



Report for November 13, 2009

Seed Sales Update – Chad Duckworth, Marketing Manager Make Your Decisions Early!

You are probably aware by now that we are taking orders for the 2010 growing season. If you have not already, please be thinking about your needs for next year, and contact your local Service Partner or RiceTec representative to book your seed.

With our new system up and running, we have modified our sales process from last year. For this coming season, we have chosen to allocate our seed to the service partner level, and base each allocation on last year's sales quantities per location. This means that your service partner has allocations that they are to equally distribute among existing RiceTec customers. It is important to note that these current allocations may not fully meet your needs for 2010 plantings. If this is the case, we are asking each service partner to make a waiting list of additional seed needs by current customer and by product. Any unbooked allocation at the service partner level will be taken from the service partner location on November 24th and re-allocated at RiceTec's discretion.

No new customers will be allowed to enter orders for RiceTec seed until November 24th, and a limited amount of product will be allocated for new business.

We hope to meet your RiceTec Hybrid Seed needs for next season.

District 8, Texas – Derrol Grymes, Technical Services – dgrymes@ricetec.com

The ratoon crop harvest in the Texas Gulf Coast is in full swing. At this point I would estimate that greater than 50% has been harvested. The weather forecasters are predicting favorable weather for the upcoming week, and if the predictions are true, the Texas ratoon crop should be mostly harvested by Thanksgiving. A majority of the reports are indicating an average to slightly better than normal ratoon crop yield. There have even been reports of some organic XL723 ratoon yielding in the low 20 barrel range. Most of the conventional hybrid reports coming in are also falling in the 20 to 30 barrel range.

With recent rains in the Texas Hill Country, the reservoir levels have increased significantly, yet there is still concern for how much irrigation water will be available for

LCRA rice customers in 2010. The overall attitude concerning the water issues is better now than it was two weeks ago, but there is still the possibility of acreage restrictions on the LCRA canal system. Hopefully we will receive additional timely rains in the Highland Lakes watershed and the water issue will disappear with the drought.

District 7, SW Louisiana – Cullen Minter, Technical Services –
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The second crop in South Louisiana is roughly 60% harvested. Hybrid yields have been fair so far, with most yields ranging from 10-18 barrels. We will be harvesting the last three yield trials within two weeks. We are noticing a big difference this year in 2nd crop that was flail mowed vs. not. We will be looking at these types of management practices more in the future. We encourage anyone who has tried different ratoon crop management techniques on hybrid rice to contact us.

District 6, MS and N Louisiana – Jay Burchfield, Technical Services -
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The last couple weeks of dry weather has enabled us to pretty much finish up our 2009 rice harvest. There are still a small amount of hybrid acres in the field but it should be finished up in the next few days. Overall the yields this year were excellent considering how late the crop was planted and also the amount of rainfall we had this fall. Our early rice was averaging in the 190 – 215 bushels per acre range and the later planting rice was in the 170 bushel range. We have completed harvest on our Clearfield RFYTs. We had four Clearfield RFYT's in D6 this year. In these trials CLXL745 showed a 26 bushel advantage over CL151, and CLXL729 showed a 30 bushel advantage over CL151. We still have one traditional RFYT to cut, so I do not have the final results for those trials at this time.

District 5, SE AR – Wes Long, District Sales -
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Rice harvest in D5 is rapidly approaching the end. South Arkansas from Arkansas County to Chicot County is around 97% harvested. The yields coming in have been better than expected for rice planted in late June. Some yields are in the 160-170 green bushels, which most farmers say was above their expectations considering the very wet harvest and late planting dates. If weather remains above normal and dry, rice harvest should be completed within the next 10-14 days. Most growers in south Arkansas had a good consistent crop with the hybrids. It was not the best crop on record, but was in the normal to above normal range, with growers well pleased with overall yield and quality.

District 4, Central AR – Whitney Jones, Technical Services –
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With the dry weather we have had the last two weeks, rice harvest has pretty much wrapped up in central Arkansas. The yields held up fairly well late or as good as could be expected out of June planted rice. Overall I think we had a pretty good rice year even with all the rain and cooler weather. Also, anyone who has not turned in their orders for RiceTec seed, for 2010, needs to be doing this ASAP. Due to a limited supply of seed, your service partner has an allocation of seed to distribute out to all their customers. The

longer you wait the less chance you will have to get your hands on this seed. I would also like to say thank you to those who have taken time this year to read or listen to these crop reports. We really appreciate it here at RiceTec.

District 3, E Central AR – Kurt Johns, Technical Services –
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With few exceptions rice harvest is pretty much done in D3. There are the occasional fields here and there but not much left. Soybeans are nearly done and that is good news for all the hunters with deer season about to be in full swing. The rice yields have been very good all things considered and orders are coming in quickly. If you are having trouble deciding, get something in to your service partner quickly to be sure and get covered. Good luck the rest of the year and if there is anything I can do to help please give me a call.

District 2, Northeast AR – DJ Shipman, Technical Services -
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Harvest is finally getting wrapped up in District 2. I would estimate that 90+% of the hybrid acres have been harvested within the district. The last 2 weeks of good weather couldn't have come at a better time to let the growers get finished up. The majority of the rice remaining in the field are in the river bottoms that have been under water but the rivers seem to be dropping now so maybe we can get finished up soon.

District 1, Southeast MO – Brian Ottis, Technical Services -
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We're about 97% harvested in SE Missouri. I have a few guys on zero grade that planted late that should finish up this week. Yields on the late rice are ranging from 140 to 170 bu/A and harvest moisture is down to less than 14%. We've had a frost up here and the North winds are blowing, so I would anticipate that quality has fallen off some in the last couple of weeks. Most all of my growers are finishing up soybeans at this point, and bean yields are good, except a few areas in the Mississippi River bottoms that got flooded when the river came up last week.

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