



RiceTec

## Planting Update

March 27, 2020



### RT – Region Four

#### Texas – Derrol Grymes

We received anywhere from nothing to six inches of rain across the rice country of the Texas Gulf Coast over this past weekend. The drills never stopped moving in the areas that got nothing, and the guys that got rain are just now starting to get back in the field. I would say we are close to 80% planted at this time with approximately 50% emerged. A majority of the remaining acres to be planted are on the east side of the district and organic on the west side. For the most part, the crop is flying out of the ground to a good stand within a weeks' time. I have received a number of concerned calls over the past couple of days concerning some of the fields that were planted just prior to the rain event, mostly in the areas with high rainfall amounts. I will be out in the field looking at these fields over the next several days, fully expecting them to pull through. Time will tell. Over-all, we are off to a good start in the Texas Gulf Coast.



1 CLXL745 near East Bernard, TX

#### SE Texas and SW Louisiana – Craig Hamm

SETX and SWLA is rolling along with planting progress. Much of the earliest planted rice is moving fast at the two to three leaf stage and the first post emerge herbicide applications are starting to go out. There is a marked increase in water seeded acres this year as a result of wet spring conditions and pin-point practices to suppress IMI resistant weedy rice. Water seeded hybrid fields are looking very good. Seedling vigor is strong, and the warm weather is helping to usher the plants along. Most of the region has dried out and the drill planting has increased. Growers are still working ground ahead of planting in some areas and by the end of the week the district will be around 70% planted.



2 Water Seeded RT7301

Three Replicated Farm Scale Yield Trials have been planted in my district. A FullPage trial featuring three of our new hybrids was planted in Jefferson Co. TX, in addition to another FullPage and a conventional hybrid trial planted in Jefferson Davis Parish, LA. We gather 1st and

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2nd crop harvest data from these trials and will conduct grower meetings this summer at each location. More information on these trials will be provided at a later time.

## South Louisiana – Nicky Miller

With dry and warmer weather over the past week, growers have been in full force planting rice putting South Louisiana around 60% planted and roughly 30% emerged. For the most part, the weather has treated growers very good this year. Rice is germinating well and having excellent vigor. Several fields have even received their first application of Preface (FullPage) or Newpath (Clearfield) this week. We will have all our Replicated Farm Scale Yield Trials planted by end of this week. These are large side by side comparisons consisting of three FullPage trials and two conventional trials throughout South Louisiana.



*3 Water Seeded RT7501*

After several years of low yields from weedy and red rice, we have come up with an alternate method of dealing with resistance. We are offering a hybrid to water plant called RT7501, planted at a seeding rate of 30 lbs. per acre. This product offers high yields, excellent milling, very low chalk, and good ratoon crop potential. We understand that not every grower is equipped to start water seeding again but for those who can, RT7501 is still available as well as most of our other FullPage, Clearfield, and conventional hybrids. As always, thank you for your business.

## Central and NE Louisiana – Matt Laird

We are 70% planted 40% emerged in Central Louisiana. Rice is looking great and moving very quickly with temperatures reaching mid to upper 80's. If we can dodge the rain in North Louisiana over the next three to four days, along with continuous sunshine, a lot of rice will be drilled in this part of the state very soon.

## RT – Region Three

There hasn't been any hybrid planted in the Region as of today (3/27). Another weather event moved through the Region on Monday and Tuesday this week and dropped varying amounts of rain. A little more field work has been accomplished, but the rain showers have growers bouncing around trying to find dry spots to work. There has been an increase again this week in the amount of calls coming in for drill calibrations indicating growers are getting ready to plant full speed ahead as soon as it gets dry. Rain is in the forecast for tomorrow (3/28), and again early next week. Hopefully we won't get as much as forecasted (1-1 1/2"), and we can get some rice in the ground very soon.

## RT – Region Two

Region 2 continues to dry with a few corn growers working some of their lighter soils. To our knowledge, there hasn't been any drill-seeded rice in the region. Chances of rain increase over the weekend and first of next week, which will set us back again. There appears to be a break in the rain after this round, so hopefully we will get our 2020 season started.

There are huge amounts of ground ready to plant due to the high number of 2019 "prevent planted" acres and the small window we had in February. We look for planting to start at a



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rapid pace since we are well within our planting window; however, be cautious that you don't plant too much too fast and create harvest issues this fall.

Call if you have questions or need additional seed as we have supply of FullPage, Clearfield, and conventional hybrids ready for order. Thanks for your business!

## RT – Region One

Continuous rainfall seems to be the new normal dating back to this time last year. There is more rain forecasted for this weekend and early next week but hopefully we will catch a break in the weather after those systems move through. It will be several days before we have any ground dry enough to plant but growers are setting on go and ready to get started as soon as we are blessed with some drier weather. One concern for now is flooding around the Black River which is backed out pretty bad in places. Again, this seems to be the new normal as we have had Spring flooding from the Black River for the last several years. Last year proved that farmers have the capabilities to plant a rice crop in a very short window. Hopefully those windows come earlier this year than they did last.

Hopefully we can start practicing our social distancing from a tractor cab very soon and get this rice crop kicked off and going. Stay safe out there and don't hesitate to let us know if you need help with drill calibration.

## RT – Technical Services

In the Gulf Coast we missed much of the rain and were able to get many more trials in the ground. We are 50% completed on trial planting and hope to get a few more in after the rain next week. Mid-South trials are just waiting on a little bit of dry weather

Planting Progress By State		
State	% Planted	% Emerged
Missouri	0%	0%
Arkansas	0%	0%
Mississippi	0%	0%
Louisiana	55%	27%
Texas	80%	50%

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