



RiceTec

Gulf Coast Harvest Update

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Texas

With the passing of Hurricane Hanna just south of the upper Texas Gulf Coast this past weekend and seven-plus days of lingering rain, there has not been much harvest progress made across the district since my last report. I would guess that we are between 10 and 15% harvested at this time and the combines should be moving again today with more favorable weather in the forecast. Early yield reports across the district are very good ranging from 100 to 120 CWT per acre and the guys are anxious to get back in the field to see what the remainder of the crop has to offer. There have been some reports of lodging across the district following the stormy weather but is mostly concentrated in the coastal counties and fertilizer streaks. Overall, we missed the brunt of the storm since it veered to the south making landfall in South Texas and not the upper Texas Gulf Coast. We still have a good crop in the field and are looking forward to a successful 2020 first crop harvest.

SE Texas & SW Louisiana

Harvest has slowed to a crawl this week as rains continued to fall in scattered patterns. We have drier weather in the immediate forecast and harvest is anticipated to ramp up significantly starting next week. Some rice was

being cut in the Lake Arthur and Thornwell areas today (7/30) with reported hybrid yields ranging from the 52-63 barrels an acre (green). Yield reports across the board remain above average but fields are wet and growers are concerned with rutting up their fields at present. These past weather trends also have growers concerned as to what negative effects the repeated rains and warm weather will have on head rice yields after harvest. Increased incidents of sheath blight and panicle blight have also been reported this week which isn't surprising considering the wet, warm weather experienced since mid-July. An extended period of dry weather and mild temperatures is needed to finish out the strong rice crop.



South Louisiana

Its been a rainy week in South Louisiana, delaying much anticipated harvest plans and putting a damper on a portion of the subsequent ratoon crop harvest. While we expect to see lower ratoon crop yields in some fields due to rutting out the first crop due to wet conditions, it's not all bad news on the ratoon crop front. The ratoon crop is coming back strong on hybrid fields harvested before the rain events caused by Hurricane Hanna. As for the estimated 70% of the remaining in the field, yields remain very good. RiceTec hybrids are cutting as high as 73 barrels, but across the board averaging in the upper 50 to lower 60-barrel range dry.

We harvested our first Farm Scale Yield Trial in the Texas-Louisiana Region and it did not disappoint. This was a conventional Hybrid Trial near Mowata, Louisiana, with RT7301 and XP753 leading the way with a 13 dry barrel advantage over Mermentau. We will have milling data soon and will evaluate second crop harvest and milling yields as well. In the meantime, we hope the weather will cooperate and we will get some sunny days to get this big crop out of the field with minimal rutting.



Mowata, LA RFYT Harvest

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