



RiceTec

Planting Progress Report

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RT - Region Four

Texas – Derrol Grymes

The drills just got back in the field on the east side of the district a couple of days ago following last weekend's rain event, and they will be running up until today's (Thursday) rain chance hits. They should be pushing 70% planted by the time the rains hit tonight. West of Houston, the conventional acres are 99% planted and the organic guys are on standby waiting for the weather to cooperate. Over-all, we should be pushing 90% planted with 85% emerged across the Texas Gulf Coast. Following the cloudy and wet weather conditions, combined with several days of below average temperatures, the crop has been moving slower than desired, thus there have been very few fields put to permanent flood at this time. I expect that there will be a lot of urea going out as soon as the fields dry up following this next rain event and the flood

waters close behind. With this in mind, we see our best results when the course soil fields are fertilized with 90 units and the fine soil fields are fertilized with 120 units of nitrogen just before bringing on the permanent flood water. Across the board, we are off to a good start in the Texas Gulf Coast, and if Mother Nature will cooperate, we are looking towards a bright point in 2020 with a good harvest. All of our D14 Replicated Field Yield Trials have been planted and are up to a good stand. We have a conventional trial in the Bay City area and our two FullPage trials are in Louise and Lissie this year. If you would like to take a look at them throughout the growing season, don't hesitate to call and we can go walk them.

SE Texas & SW Louisiana – Craig Hamm

SETX is about 70% planted and SWLA is around 85% planted. Most of the planted acres have germinated and are enjoying a warm start. Some early March planted rice is going into flood and herbicide applications are being applied across the region in front of the pending thunderstorms heading our way. The general health of the rice crop is very good and growers seem cautiously optimistic. The district's Replicated Field Yield Trials have emerged and are at the 2-3 leaf stage. Each trial is off to a good start and will be signed in the coming weeks.



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South Louisiana – Nicky Miller

Growers are anywhere between 50% and 100% planted in South Louisiana. With little to no rain last weekend, most growers continued to plant throughout this week putting us around 85% planted and roughly 60% emerged. Along with planting, growers are busy spraying herbicides, flushing, fertilizing, and even flooding. With just a hand full of replants, our rice crop has continued to show excellent germination and vigor, one of our best starts in years.



Central & NE Louisiana – Matt Laird

Central Louisiana is finishing up planting and rice that was planted in March is really taking off. Several growers are waiting for the Easter rain to keep from flushing which will be very beneficial. On the other hand, North Louisiana started up drills this week and trying to get as much planted before the weekend rain. The last Gulf Coast Full Page Replicated Field Yield was planted today Friday April 10th. As always give me a call during the season if you would like tour any of these trials.

RT – Region Three

Grand Prairie – Matt Snow

On the Grand Prairie, we are around 10% planted across the District. There are some guys that have been planting since last Friday (4/3), but for the most part we have been running drills for 3-4 days now. Most of the ground is prepped for planting so it will go quick once everyone gets going. Unfortunately, there is a chance of rain on Sunday (4/12), but clear after that. There have been 2 FullPage trials planted in the District this week as well.

South Arkansas – Jeff Branson

Planting has started in a few areas in South Arkansas, but it won't last for long. Less than 1% of the rice acres have been planted, and rain is in the forecast again for Sunday (4/12). Rainfall totals are predicted to be around 2 inches. If that comes to fruition, it will be at least another week before we could get started planting again. Hopefully, any rain will be light, and we won't be out of the field that long.

Mississippi Delta – Jay Burchfield

In the Mississippi Delta, a small amount of rice was planted last weekend before getting rained out again Tuesday (4/7). Totals ranged anywhere from ¼ inch in the northern and central areas of the Delta to up to 3 inches in parts of Bolivar County. Most growers have used this down time to get drills calibrated and are sitting on go. Rain is again forecasted for Sunday (4/12), but the forecast looks good for the rest of next week. We will get a lot of acres planted quickly once we get the opportunity.



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RT – Region Two

Central & East Arkansas

What a difference a few days of sunshine and wind can make! We went from seeing muddy tractor tracks leaving every field after making a pass only to find out it was still too wet, to seeing tractors running everywhere. I'm amazed at what appears to be mass chaos, is in fact, a well thought out plan being executed (at least that's what we're being told).

The heavier soils are still a few days away from being planted; and with more rain in the forecast for late this weekend, it could be a while before we can get in those fields. We need to remind ourselves that it is only April 10, and with hybrids, our planting window to achieve optimum yields is far from closing.

Remember that when it comes to seeding your levees, we have HYBRID levee seed products in conventional, Clearfield, and FullPage technologies available this year. Hybrid rice on your levees will benefit you in many ways, including increased yields, lower disease pressure, and allowing you to seed more levees with fewer fill-ups. Contact us or your local seed dealer if you are interested and we can discuss your options.

Thank you for your business and continue to be safe!

State	% Planted	% Emerged
Missouri	5%	0%
Arkansas	5%	0%
Mississippi	0%	0%
Louisiana	78%	63%
Texas	90%	85%

RT – Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

What a difference a week makes! Rice planting got kicked off last weekend and has been picking up steam all week. We had some isolated showers on Wednesday which delayed planting in some areas. Rainfall ranged from none to 1 ½ inches just depending on where you were at. The areas that didn't receive any rain are planting as hard as they can go and I expect to see a jump in the percent planted by the next report.

More rain is forecasted for this weekend which will slow progress once again. Next week's forecast looks to be below average temperature but fairly dry. Hopefully rainfall amounts will be minimal, and we can continue to make progress next week. One area of concern is still around the Black River, those guys are still dealing with some flooding issues in some areas.

As always, let us know if we can help. Stay safe out there!

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