

Harvest Update

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RiceTec Field Day

RiceTec released a virtual field day website the end of August. You can find those videos at https://fieldday.ricetec.com. The site contains several videos that you can watch at your leisure to learn more about how RiceTec continues to "Revolutionize Rice Production".

NE Arkansas & SE Missouri

We were rapidly headed toward completion of rice harvested only to be slowed when Hurricane Delta moved through over the weekend. Rainfall amounts ranged from 2.5 inches to just a trace in the Northern most area of Region 1. We estimate to be roughly 85% completed and should be able to get going again today or tomorrow if we can get some sunshine to dry things out a little. Yields reports continue to come in very favorable and it seems that actual yields are somewhat better than anticipated considering all that the crop has been through this year.

We have completed harvest of all test locations in the Region so if you would like to see how some of our new products performed don't hesitate to reach out to your local RiceTec DSM. Many thanks to the growers that allow us to conduct these trials on their farms!

As we make the final push to complete harvest please keep safety the top priority and let us know how we can help.

Central Arkansas

Rice harvest has slowed due to wet weather and the issue of later planted rice maturing slowly due to cool temperatures. The recent rains are also causing the remaining harvest to occur in muddy conditions which will further slow the process.

We estimate our region's harvest at 85% with yield and milling reports continuing to be strong. Growers are ready for this one to be "in the books"; so, hopefully the weather will cooperate, and harvest will not string out much longer.

We have our 2021 prices and programs in place, so we expect seed purchases to begin soon. We are excited to share this, as well as additional yield information, at your convenience. We will begin making our "rounds", but feel free to contact us earlier if you have questions or are ready to discuss your operation.

Stay safe and "Thank You" for your business!

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S. Arkansas & Mississippi

Growers harvested as much rice as they could prior to the remnants of Hurricane Delta moving through the Region on Friday (10/9) of last week. Rainfall totals ranged anywhere from 1-5 inches, with the heaviest totals in the more southern areas. It also marked the third time this Fall that tropical force winds moved through the Region; however, the majority of the rice left to harvest is still somewhat standing. The entire Region is approximately 85% harvested, with most of the acres left being in Southwest Arkansas, Southeastern Arkansas, and in the northern Mississippi Delta. Rain has no doubt plaqued harvest this Fall as weather station data from Southeastern Arkansas shows that since August 1st, there have been at least 29 days of measurable rainfall. There is a favorable forecast over the next ten days, so growers should be able to get the majority of this crop wrapped up before the end of the month.

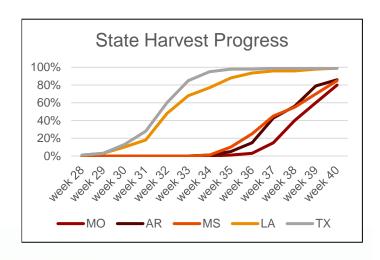
With today (10/12) being National Farmers Day, we would like to take the time to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for our Nation's growers of food and fiber. Without their tireless efforts, long hours, and hard work, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the freedoms that we do today. Thank you for a successful 2020 crop year, and we look forward to partnering with you again in the future!

Louisiana and Texas

Our thoughts are with the folks of Louisiana that endured yet another powerful hurricane

that came ashore just east of where Hurricane Laura made landfall six weeks ago. Hurricane Delta left another devastating blow to Southwest Louisiana, with its impact being felt well into Northeast Louisiana. Rice farmers are once again dealing with cleanup and repair of damaged homes, shops, and equipment as well as surveying any damage to a promising ratoon crop that was only days away from harvest. Growers in the northern part of Louisiana say this storm produced the worst overall crop damage in 30 years. Rice harvest was about 95% finished in this part of the state before Hurricane Delta.

No reports of any ratoon crop being harvested in Texas quite yet, but it appears we are only days away from the first combines hitting the fields.



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