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Field Update

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RT - Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

It has still been hot and dry across Region 1. There has been several days this week with 80% chance of rain forecasted but most of the area was lucky to see even a sprinkle. It's amazing how the weather can change from rain every day when we are trying to plant a rice crop to so dry that everyone is begging for a rain. Most areas across the Region have not recorded a measurable rainfall for the entire month of July. Relief from the heat is coming soon with forecasted highs in the mid 80's and lows in the mid 60's. The extreme heat that we have had for the last few weeks has really moved the rice crop along quickly but we can expect it to be slowed some from the milder conditions that are expected for the next 10 days.

It is still a tale of two rice crops in Region 1..... most of the earliest planted rice is heading now and the later planted rice ranges from midseason to boot. There has been quite a few grass escapes blow through the canopy over the last couple of weeks but its too late to fix it now. The damage has already been done and any attempt to kill it now would probably just be throwing good money at it without a chance to kill it. Stink bugs and disease have pretty much been nonexistent.

Stink bugs were expected to be a problem as the earliest rice started heading but that never materialized, and we aren't hearing of any problems with them. There were some reports of sheath blight early on but the hot/dry weather has seemed to slow down any advancement up the plant. There has still been some fungicide applications going out as a preventative for smut.

As always, stay safe out there and let us know how we can help!

RT – Region Two

Central Arkansas

What a difference a couple of weeks has made! In our earliest rice, the heads have emerged, and grower excitement is building for the approaching harvest. The fields look clean and yields are expected to be good. Draining on heavier soils is beginning in our southern areas; however, draining for the bulk of our early fields is still weeks away. Disease and insect pressure also remain light in the early crop.

Rains and cooler weather are in the short-term forecast. The cooler weather (especially at night) is welcomed as this will allow grain fill to



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progress at a slower rate and increase milling yields.

Due to this summer's warmer than normal temperatures and abundance of sunshine, the later rice crop is progressing rapidly; which is a blessing. We are seeing more grass and weed escapes in the later rice, however, the crop appears to be strong at this time.

Remember to apply the boot-shot N application early in the boot stage and limit it to 30 units N maximum as this application will also slightly delay maturity. Also, be mindful that this late crop may require a propiconazole application due to late planting or if there is a field history of smut.

Contact us if you have late hybrid rice, as we may be able to help you save some money and shorten maturity based on your situation.

As always, please continue to be safe and contact us if you have questions or comments. You can find our contact information at the bottom of this report and on our website ricetec.com. Thank you for your business and allowing us to partner with you!

RT – Region Three

Southern Arkansas & Mississippi

The rice crop in South Arkansas and Mississippi continues to move rapidly toward the finish line. A small portion of the crop has entered the grain fill stage of growth, and we should see a handful of the earliest fields be drained in the next 7-10 days. Boot applications of fertilizer and fungicides continue as the biggest portion of the

crop is at or very near full boot to boot split. Stinkbug pressure continues to be low; however, we urge you to continue scouting for this pest as numbers could rebound quickly as more rice begins to head out. Grass escapes are really beginning to show up as the crop moves toward maturity. The escapes aren't widely spread, but a few fields are at a level that we could see some issues with lodging down the road. In our row rice acres, sheath blight is showing up and lesions are moving up the plant rapidly. Not every field will require an application as some will be able to "out run" the disease, but continued scouting and monitoring of lesion movement up the plant needs to be the basis of treatment decisions in individual fields. Continue to be safe, and please let us know if we can help in any way!

RT – Region Four

Central & Northeast Louisiana

In South Central Louisiana boards are getting pulled and irrigation is coming to a halt. With spotty showers throughout the week the rice has plenty of remaining moisture to complete grain fill. Overall, the crop looks very good. The disease pressure has been light, but growers are putting out a prophylactic application of fungicide to pick up any late season diseases and kernel smut. The crop in North Louisiana is rapidly maturing. In many cases the final shot of nitrogen has been applied and a bulk of the rice is starting to head out. This weekend weather forecast shows nighttime temperatures to dip into the low 70's which will benefit the growth stage we are currently in.



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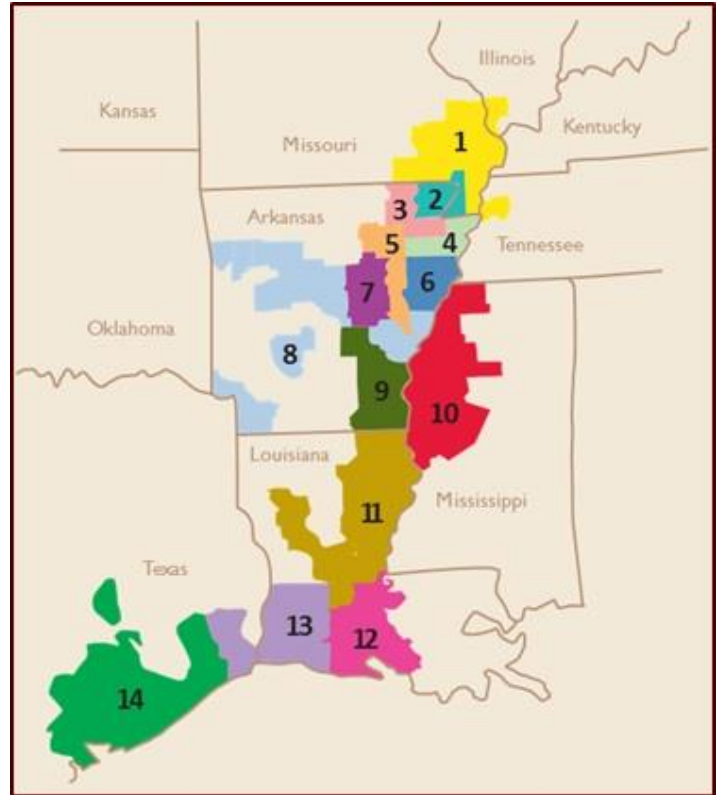
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