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Field Update

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RT - Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

This heat has really kicked the rice into gear, and it has been progressing rapidly over the last couple of weeks. We still have a very wide range of maturity across the Region, there were a few fields that just had the permanent flood established this week but the majority of the crop ranges from green ring to late boot. We have observed a handful of fields that are just starting to head but it will likely be another week or so before heading is very widespread. There have been some reports of Rice Stink Bugs in other areas that have earlier rice so keep an eye out for them as we have more rice move into heading over the next week or so. There have been some fungicide applications going out on the early rice as a preventative treatment for smut. Making a treatment for smut is always tricky and can be a difficult decision to make since it is strictly a preventative application but if you have a history of smut or use high N rates it could be a good idea to go ahead and treat at the proper time.

The heat has been great for pushing this late crop along but there is also a negative side to the heat as we move into heading and flowering. Anytime that the nighttime low is above 75 degrees there is a risk of adverse effects on milling. Unfortunately, the 10-day

forecast calls for 10 straight days with nighttime lows above 75 degrees. Hopefully we will break that trend soon.

As always, stay safe out there and thanks for your business. Let us know how we can help!

RT – Region Two

Central Arkansas

Our early rice is in the range of boot stage up to early heading. Hopefully the last shot of nitrogen (30 units) has been applied and growers are able to keep water on the fields. We have had a few pop-up showers across the region dropping up to 1.5"; however, hot temperatures and high humidity are quick to return causing many to reference the term "Arkansauna". With the heading of rice comes the anticipation of harvest, in which I can safely say, EVERYONE is ready! Be mindful of insects as early fields head, as this is where early insect pressure will be the greatest.

As for the late crop, continue to push fertilize applications to the early side of application windows, and maintain shallow floods until the rice has had time to tiller. Also, be mindful that this 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



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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!



Harvest begins in Texas & Louisiana

RT – Region Three

Southern Arkansas & Mississippi

Life in the fast lane! That pretty much sums up the rice crop across the Region over the last two weeks. The high temperatures and bright sunshine this week have the crop racing towards maturity. We have isolated fields in our earliest planted part of the crop that have reached 50-100% heading and are being scouted heavily for stinkbug pressure. So far, we haven't heard of any fields that have been above treatment threshold levels. The majority of the crop is past mid-season and rapidly approaching boot. Some fungicide applications are being made as preventative treatments against smuts, and boot applications of N fertilizer are starting up in areas. We expect those applications to increase daily as more fields reach the booting stage. Overall, the crop is clean, but there are some isolated fields where grass escapes are beginning to show. It has been a long, stressful growing season thus far, but the finish line is in sight. We encourage you to keep the faith, continue to be safe, and please let us know if we can help!

RT – Region Four

Texas & Louisiana

Harvest has begun along the Gulf Coast area of region four. Please visit our website and go to the newsletter section to view our first harvest report for the 2020 season.

As for the northern portion of the region the crop continues to progress. Concordia parish rice is heading at a rapid pace. I have received many calls about water scheduling while rice is heading in furrow irrigated rice. While it is heading and filling grain you want to be sure to move up the irrigation schedule. If your irrigation schedule was 6-7 days apart throughout the season, change to every 3-4 days during grain fill. Heading further north in Louisiana, the crop is looking good. We have had some grass escapes of late but nothing that is detrimental to yield. I would say at least 80% of the rice crop is at or past mid-season.



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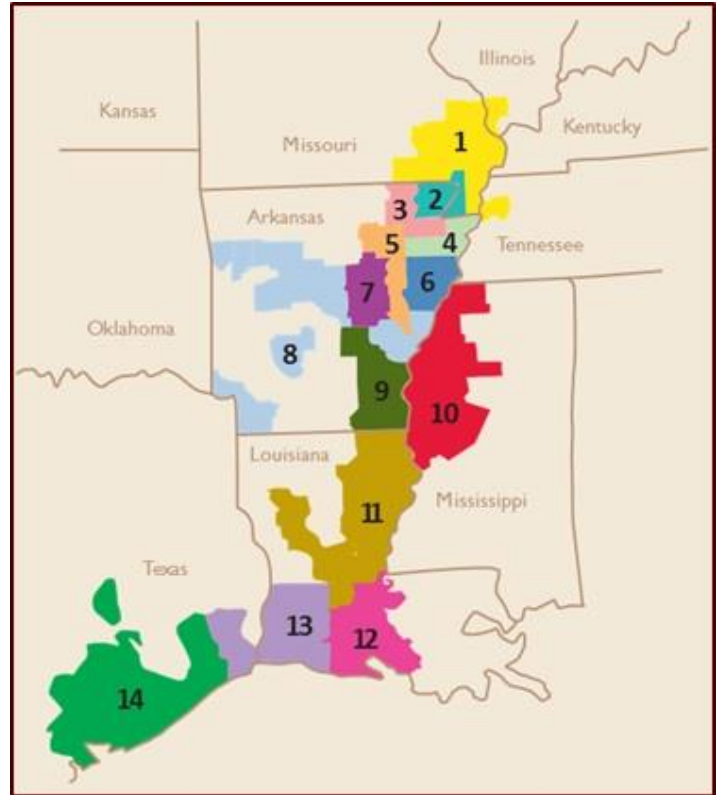
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