



## Field Update

May 28, 2021



### RT – Sales Team

As many customers will remain extremely busy and working through this Memorial Day weekend, we want to pause and remember the veterans and families of those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Thank you to those that served and the ones which continue to serve so that we can freely work in the US agriculture industry the way we do today.

### RT - Region One

#### *Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri*

We have had another good run over the last couple of weeks only to be slowed by rain Thursday night. Rainfall amounts ranged from ½ to 1 ½ inches across the Region. The rain was welcomed in some areas where they were fixing to or already had started flushing to aid in stand establishment. In other areas of the Region growers were hoping the rain would hold off for a couple of days so they could get the last few fields planted.

Rice planting is starting to wind down and we estimate to be near 95% planted although the actual planted acres are going to be far less than what was planned over the winter. The spring has just been too wet in some areas for those growers to be able to plant their intended acres. A lot of the earliest planted rice has received pre-flood fertilizer and had permanent flood established this week, these fields are starting to shape up and look really good. The

warm conditions over the last several days has the rice crop progressing rapidly, the fields that were struggling 10 days ago look much better now. The forecast calls for cooler weather over the weekend which will slow plant growth some, but it should warm back up next week.

We have several Replicated Field Yield Trials and Max-Ace™ demos planted across the region to showcase our commercial products as well as new products to come. If you would like to take a look at these don't hesitate to give us a call. As always, stay safe and let us know how we can help.

### RT – Region Two

#### *Central Arkansas*

We made significant progress with rice planting over the past week before showers moved across our area dropping around an inch of rain. This was a welcomed sight for many as warm and windy conditions had dried recently planted fields causing growers to begin considering a flush.

With the previously drier field conditions before the rain, growers should be back in the fields shortly to complete this year's crop. We have the moisture, so seed should germinate and emerge quickly and be off to a fast start.

We estimate our region at 94% planted and 84% emerged, which puts us in line with last year's progression for this date. Much like last year, this year's planting season has been

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one of struggles due to prolonged periods of cold, wet weather; but growers have once again proved they are resilient and will get the crop established. We thank you for your dedication to our food security and for allowing us to help in the process.

Continue to keep safety as top priority!

## RT – Region Three

### *South Arkansas and Mississippi*

Rice planting in Southern Arkansas and the Mississippi Delta is all but wrapped up after the run growers were able to make over the last 10 to 14 days. That stretch of days allowed just about all of intended acres to get planted with a few additional acres added on the Grand Prairie. A small front moved across the Region last night (Thursday, 5/27) dropping between ½ - 1 ½” of rain depending on location. It was about as “perfect” of a rain as could be asked for. Lots of herbicides and fertilizer had gone out and some folks had begun flushing for activation. There are a few growers in Mississippi that still have some acres to plant, and they should be able to get back going again over the course of the long weekend.

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We have been dealing with a few problem fields this Spring, but most of the issues have ultimately been related to the extended period of cool, wet weather we experienced from late April into early May. Once those fields got good doses of sunshine and warm temperatures, the rice was easily able to grow out of the issues that were present. Some of our earliest planted fields are going to permanent flood, but the majority of the crop is still a couple weeks away.

As planting season winds down and we move into a long weekend, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your business and encourage you to continue to keep safety on the farm as a top priority. And as always, please let us know if we can help.

## RT – Region Four

### *NE & Central Louisiana*

In Central Louisiana, the rice crop is looking better with warm temperatures and several days without rain and clouds. About half of the crop is at green ring and moving quickly. There is some concern about possible nitrogen loss due to unsettled conditions with heavy rainfall at flood. More growers will use more of a spoon-feeding method when applying fertilizer than in years past.

In Northeast Louisiana, drills are running long days and nights to get planted. We have been busy shuffling seed and getting as many drills set as possible. Poly pipe is getting rolled and nitrogen and water has been applied to some row rice that was planted in mid-April. A few growers have reduced soybean acres and chose hybrid rice because they know the consistency on yield when planted late, and the ability to plant in a no-till situation. We thank you for your business and are hopeful to get



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the remaining crop planted by early June, weather permitting!

## South Louisiana

After much rain over the past several weeks, we are starting to dry up in South Louisiana. For those who are still thinking about planting crawfish ponds to harvest, hybrids have proven to hold higher yields along with more stubble for forage when planting at later dates. After next week, we should be 100% planted and 99% emerged, ranging from early boot to just emerging. With sunshine and fertilizer, rice is beginning to look much better. If you have been delayed by the weather and are applying all your nitrogen fertilizer into a permanent flood, we suggest splitting this into three applications, 10 to 14 days apart. Top dress fertilizer should range from 30 to 60 units. Max-Ace demo fields have continued to look excellent.

We are looking forward to hosting our South Louisiana Field Day at Troy Fruge's Farm near Basile, Louisiana the morning of June 29th. FullPage™ and Max-Ace hybrids and varieties will be featured. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Signs going up in South Louisiana*



## Texas

The rainy weather finally let up in the past couple of days across the Texas Gulf Coast allowing the crop to start recovering from a solid two weeks of cloudy, wet conditions. More than 50% of the rice is already at permanent flood and a lot more will be flooded as soon as dry ground conditions allow the pre-flood fertilizer application. Over-all, the crop is still looking good, but there are some concerns that the lack of sunshine will negatively affect yield. As we get into mid-season and start pushing boot, be diligent in scouting for disease, especially with the adverse weather that we have been experiencing. Our hybrids do provide the best in industry disease tolerance package, but we have seen some benefit from a fungicide application to first crop for enhanced ratoon crop production. Especially when disease pressure is high.

We are working on scheduling several field tours across the district in the next couple of months to demonstrate several of our new, upcoming products. Details should be released soon. Hope to see you then.

Planting Progress		
State	Planted	Emerged
MO	95%	85%
AR	95%	84%
MS	95%	75%
LA	95%	92%
TX	99%	99%

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