



Planting Progress Report

April 23, 2021



RT - Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

We have had another good week of planting in Region 1 despite the extremely cool temperatures the last few days. Most of the area saw low temps in the lower 30's with some frost in parts of the area. We estimate to be over 60% planted and nearing 10% emerged as of Friday morning. Growers have been pushing as hard as they can to get as much planted as possible before the next rain event moves in over the weekend. More rain is forecasted for next week along with warmer temperatures, hopefully we will miss most of the rain, but warmer weather will be a welcomed sight.

We have also been able to make pretty good progress with planting our Replicated Field Yield Trials and demo field locations. Since the last report we have planted three additional yield trials and several demo fields with several more planned as soon as the weather cooperates. If you would like to take a look at any of the testing that we are conducting don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to the opportunities to share these with you.

Over the next couple of weeks as we are all preparing to make the final push to complete rice planting please keep safety the top priority. Stay safe and let us know how we can help.

RT – Region Two

Central & East Arkansas

This year's rice planting is becoming a season of runs. We have a few days in which growers make huge strides and then rains shut us down for several days. Growers are pushing hard before the next system passes through our region today (Friday).

Region 2 is roughly 45% planted with very little emerged due to the abnormally low temperatures we experienced. The forecasted weather is showing warmer temperatures with an occasional chance of rain. Hopefully we will find "windows of opportunity" and make significant progress.

Keep in mind that RiceTec hybrids provide a wider range of optimum planting dates when compared to varieties; so, there is ample time to get this year's rice crop planted. Many hybrid trials show late April and early May as our best yields; and with this year's cooler start, we may be setting ourselves up for the same expectation.

Reach out to us if you have any questions or need assistance. You will find our contact information at the end of this newsletter and at www.ricetec.com.

Thank you for your business and continue to be safe!



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RT – Region Three

South Arkansas and Mississippi

Growers across the Region have been able to make significant progress in getting the 2021 crop planted over the course of this week. Rain showers last weekend (4/16-17) were very spotty with only slight accumulations in isolated areas. This allowed most growers to start back planting last Saturday (4/17) and run hard all week long. This has probably been the longest uninterrupted streak of planting days many have had in the past couple of years. Germination and emergence has been slow due to unseasonably cool temperatures, but with warmer days in the forecast, the seed should get moving pretty quickly. Rain is in the forecast again for today and tomorrow (4/23-24) and many would welcome it for the chance to be able to catch their breath, make some equipment repairs, and get ready to make the final push in getting the remainder of the rice crop planted.

The Regional Team was able to get a couple more local Replicated Field Yield Trials planted since the last update, so be on the lookout for signs popping up in the near future. Your local DSM would be more than happy to give you a tour at any time throughout the season if you'd like. We were also able to plant our first Max-

Ace™ large scale demonstration in the Region yesterday (4/22) near Stuttgart, AR.

As a final note, RiceTec was able to bring some additional supplies of FullPage™ levee seed to the market this week. If you need a few more bags to finish up seeding your levees, or just haven't had the chance to book your levee seed yet, give your local RiceTec DSM a call to place your order. We'd like to encourage everyone to keep safety as a main priority while working long, hard hours in finishing up getting this crop in the ground and do not hesitate to give us a call if there is anything we can do to help.

RT – Region Four

Texas

We are getting close to wrapping up the 2021 planting season in the Texas Gulf Coast. We should be close to 95% planted with 90% emerged on the conventional acres and pushing 30% planted on the organic. With the last of the seed going in the ground, we also have a number of fields getting ready for permanent flood. This is the most critical fertilizer timing for your hybrid rice crop. We recommend 120 units of nitrogen on your fine soil fields and 90 units on coarse soils, to dry ground, at the pre-flood timing. Both of our District 14 Replicated Field Yield Trials are growing good now and should be going to flood in the next couple of weeks. We have one Max-Ace™ demo field in the Garwood area planted and hope to plant another one in the Winnie area in the upcoming week. We are looking forward to visiting with you about these new, exciting products at a field tour later in the season.

SE Texas & SW Louisiana

Weekly rains have stalled planting throughout the district, and we are beginning to dry out now as we anticipate another round of rains Friday (4/23). Cool temperatures in April have



Max-Ace™ demo planting with 60ft air drill

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slowed rice development and complicated stand establishment in some areas. Warmer weather is forecasted for the coming week which should help stimulate the crop forward. Early planted rice will begin going into permanent flood soon. It is important to apply Urea nitrogen on dry soil to avoid volatilization or loss of nitrogen through the atmosphere. Treating nitrogen fertilizer with a urase inhibitor is recommended for the pre-flood application in order to help prevent nitrogen loss before the flood is established. RiceTec recommends applying 90-120 units of nitrogen at the pre-flood timing to maximize nitrogen-use-efficiency. Lighter soils require less nitrogen and more for heavier clay textures. We have several Max-Ace™ demo fields planted as well as strip trials that we plan to showcase this summer. We still have hybrid rice seed available, so as you drain your crawfish ponds, consider planting a hybrid on those acres to maximize your profit potential and stubble establishment for the following crawfish crop.

South Louisiana

If we miss the rain chances Friday evening, we will see many acres of rice move into permanent flood early next week. Most of our rice crop has been planted. Our remaining acres are mostly crawfish ponds moving into rice. If you are thinking of following behind crawfish production with a rice crop, keep RiceTec hybrids as a possibility, as they have proven to hold even higher yields when planted late, along with more foliage for the following crawfish season. Max-Ace™ demo fields are moving along very well and most have received their first application of Highcard™. We are looking forward to showing you our Max-Ace™ lines at our local field days as we get closer to heading. If anyone is interested in visiting any of our Max-Ace™ Demo fields, please give us a call.

Commercial Progress		
State	Planted	Emerged
MO	60%	5%
AR	54%	7%
MS	65%	10%
LA	82%	78%
TX	95%	80%

Central and NE Louisiana

The earliest planted rice in District 11, is in the southern portion of the district, planted in mid-March. While it is looking good, this rice is way behind the growth stage it should be with all the wet, cool days we have had this April. Any stand concerns will cure itself, if we can get six to eight good, warm sunny days. In North Louisiana, the early planted rice is moving slow because of the cool weather. Most growers are trying to get planted between rain events and are not catching any breaks. Many farmers are trying to plant before the end of this week, ahead of the next potential rain. But hey, in this area of the state, RiceTec hybrid rice does excellent when planted in May, and it is looking like that's where we are headed with the potential of two plus inches of rain forecasted Friday night (4-23) through Saturday morning (4-24). We were able to plant our FullPage Replicated Field Yield Trial this week on Franklin Farms in Holly Ridge, Louisiana.

RT7321 FP at Flood in South Louisiana

