastern Arkansas – [Garrison Hardke](#), (501) 772-1715**



The plea for rain in the last crop report was finally answered. District 6 had its first widespread rain since the last week of May. Rain totals in some areas may have been a little excessive, but no one complains about rain in July. I estimate the rice crop in D6 to be 50% headed at this point. With the early planting dates and season-long hot weather, I believe we will begin harvest at least a week earlier than normal. I have heard of a few insecticide treatments going out. It doesn't seem to be widespread, but be sure and scout for insects to be safe. I am really seeing the difference in maturity dates among the hybrids in my field trials. There will be as much as a two

week maturity difference between the new selections of RiceTec Hybrids that will be released for commercial production. We will soon be able to plant uninterrupted while still spreading out our harvest dates.

**District 5, Central Arkansas – [Whitney Jones](#), (501) 516-6904**



All is well in D5. Most of the hybrid has headed out or is in the process. There have been a lot of insecticide applications going out for stinkbugs and, believe it or not, army worms in the last two weeks. The worms have been eating only on the leaves up until last week. Now they are cutting heads, so keep an eye out for both of these pests. I also have a few fields that could probably be drained the end of this week, but with the extreme heat, the farmers will more than likely hold off a few more days.

**District 4, N Central Arkansas – [William \(Hutch\) Hutchens](#), (870) 273-9291**



The temperatures have been high the past two weeks here in D4, but the rains have been welcomed for the most part. The folks that had hot spots were able to get caught up with the water in the fields and have been able to keep the water there. You can still see the remnants of them but they are disappearing. The crops have been progressing very fast which has become the norm this year. I think we have gone from 20% headed in the district to near 50% headed in the district in two weeks.

The off and on rains the last couple of weeks have helped some disease to develop in the hybrids, but with the high temps the hybrids are outgrowing the diseases and will probably not require a fungicide application. However, do not forget to keep a close eye on disease if you have it in your fields to make sure that you do not have to make an application. This week has generally been sunny and dry which has slowed down disease development. I have five of my trials now heading, two are near 100% headed with the exception being our new experimental hybrid CL XP756 which is about a week later than CL XL729 in terms of maturity. Another two trials are approximately 50% headed at this time and the fifth one is at about 5% headed.

**District 3, NE Arkansas – [Kurt Johns](#), (870) 243-4696**



Most of the trials are headed out pretty well in District 3 except for the later ones. Commercial fields are looking good and if we can keep the water on through this heat we will be doing well. Hopefully we get some cooler nights but who knows, I guess we'll find out. Not a lot happening in D3 other than pumping water but we do have a pretty bad outbreak of armyworms in some areas, particularly Poinsett and a smaller case in Mississippi County. They

have been pretty tough in some fields requiring spraying. I have seen some fields that large areas have been defoliated. Keep an eye out as they are pretty bad when they show up. The stinkbug population was looking to be pretty thick about a week ago but after more fields have started heading out they appear to be spreading out and we hope they won't be as bad. Be sure to keep a close eye out for them as well here in the home stretch. Our field day at the Arkansas Business Center at Harrisburg is coming up the 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 8 AM. We hope to see you there. If you have questions about it or need driving directions please give me a call. As usual if you would like to see some of our test plots in District 3 please let me know. If you would like to get a few of your friends and neighbors together to see them that would be great as well. I would be happy to arrange for a small group to see what we have. If you're interested give me a call.

**District 2, N Arkansas – [DJ Shipman](#), (870) 273-9286**



The hybrid rice crop continues to look good in District 2. I have heard a few growers talking about draining within the next couple of weeks although the majority of the crop will still need some more time before it is ready to be drained. I am still hearing some reports of rice stinkbugs so I would encourage everyone to continue scouting for stinkbugs until the rice reaches the dough stage. The strip trials continue to look excellent. I encourage everyone to stop by and take a look at some of the new hybrids we have in these trials and as always don't hesitate to give me a call with any questions you might have.

**District 1, SE Missouri – [Barry Barnett](#), (870) 273-4988**



We finally had some pretty good showers come through the MO Bootheel over the last couple of weeks. Most of the fields that I've seen where growers were having trouble with water seem to be catching up now. A lot of the earliest rice is 100% headed now and a lot more will be heading out over the next few days. With these recent rains, sheath blight is showing up more, but overall I would still say that disease pressure has been low in most areas of Missouri. We have a very early rice crop overall compared to last year, and it looks very good. Most of my trials are beginning to head and my earliest one is about 80% headed at this point. The fields of CL XL729 that we have planted under pivot irrigation are looking really well. I would encourage anyone interested in pivot-irrigated rice to catch one of the Circles for Rice field days coming up on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Missouri and take a look at one of our leading RiceTec hybrids under this type of irrigation. For more information, please visit [www.CirclesForRice.com](http://www.CirclesForRice.com) or give me a call.

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