



RiceTec

field update

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Rice harvest in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri has begun in most of the region. Varieties and hybrids alike are battling areas with sprouted rice. Compounding the problem, it looks like the high nighttime temperatures and rainy and cloudy conditions in August will have some effect on quality and yield in some areas. Other areas that missed some of the unfavorable weather are reporting yields better than last year. Overall, we are around 10% harvested across the Region so we still don't have a real good feel for how the rice crop will turn out in the end.

As the Black River and Cache River in some areas is now receding, we are starting to get a better idea of the extent of losses but we do know that at least a few thousand acres will be a complete loss. Observations are still being made and we will know more once the flood water is completely gone.

As harvest moves on, we are moving from combines dancing from field to field trying to find dry rice to everything being ready. Remember to look at your sample and adjust your combine setting as you get into drier rice. We harvested two of the on farm yield trials in the region yesterday. Many thanks to Ray Stone and Danny and Stacy Rice for their cooperation on these trials. It looks like the tropical system that entered the Gulf is making a right turn and should stay away from the area. We might have dodged a bullet there. Hopefully good weather will be with us through the remainder of harvest.

Southern Arkansas & Mississippi

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Harvest is finally moving at a rapid pace within the Region due to great weather conditions over the past 10 - 14 days. The Field Staff estimates that roughly 20-22% of the rice crop has been harvested as of this week, with yield reports being very good thus far. Dry grain yields have ranged anywhere from 180 bushels per acre to over 240 bushels per acre in some fields. Yield advantages over varietal fields are holding fairly steady at or above historical averages of 25 to 30%. A small portion of the rice crop is just being drained and some disease is showing up in this later planted rice. This is due to a period of cloudy, wet weather we received a couple of weeks ago, but nothing that is hurting yields or straw strength at the current time.



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Overall, the Field Staff reports the rice crop to be in better than expected condition after receiving up to 12 inches of rain during the early part of August. If the current dry weather pattern holds for another 7 – 10 days, growers in the Region will make significant progress in harvesting the remaining crop in the field.

The Replicated Field Yield Trials in the Region are now 50% harvested. Initial review of the data suggests yield advantages over varietal checks to be very much in line with what is being reported from the commercial crop, with some entries expressing greater yield advantages. The Region 3 Team would like to thank producers Tadd Keller, Lance Gasaway, Curtis Berry, Will Owen, and Jim Whitaker for their cooperation in our RFYT program this season.

We would like to thank you once again for your business and support during the 2016 season, and we look forward in continuing to partner with you for your success!

Central Arkansas

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It appears the weather has returned to a more normal late summer pattern which means better harvest conditions for our growers. We are seeing activity everywhere as everyone is quickly moving rice from the fields to bins or dryers. It amazes me each year how our growers can get so much accomplished in a short amount of time.

Speaking of harvest, our region is busy working with our cooperators on harvesting plots positioned across the region. We (RiceTec) thank our grower-cooperators who partner with us each year and allow us access to their fields for on-farm plots containing a line-up of our products as well as competitors. Without these partners, we would not be able to provide large-scale production yields that are so valuable when

making planting decisions. If you are interested in having a plot on your farm, please contact your local DSM for available opportunities.

As we travel throughout our districts and speak with growers, we are hearing quite a lot of variance in yields and cup weights. We feel much of this can be attributed to the hot days and warm nights when this portion of our rice crop was pollinating and during grain fill. If this is the culprit, then hopefully the remaining crop's weight will rise and yields stabilize.

We believe we are around 25% harvested for the region and look for this number to rapidly increase over the Labor Day weekend. Current yields are ranging from 170 – 230 dry bushels for RiceTec hybrids. We are also around 30% harvested on our plots with some impressive yields on our "new releases" that will be available for 2017 planting season in very limited supply.

As always, if you have any questions concerning this year's crop or the up-coming sales season, please contact your local RiceTec representative. If you don't have their phone number, you can go to ricetec.com and see a map that will identify your representative and their contact information. Thank you for your business and we look forward to a continuing successful harvest.



XL723 head sprouting in Texas



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Texas

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With the rain moving off to the west, hopefully we can wrap up first crop harvest in the Texas Gulf Coast soon. I would guesstimate that there is still approximately 10% of the crop in the field that needs to come out ASAP! We still have two RFYT's sitting in the field waiting on the combine, one of which will be harvested today, August 31st. I have not seen any milling data from the fields that have been harvested since the monsoon started, but we are anticipating a quality drop compared to the rice harvested earlier. We are seeing some sprouted grain in a majority of the fields still out there. It is worse in fields with lodged rice, but is evident everywhere.

At this time, a majority of the ratoon crop appears to be looking pretty good, but we are starting to get worried about the lack of sunlight on the crop. The lack of sunshine was more than likely the culprit for lower than average yields on the early first crop.



XL723 weather related lodging XP753 standing

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Harvest is underway in North Louisiana, with favorable yields reported thus far. Row Rice is really gaining momentum in this part of the state. We have several Replicated Farm Yield Trials, planted on rows this year. Early harvest reports are very favorable for our RiceTec products, with no reduction in yield when compared to paddy rice. We will have two Row Rice Symposiums where experts will discuss the advantages of row rice, and how it can fit into your farming program. Please join us in Rayville, Louisiana on September 20, 2016 at Little Creek Golf Course and in St. Joseph, Louisiana on September 21, 2016, at the St. Joseph Community Center. Both Symposiums will start at 5:30 PM, with dinner served after the meetings. Call Mike Worthington at (337) 263-4297 for more information.

In South Louisiana, the 2016 main crop is almost out of the field. Most of the rice remaining is fields planted late behind crawfish or rice that will not be harvested due to flooding. Yields are down in the area across the board. RiceTec hybrid yield reports are decent, considering the conditions. Some of the early second crop fields are showing good potential, but a large portion of the second crop was rutted or postponed due to delayed main crop harvest. Some of the second crop was affected by the flood and will be lost or suffer in yield. Making second crop decisions has been difficult this year with so much adversity and variables. Please feel free to call for any help with second crop decisions

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