



# RiceTec

## Harvest Update

October 1, 2021



### RT - Region Four

#### *Texas & Louisiana*

The RiceTec hybrid ratoon crop continues to look very, very strong across the Texas and Louisiana coastal region. Most of the time when you have average main crop yields, the ratoon crop yields make up for what was lagging. That is what appears to be happening this year. I wouldn't be surprised to hear of some 40-barrel hybrid ratoon yields in the western rice belt of Texas. But as mentioned earlier, this ratoon crop looks very good across region 4. We should start hearing results in a couple of weeks.

With 10% of the crop left to harvest in northeast Louisiana, yields are dropping somewhat on this later planted rice. With the cooler temperatures we are hopeful milling yields will increase on this later maturing crop.

### RT – Region Three

#### *South Arkansas and Mississippi*

Harvest has slowed some around the Grand Prairie and Phillips Co. areas of south Arkansas. There was rain a few days this week and more is in the forecast. Harvest will be shut down for the next few days, and hopefully can get started back on Monday (10/4). Yields continue to be a positive in 2021, with very few below average yields

reported. A large chunk of the rice has been cut in southwest Arkansas and in the Arkansas River Valley. Harvest progress is around 90% as of this week.

Scattered rain continues to slow the progression of this year's rice harvest in southeast Arkansas. Light and scattered showers are forecasted through Saturday (10/2), but next week looks like the weather may be a little more cooperative. Approximately 85% of the rice crop has been harvested across the area. Reported yields are still high, but a lot of the rice that is left in the field has lodged due to high winds and rain that was received last week. The RT7331 MA demo field in Desha Co. was harvested last week and dried 224 bushels per acre. Red rice and grass control were excellent in both demo Max-Ace® fields that have been harvested. The remaining Max-Ace demo fields and the Replicated Field Yield Trials (RFYTs) that are still in the field should be harvested in the next 10 days.

Over in the Mississippi Delta, growers have had 4–5 good days of harvest this week before scattered showers returned and shut things down again. Estimates are around 75% harvested with the bulk of the remaining acres in the North Delta counties. Yields are still good with most reports in the 180–220 dry bushel range. One RFYT and 2 Max-Ace demos are still left to be harvested. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this week and we can get them out.

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## RT – Region Two

### *Central Arkansas*

Progress on rice harvest has slowed to a stop in Region 2 as rains have sidelined everyone. It appears this will be the scene until next Monday when better weather appears. Rains have been sporadic, but eventually covered most, if not all, of our region.

Rice continues to stand for the most part and yields remain very good. Hopefully when this front eventually pushes through, we will be able to say the same.

The late planted rice appears to be maturing well and growers should be in those fields soon. With the expected drier weather next week, major progress should be made on harvesting the remaining crop.

We estimate our harvest to be around 65% complete with hybrid yields continuing their strong performance. Growers seem very happy with this year's results, as many have shared some astronomical yields. Milling continues to trend better on recently harvested fields due to the more friendly environment it experienced during grain fill. Let's hope the current wet weather doesn't negatively affect this trend.

The launch of our 2022 sales season will begin soon. We are excited to share information concerning our new products that will continue to push the performance levels our growers have come to expect. We encourage our growers to think about their needs while performance is fresh on their mind.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions and please remember to keep safety a top priority. Thanks again for your business!

## RT – Region One

### *NE Arkansas & SE Missouri*

Harvest progress has been slowed again this week by rain showers that moved in Thursday and are forecasted to continue throughout the weekend. Rainfall amounts have ranged from just a few tenths to 2 inches, but it has been cloudy and overcast since Thursday morning. We estimate to be nearing 65% complete with harvest but it will probably be early next week before we can get back in the field to make any more progress. Hopefully we can catch a break in the weather soon and get this rice crop finished up.

Yields continue to be excellent, and milling seems to be getting a little better as we move into the fields that were planted a little later and experienced better environmental conditions during grain fill. We have been able to harvest several of our RFYT location and Max-Ace demo locations over the last couple of weeks. Performance on our commercial products as well as new products continue to look very impressive at these testing locations. Reach out to your local RiceTec DSM to learn more about the results of these trials.

Stay safe and let us know how we can help.

Harvest Progress

State	% Harvested
Missouri	60%
Arkansas	70%
Mississippi	75%
Louisiana	96%
Texas	98%