



RiceTec

Planting Progress Report

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RT - Region One

Northeast Arkansas & Southeast Missouri

We have finally been able to get a few consecutive days without rain and are starting to make a little more progress on getting this rice crop planted. There were some isolated areas that were able to get back in the field on Wednesday afternoon with several more able to get going on Thursday and Friday. Growers are pushing as hard as they can (where ground conditions allow) trying to plant as much as possible before the next rain event moves in next week. There is a good portion of the area that is still too wet to get back in the field.

We estimate to be around 70% planted on the initial planned acres with the majority being emerged. The cool, wet conditions over the last three weeks has caused some sickly-looking rice in some areas. Warmer weather next week should get the rice growing again and looking better soon. Flooding from Black and Cache Rivers continue to be a concern. The rivers are dropping now but we are still several days away from the water being within the banks.

RiceTec hybrids have been proven year after year to maintain yield stability throughout the entire planting season. As we are approaching mid-May with rain in the forecast, we still have plenty of time to achieve excellent yields when planting RiceTec products.

Stay safe and let us know how we can help.

RT – Region Two

Central & East Arkansas

Second verse.... Same as the first!

We continue to be delayed due to wet weather with very little progress being made. Our area is approximately 67% planted with 43% emerged to date. There are a few areas that were fortunate to miss a rain, or perhaps, not receive as much which allowed them to continue planting. This is by far the rare exception.

On a brighter note, the recent weather has been sunny with lower humidity, so growers are seeing drying conditions that have allowed some to get in the field yesterday. Others should be following closely with the majority in the fields by this weekend.

We want to remind growers that mid-May planted hybrid rice is still a strong performer and that the reduction in yield potential is a slow progression until late May or early June. With the future's rice commodity price above \$6 and the reduction in rice acres, we could see a strong market continue for this crop.

Thank you for your business and perseverance as we try to get this crop in the ground. As always, contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Until next time... Stay Safe!



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RT – Region Three

South Arkansas and Mississippi

It's been the same story, different day for the last three weekly updates in Region 3. A couple of large rainfall events has kept almost everyone from planting additional acres once again. Growers on the lighter soils of the Grand Prairie may get started again today (5/14) but may not get too far with rain in the forecast again for Monday thru Thursday next week. In areas south of the Arkansas River, not much of anything has happened over the last week with regards to planting. The crop that is emerged is struggling a bit with cloudy, wet, cool weather. What the crop desperately needs are some warm days with bright sunshine to get growing again. Soybean prices continue to dominate the majority of conversations withing the grower communities further indicating there will be some significant acre shifts from rice. The futures market as of this morning (5/14) is showing prices north of \$14 per bushel for November '21 delivery.

In the Mississippi Delta, the story is much the same. Rain has kept folks from making any progress this week, but hopes are to get back in the field this weekend ahead of forecasted rains

all of next week. Acre shifts to soybeans continue with each rainfall, and there are some major concerns that Mississippi growers may not be able to get 100,000 acres of rice planted in the state for the first time since 1974, the year following the end of federal rice allotments.

There is still time to get a rice crop planted with good yield results IF we can get a little period of dry weather (and that's a BIG IF). Rice futures have fallen a little over the last week to \$6.16 per bushel (Nov. '21); however, there has been some local pricing offered for new crop rice at \$6.25 per bushel. Hopefully that will "buy" a few more acres before the calendar date gets a little too late.

RT – Region Four

NE & Central Louisiana

Northeast Louisiana growers have been out of the field since mid-April. You know it is getting bad when NE LA growers are asking advice on how to water seed rice. This has been a very challenging season to say the least. Hopefully we can get some rice planted this weekend before the forecasted rain hits early next week. Near the Arkansas line in the Jones, Louisiana area some rice is at the permanent flood stage with no levees pulled due to the nonstop rain. Heading towards central Louisiana, we are approaching mid-season, but some have struggled to get respectable stands. For the most part the rice looks good in the southern part of the district.

Rice farmers are a resilient group and will hang in there as long as possible to get their rice crop planted. If we could get a break, we know RiceTec Hybrids maintain a higher yield that only increases over varieties the later you get in the planting window. Stay safe!



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South Louisiana

With five percent of the rice crop remaining to be planted, mother nature hit the pause button by dropping three to thirteen inches of rain earlier this week. Many growers were just about to put out their pre-flood nitrogen when the rain hit. Growers will now have to delay that pre-flood application until the fields dry, and then move forward with their permanent flood. Overall, the rice crop looks good in this part of the state. Lately we have received calls asking about the availability of hybrid seed to plant crawfish fields. We currently have a supply of CLXL745 and XP753 of which both would be an excellent choice in this endeavor as they hold a more stable yield along with more forage for those fields going back into crawfish production. Another high demand hybrid, RT7501 is still available in limited supply and is an excellent choice for water seeded acres. Most of our South Louisiana rice crop is now in permanent flood and ranging from green ring to just emerging. Just a reminder, we recommend 90 to 120 units of Nitrogen pre-flood.

Our Replicated Field Yield Trials and Max-Ace demo fields are moving along nicely. The Yield Trials and several Max-Ace Demo fields have gone to flood. If you would like to visit any of these fields throughout the year, please give us a call.

Commercial Progress		
State	Planted	Emerged
MO	75%	70%
AR	71%	53%
MS	70%	60%
LA	88%	82%
TX	99%	95%

Texas

Planting season has all but wrapped up in the Texas Gulf Coast. A large percentage of the crop is already in permanent flood or waiting on fertilizer and water to move forward. Following the big rain event on the west side of the district a couple of weeks ago, we are looking at several replants due to water sitting on the fields for days on end, but most of the crop fared very well. The downfall to getting eight to ten inches of rain at the timing that it fell, most of the crop will be going to flood at the same time, making fertilizer and water scarce. This will in turn push grain maturity to the same time as well. Look for long lines at the drier in August. Both Replicated Field Yield Trials in the district are looking good and our first Max-Ace demonstration field has received the 2-leaf application of HighCard. We are looking forward to showing these off later in the season.

RT7521 FP at Green Ring in South Louisiana

