



# RiceTec

## Field Update

June 20, 2020



### RT - Region One

#### *Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri*

We have finally got the warm dry weather pattern that we have been hoping for all Spring, just wish it would have come a little sooner. This weather pattern has allowed for a lot of the pre-flood fertilizer to be applied on dry ground which was looking unlikely earlier in the season. The rice crop in Region 1 can kind of be broken out into three stages – earlyish, mid and late. The earliest rice has received fertilizer and has been moved to permanent flood which has really moved this rice along and it is starting to look pretty good. The mid-planted rice is nearing permanent flood but with the drier weather a lot of herbicides were not able to be activated timely and grass has been a challenge in these fields. The late-planted rice is just now emerging, and a good portion of these fields have been flushed recently or are in the process of being flushed now which has been required to achieve a stand. The earliest rice will be approaching mid-season soon so be aware of herbicide labels as the cut-off timing on a lot of herbicides will be quickly approaching too.

As always, let us know how we can help!

### RT – Region Two

#### *Central Arkansas*

It appears that this year's planting season has come to an end. Growers continued to plant where they could, but the rains and calendar ended most hopes for rice planting to continue. With the past 2 planting seasons being extremely long, growers are finding hybrid performance as the better choice from an early start through a late finish.

The crop is finally making good progress due to the recent warm temperatures; however, it is later than average. We are currently working with growers on how to push the later crop to maximize yield potential and get to an earlier harvest. The most important factor in accomplishing this is to get your pre-flood nitrogen (120 units) applied early within the application window and maintain a shallow flood. Deep floods will reduce tillering in rice and negatively affect yields.

For rice past the initial flood stage, remember that we do not recommend a mid-season application, however, we do recommend 30 units of nitrogen at boot stage. Our earliest planted rice is approaching PI so we will be discussing later season management soon.

Please continue to stay safe and contact us if you have other questions or concerns.



## RT – Region Three

### *Southern Arkansas & Mississippi*

The rice crop in Region 3 is progressing very quickly now with the almost ideal weather conditions we've had in the last two weeks. TS Cristobal moved through the Region on Monday, June 8th dropping anywhere between 1 1/2 – 4 inches depending on location. Since then, most of the crop has been sprayed, fertilized, and taken to flood, with the majority of those acres at green ring or just past it. Herbicides have worked very well this Spring giving us a good start on a clean crop going to flood. There are a few isolated grass escapes in places, but overall, we're pretty clean at the moment. Currently, it is getting to be very dry in most of the Region and many growers are working hard to keep fields pumped up and hold a static flood.

As of today (6/19), we are not dealing with many issues at all. The few herbicide injury issues that were seen two weeks ago have rebounded well and are growing again with the recent favorable weather conditions. We are keeping an eye out for water weevil scaring now as we visit fields, but we aren't seeing much at this point. For the most part, the rice was able to canopy very quickly when taken to flood helping to reduce the amount of open water that seems to attract adults. A few fields are beginning to show some yellowing in the older leaves lower in the canopy indicating nitrogen is beginning to run out with the plants growing so rapidly towards panicle initiation. In those instances, we are recommending an application of 100 lbs. of Urea to be applied at internode elongation as to not limit yield potential as the plants are moving into reproductive growth.



**Gemini 214 CL Mid-Season Near Stuttgart, AR**

Overall, most everyone feels we are off to a better start with this crop than was expected earlier this Spring with all the unfavorable weather conditions that we experienced. As always, thank you for your business, and give us a call if we can help in any way!

## RT – Region Four

### *Texas & Louisiana*

We have transitioned into a hot and dry weather pattern and rice is progressing nicely across the region. From west of Houston to Northeast Louisiana, we are close to 100% planted, except for a few organic rice acres in Texas. Most of the crop along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast is starting to head out with the occasional field at 100% headed. Some of this rice is receiving fungicide applications as a preventative for kernel smut. With much of the heading nitrogen already out on the RiceTec hybrids, growers are



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CL XL745 Heading East Bernard, TX

concentrating on getting combines ready for a rice harvest that will begin in mid-July in parts of Texas. While many are in the home stretch along the coastal region, an estimated 80% of the paddy rice is just going to flood and furrow irrigated rice is receiving its water. Overall, the rice looks good in this part of the state.

Across the Region we have a strong looking crop in the field this year. In the word of one of our growers, this crop looks scary good!

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