



# Planting Progress Report

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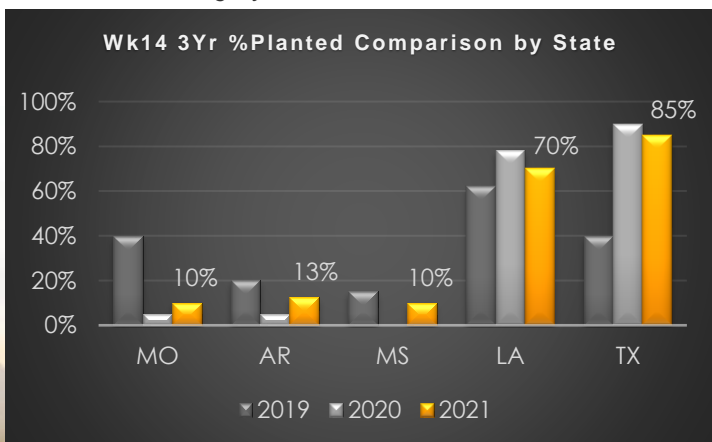


## RT - Region Four

Texas – Derrol Grymes

We have missed a majority of the rains across the Upper Texas Gulf Coast over the past couple of weeks. The planters continue to push closer to completing the 2021 planting season. On the west side of the district we should be close to 90% planted with 75% emerged. East of Houston, we are pushing 60% planted with close to 40% emerged. With the cool dry weather and high winds over the past couple of weeks, it is taking longer than normal to establish a stand and many fields are in dire need of some moisture. The irrigation water is running where available and the canal systems are getting primed up to go. Both of our District 14 field trials are in the ground and growing and appear to be off to a good start. We look forward to visiting these trials with you at a field tour later in the season!

*Mid-South States slightly ahead of 2020  
Gulf Coast area slightly behind*



SE Texas & SW Louisiana – Craig Hamm & Nicky Miller

Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana have been a mix of too wet or too dry depending on where you're at. Rice planted in the third week of March has been struggling to germinate because of the cold conditions soon after planting. Many fields experienced as much as 7 inches of rain on March 23 which complicated field conditions further. Early planted rice quit moving over the past 2 weeks and many drill seeded fields are exhibiting wind/cold burn that resembles herbicide injury. With warmer weather moving forward, rice should quickly grow out of this appearance. Some nitrogen applications started this week on drill seeded rice, while early water seeded fields are close to requiring their nitrogen applications. As a reminder, we recommend the majority of the nitrogen to go out at pre flood. That would be 90 to 120 units based on soil type. Light sandy soils require less pre flood nitrogen, therefore would be on the low end, with heavy clay soils receiving the heavier rate of 120 units at pre flood. The remaining 30 units of the nitrogen is recommended to go out at mid to late boot. If you are harvesting a second crop, many growers add an additional 30 units of nitrogen to this boot application for a total of 60 units of nitrogen. Many growers have found that this helps get the ratoon crop off to a good start. The first applications of post emergence herbicides have started going out with growing

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conditions improving with the sunny warm weather we've seen this week. The region is about 70% planted and 85% emerged. Two FullPage and one conventional trial along with several Max-Ace demos have been planted across District 12 and 13. Our hopes are to have grower meetings showcasing our new products by this summer.

## *Central & NE Louisiana – Matt Laird*

The Southern part of District 11 is 90% planted and 60% emerged. Overall, the rice is looking good with the warmer conditions. The rice that was planted in the cool wet window of March struggled but is now looking much better. Many customers are beginning to put out the first herbicide applications and some fertilizer ahead of the rain chance this weekend. Moving into Central and Northeast Louisiana, we are 30% planted and 10% emerged. A few growers needed a shower for the rice to break the crust and some are still too wet to plant. Those who missed the rain on Wednesday (April 7) are still actively planting and won't slow down with expected rain in the forecast for today (April 9). We hope to start planting our Replicated Field Yield Trials next week weather permitting. Stay Safe!



RFYT  
Planting in  
Tunica, MS

## RT – Region Three

### *Southern Arkansas – Jeff Branson & Matt Snow*

Planting of the 2021 rice crop began last week, but the progress was short lived, as rainfall has once again shut everything down. The entire region received anywhere from 0.75 to 1.2 inches on Wednesday and rain is in the forecast again Friday night and early Saturday morning. Approximately 15% of the crop has been planted in south central Arkansas and 10% has been planted in the southern part of the region. Compare that to this time last year and we were less than 1% planted across south Arkansas during the first week of April.

None of the early planted fields have fully emerged due to the cold weather we had last week, and continued cool nights forecasted for next week will only slow the process. Hopefully the rainfall Friday night will be light, and we can resume planting by the middle of next week.

### *Mississippi Delta – Jay Burchfield*

Rice planting got rolling in MS on Monday the 5th. We were able to get 3 good days of planting before getting around an inch of rain across the district Wednesday evening. I estimate we were able to plant about 10% of the crop in that 3-day window. We were able to get one of our conventional RFYTs planted in Tunica County on the corner of Pritchard Rd. and Hwy 3. The forecast has another 1.5 inches for Friday and Saturday but looks to be clearing up after that. We should be able to get back planting around the middle of next week.

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## RT – Region Two

### *Central & East Arkansas*

Many Region 2 growers began planting rice before the latest round of rains this past Wednesday. Rains varied greatly across the region from 2/10 to 1.5”.

Some of our central Arkansas areas were able to get in the fields on Friday with other areas out for the weekend. There is a front moving across the state Friday evening that could bring additional rains which will further delay field work. This creates the all too common “plant when you can, where you can” mentality in which growers have become accustomed.

We still have conventional hybrids available for purchase for any additional rice acres and a limited supply of hybrid seed that is competitively priced for exclusive use on levees.

Please call if you have any questions and thank you for your business.

Until next time.... stay safe!

## RT – Region One

### *Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri*

Rice planting was progressing rapidly over the last week only to be slowed by rain on Wednesday afternoon with amounts ranging from 2 tenths to close to 2 inches. Roughly 1/3 of the region received minimal amounts and were able to get back into the field on Thursday and are trying to get as much planted as possible before the next weather event moves in Friday night. We estimate to be around 20% planted in Region 1 at this point but the percent planted will change very quickly if we are lucky enough to miss any of the rain over the weekend. We have heard of

some growers that are near complete with rice planting while others have been struggling to find ground dry enough to plant. As always, soil type and weather has been the limiting factor on how much progress has been made.

We have been able to plant two of our Replicated Farm Yield Trials over the last week or so and have several others planned to plant as soon as we catch a break in the weather, hopefully next week. Many thanks to the growers that cooperate with us on these yield trials.

Stay safe and don't hesitate to let us know how we can help!

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