



RiceTec

Harvest Update

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RiceTec Field Day

RiceTec released a virtual field day website over the weekend. You can find those videos at <https://fieldday.ricetec.com>. The site contains a number of videos that you can watch at your leisure to learn more about how RiceTec continues to “Revolutionize Rice Production”.

NE Arkansas & SE Missouri

All eyes in Region 1 have been focused on the weather since the middle of last week watching the movement of Hurricane Laura closely and the rain events that have occurred after Laura moved out. So far, we have received 3-5 inches of rain since last Thursday with another 2-4 inches forecasted throughout this week. Overall, it seems that damage from Laura was less than anticipated. There has been some rice that lodged but it is mainly on ends or corners where maybe fertilizer was overlapped, and those areas were most likely double drilled. Lodging has been pretty minimal considering what the forecast looked like last week. There is quite a bit of rice that hasn't lodged but is leaning pretty good and has a “squatty” appearance and the continuous rain events are not doing us any favors in these fields.

Harvest had just started in a few isolated areas before the rain set in but there has just been a handful of fields completed. Once the rain

stops there will be a decent amount of acres ready to harvest but there is also a significant amount of acres that are not quite to that point yet. As we move forward there will probably be a lot of discussions around using harvest aids to help speed the process. Harvest aids can be very beneficial but also can be risky if not used correctly. In general, harvest aids can be used when moisture is between 18%-23% as long as you can harvest those fields within 3-5 days after application. Be careful when using harvest aids and DO NOT get too far ahead of the combine.

As we are nearing the harvest season please keep safety the top priority. During this time of the season there are a lot of long stressful days with a lot of moving equipment so lets do all that we can to keep everyone safe.

Central Arkansas

By our recent site surveys and posts on Twitter, it appears Region 2 was very fortunate to have minimal damage from last week's remnants of Tropical Storm Laura. We have a few fields with “leaning” rice and others with lodging around edges or where grass escapes helped take rice down; but, all in all, it could have been much worse. It appears we are not out of harm's way; however, as this week's forecast is calling for more rain and thunderstorms, which could put fields in jeopardy of additional lodging.

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Our harvest remains below 1% for the region, with little progress being made due to weather and harvest moisture; however, fields continue to mature, which means more fields will be ready when harvest resumes. Cool, dry weather is forecasted to follow this week's unsettled pattern and should allow harvest to kick-off on a wider scale. Hopefully the cool weather doesn't persist too long, as we need additional warmth to finish out some late rice

As our attention draws more toward harvest, please remember to keep safety a priority; and if you have questions, please contact your local RiceTec representative.

We look forward to working with you in the future and thank you for your business!

S. Arkansas & Mississippi

Rice harvest kicked off in a big way last week in Region 3, but progress was short lived as Hurricane Laura moved through the area on Thursday afternoon, August 27th. Laura brought copious rainfall to the Arkansas portion of the Region with amounts measuring anywhere from 2 - 5 ½ inches in Southeast Arkansas and 3 - 3 ½ inches across the Grand Prairie. Rainfall in Mississippi was pretty much isolated to the extreme western part of the Delta stretching from Greenville north to Memphis. The storm was fast moving, with winds that did not reach levels that were forecasted but were strong enough to lodge some rice. Wind gusts reached 40 to 50 miles per hour, but surprisingly, rice fared better than expected for the most part especially when compared to other crops planted in the Region.

Initial yields reports are very good, but it is still too early to talk in terms of bushels per acre with only an estimated 2% of the crop harvested. Growers anticipate getting back into

the fields towards the end of this week depending on how the forecast plays out over the next couple of days. Expectations remain high for the rest of the rice harvest based on the first acres harvested. Hopefully the weather will cooperate over the next month and allow us to make significant progress harvesting this crop. As always, we thank you for your business, and please let us know if we can help!

Texas

The rice country dodged a big bullet across the upper Texas Gulf Coast this past week. Our hearts go out to our Louisiana neighbors that took the brunt of the storm and are looking at a massive cleanup effort. We saw only minimal lodging and rain across our eastern counties and the combines were only out of the field a couple of days. We were close to 90% harvested prior to the storm and should be past 95% by now. With continued favorable weather, we are set up to complete another successful first crop harvest in the upcoming week. The ratoon crop is early and looking good for the most part across the district. The fields that were harvested right after our previous storm, Hurricane Hanna, were ruttled up and not mowed before flooding back up. However, most fields were harvested with good ground conditions. These fields were mowed, fertilized and irrigated on a timely basis. This combination sets these fields for the best opportunity to produce a good second crop.

Louisiana

Southeast Texas and South Louisiana is about 90% harvested. Hurricane Laura affected the majority of Southwest Louisiana with hurricane force winds and up to 6 inches of rain. The power grid is down from Orange, Texas, east all

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the way to Jennings, Louisiana and as far north as Kinder, Louisiana. Much of the remaining rice that was ready for harvest is now lodged, making harvest difficult. Growers are busy with clean up and trying to restore power to their facilities, including rice bins. Those affected are a resilient region of people that will only come out stronger at the other end but are currently struggling to get the infrastructure back up and running.

In South Central Louisiana Growers were in serious scramble mode ahead of Hurricane Laura as it made landfall early Thursday morning. Fortunately, 80-90% of the crop was harvested and many were flooding back up for the ratoon crop. Further north in District 11,

harvest was just getting underway. A few growers were a week or so into harvest and were able to team up with their neighbors to get most all the rice cut that was ready. Now, with widespread power outages some customers are worried about rice stored in farm storage bins that were at 18-19% moisture. The remaining crop was 85% drained and with up to three inches of rain and 35 to 50 mph winds, lodging was the major concern in this part of the state. Reports after Laura, indicate 25-30% lodged rice. The row rice seemed to fare better than some of the paddy or zero grade rice on lodging. On a positive note, we have a good looking 10 day forecast, and growers will be back in the field very quickly to continue harvest.

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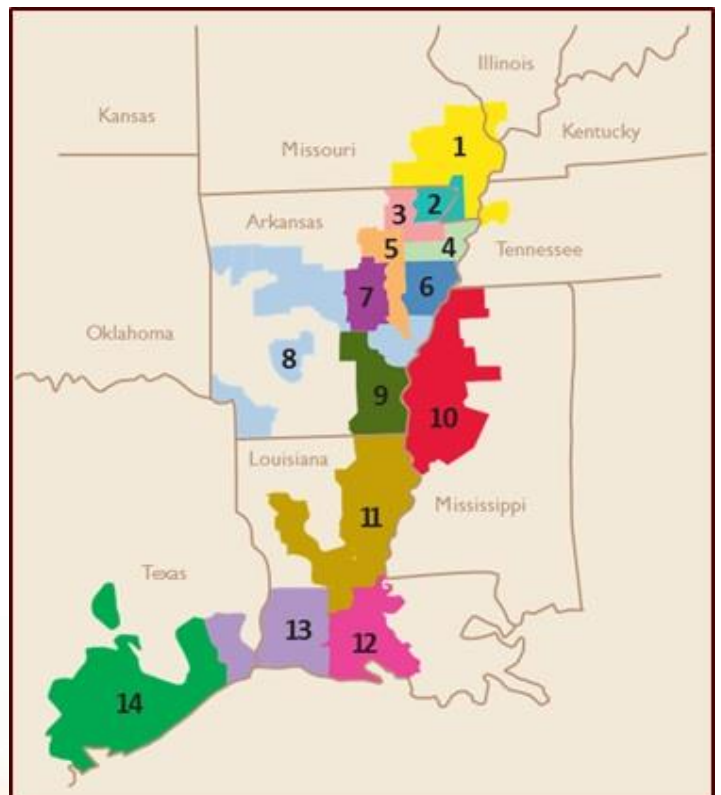
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