



RiceTec

Planting Progress Report

April 24, 2020



RT - Region Four

Texas – Derrol Grymes

Following a couple weeks of dry-windy weather, we are finally starting to go to permanent flood in the Texas Gulf Coast. The abnormally cool weather two weeks ago essentially had the crop shut down and amplified the effects of a crusted soil surface and herbicide injury. With warmer conditions over the past week, the crop is really starting to shape up. I would guess we are pushing 10 % flooded at this time and many more fields will be flooded in the upcoming days. The conventional planting is winding down and organic planting is in full swing. We should be close to 97% planted with 90% emerged across the district. A majority of the concern fields that I looked at this past week should have been flushed over the past weekend while we were forecasted to get several inches of rain. There are a lot of seedlings waiting on a little bit of

moisture to soften the crust, so they can go ahead and emerge. Hindsight is 20/20. With a lot of fields going to flood, don't forget our fertility recommendations of 90 units N on coarse soils and 120 units N on fine soils applied to dry ground just prior to establishing your permanent flood. If you fall behind on nitrogen at this stage, it is essentially impossible to catch up later.

SE Texas & SW Louisiana – Craig Hamm

The majority of the crop is planted and has emerged with the exception of some later fields that will be finishing up planting in the next few weeks. March planted rice looks great, and the first wave of planted rice has now gone into permanent flood. April planted rice is developing slower. April has been a dryer month which has required a lot more flushing to get the plants to emerge. We had a 4-day cold snap beginning on April 12 with an unrelenting north wind that complicated emergence and herbicide metabolism. Temperatures dipped into the 40's during that period with 15-20 mph winds that put a beating on 1-3 leaf rice. Wind burn and plant stress had many fields displaying similar symptomology to herbicide injury. SWLA received about 0.5"-1.5" of rain last night (4/22) and today it is sunny and 85° which has perked the rice back up. I recommend flushing fields that are dry to keep that rice moving and following labeled herbicide recommendations. FullPage rice has responded well to the full application rate of 6oz of Preface and the herbicide is showing



RT7321 FP Louise, TX

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very good efficacy on red rice and other grassy weeds. The RFYT trials are looking good and will go into flood starting next week. Stay safe and healthy during this uncertain time and I hope to see you at the next RiceTec field day.

South Louisiana – Nicky Miller

Most of the rice acres in South Louisiana have been planted, putting us around 95% planted and 80% emerged. The remaining acres that have not been planted are still in crawfish production which will continue through next month. Over the past week, rice has continued to grow out of the cool temperature affects from the previous week. With temperatures picking back up, herbicide and fertilizer applications, along with flooding, have increased throughout this week. One of the main concerns this time of the year is pre-flood nitrogen fertilizer rates. We have been recommending between 90 and 120 units but leaning closer to 120 units pre flood. So far, this year's rice crop has continued to be one of the best in years. We appreciate your business and here to answer any questions you may have.

Central & NE Louisiana – Matt Laird

We were hit again by another band of strong showers which prevented most growers from planting this week. In South Central Louisiana, many growers are going to flood but we need some warm weather and sunshine to help perk up some cold weather injury and to help with herbicide metabolism. It appears we may catch a much-needed break in the weather, and that would certainly help us get the rest of the crop planted in North Louisiana. Overall my district is 65% planted and 80% emerged. There has been a lot of prevented plant acres on corn in our area, so there is a chance more rice acres will be planted if bean prices keep staying low.



RT7521 FP Craig Hamm's Territory

RT – Region Three

Grand Prairie – Matt Snow

Across the Grand Prairie, we got a little more rice planted before the rain hit last Sunday (4/19), but this week has been a bust. We've received around 2.5 inches across the area since last weekend and are expecting another ½ inch later tonight (4/24). Next week looks to be in our favor, with low rain chances. I would expect most guys to be back in the field Tuesday of next week and get a 4-5 day planting window. With that being said, I estimate we are roughly 45% planted now and expect that number to jump a considerable amount by next week.

South Arkansas – Jeff Branson

Getting the 2020 rice crop in the ground is proving to be quite the challenge in southeast Arkansas. As soon as it gets dry enough to go to the field, it rains again. This pattern looks as if it will continue through the rest of the month. Rain is forecasted for tonight (4/24) and again next Tuesday, which will bring us right up to the 1st of May. With less than 5% of the crop in the ground and 1% emerged, this is the latest start anyone can remember. The extended forecast looks like we will get a break from the rain the first week of May. If we could get 10 days in the field, we could get a large number of acres in the ground. Hopefully dry weather is on the way.

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Mississippi Delta – Jay Burchfield

Not much has happened in Mississippi over the last week in regard to planting rice. Areas of the Delta did get about 2½ days of planting last week (4/15 – 4/18) before it rained us out over the weekend. The entire Delta got 2-4 inches of rain and then another inch Wednesday (4/22). With no more rain over the weekend, we will be able to start back planting early next week. Our earliest rice that was planted the first full week of April is up to a stand and looks good. I think we are still around 20% planted across the state currently. Hopefully, we can miss the rain forecasted for tonight and get back rolling next week.

RT – Region Two

Central & East Arkansas

We are making progress ever so slowly between rains; but hey, progress is progress! Remember that RiceTec hybrids provide a wider optimum planting window when compared to varieties, so there is still ample time to get a rice crop planted. We estimate our area at 30% planted with some much more and others much less. It all depends on your local rainfall.

With that being said, we did receive additional rainfall in the amount of 4/10" – 1.5" over the past 2 days which will cause some additional field delays. There appears to be small chances of rainfall over the next few days, but hopefully we will find "windows of opportunity" to get back in the fields soon.

Some of our earliest rice has emerged and appears to be doing well. The occasional showers are helping with emergence and residual herbicide activation, so there is a benefit to some of the rainfall. The warmer weather will help with emergence as well.

We want to remind growers 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 and socially distanced!

Row Rice RFYT Emerging Reg 2



RT – Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

We estimate that we are around 40% planted in Region 1 but progress varies widely across the area. Some areas in the Region missed some of the earlier rain events and have made really good progress while other areas have been struggling to find any dry ground to plant anything. The northern most area of the Region has made the most progress with some of those guys finishing up their intended rice acres and have been adding a few more acres due to rice penciling out the best of all crops economically. The entire Region received rain Wednesday night into Thursday with amounts ranging from ½ inch to 2 inches. Rain is forecasted again for Friday and next Tuesday. Hopefully, rainfall amounts will be minimal, and we can continue making progress next week. We are still within the optimum planting window so even with all

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the rain we still have time to achieve excellent yields when planting RiceTec hybrid rice. We have hybrid levee seed available, reach out to your RiceTec District Sales Manager to learn more about these products and how they can improve you overall yields and disease resistance.

We have been able to plant 4 of our intended 10 large scale strip trials in Region 1. If you would like to visit any of these trial during the growing season don't hesitate to let us know and we will be happy to show you around. As always, be safe out there and let us know if we can help!

| State | % Planted | % Emerged |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Missouri | 65% | 0% |
| Arkansas | 29% | 3% |
| Mississippi | 20% | 0% |
| Louisiana | 85% | 82% |
| Texas | 97% | 90% |

RT – Technical Services

Technical Service Development Gulf Coast is still holding at 95% planted and emerged, still waiting on the May planting date. The ground has dried, and we should be fertilizing and flooding trials today. We should have 20% at permanent flood by Monday.

Planting has been hot and heavy for the Mid-South Tech Service Development team. We have planted a large portion of our trials to this point, most of the trials remaining are date sensitive with the exception of a few. We still haven't had any emergence. The cooler temperatures last week didn't progress germination much. With a little sunshine and warmer temperatures, we'll be in good shape.



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