



Pre-Order Reminder – Chad Duckworth, Marketing Manager. Don't wait until August 30th to fill out a Pre-Order! I wanted to remind everyone that the last day of August is the deadline for Phase 2 of the Pre-Order Program, HOWEVER as the program description says, there is a predetermined supply. I don't want anyone to miss the boat, and it is very possible that the program will end before the cutoff date because the acre limits are met. Commercial Hybrid field yields from the coastal area have given the program good momentum, each day more orders come in than the day before. You can download the pre-order and reservation packet from our website by clicking [here](#).

District 8, Texas – Mark Spilman, Technical Services

Rice harvest is in full swing across the Texas Rice Belt with about 40% of the crop harvested. We are experiencing very favorable weather as harvest season moves forward. This is allowing folks to more intensely manage their second crop by flail mowing, applying nitrogen to dry ground, and immediately flooding the field back up. We have documented ratoon crop yields as high as 40 barrels/acre in XL723 when such practices were followed. Please remember that the ratoon crop from RiceTec hybrids mature faster than that of varieties, allowing growers to harvest their main crop into late August and still achieve a substantial ratoon crop yield. Mark is still hearing very favorable CLEARFIELD hybrid yields, with CLEARFIELD XL745 and CLEARFIELD XL729 achieving yields as high as 64 barrels green (230.4 bu/A) in Wharton and Matagorda counties respectively. A few XL723 yields are coming in, with reports in the lower to mid 60 barrel range in Waller County.

We have harvested two Farm Scale Yield Trials in Texas over the last couple of weeks. Our CLEARFIELD trial in Jefferson County on John Gaulding's Farm had CLEARFIELD XL730 taking the top spot with an 11 barrel (39.6 bu/A) yield advantage over CL161 and CL171. CLEARFIELD XL745 had an 8 barrel yield advantage over CL161 and CL171. Our non CLEARFIELD Farm Scale Yield Trial in Waller County on Des Woods Farm had XL723 coming in at 60 green barrels (216 bu/A), while XP744 came in at 53 green barrels (190 bu/A). For more detailed information on the hybrids and varieties within each trial, please give Mark a call.

We were very fortunate to miss Tropical Storm Eduoard in most of the Texas Rice Belt. The folks that felt the most effects were those east of Houston. There were a handful of reports of CLEARFIELD XL730 that had grain retention problems, but all in all most of the growers were very impressed how their hybrids weathered the storm.

District 7, SW Louisiana – Cullen Minter, Technical Services

Harvest is well under way in SW Louisiana, with hybrid yield reports ranging in the upper 40 to mid 50 barrel levels, with scattered reports of yields in the lower 60s. Early harvested fields are setting up nicely for a great ratoon crop. Remember, if you are planning to ratoon fields harvested after August 15, to cut back to 100 lb of urea/A to speed up maturity. We harvested a CLEARFIELD strip trial on Ross Hebert's farm in Vermilion Parish, and winning the trial was CLEARFIELD XL730, with a dry yield of 51.6 bbl/A, followed by CLEARFIELD XL745 with a yield of 48.9 bbl/A. This trial will be ratooned, and those yields will be reported in a later report. We have more trials to be harvested in SW Louisiana, so contact Cullen if you would like more yield information on any of his trials.

District 6, MS and N Louisiana – Jay Burchfield, Technical Services

We are approximately 75% headed on our hybrid acres. We have drained some of our earliest rice and a lot more will be drained over the next 7 – 10 days. Stink bug pressure remains on the light side. We have sprayed a few fields here and there but nothing widespread. Thresholds for stink bugs are 5 bugs in ten sweeps for the first 2 weeks of heading and 10 per 10 sweeps after that. We have received several calls on draining timing for the hybrids. Drain timings are the same with hybrids; on heavy soils when ½ the panicle is straw colored and ¾ of the panicle straw colored on lighter soils. We have currently drained three of our RFYTs and hope to have them cut in the next two weeks. We hope to harvest some our first commercial fields in about 7 days.

District 5, SE Arkansas – Jeff Branson, Technical Services

The hybrid rice crop in D5 ranges from PI to 20% grain moisture. Stinkbug pressure has been light, but a few fields have been sprayed. With maturity levels so wide spread it will be important not to forget to scout the later planted fields once harvest starts. A lot of fields are being drained this week, and there are a few fields in Ashley and Chicot counties are being harvested today, but no yields have been reported. Harvest of D5 yield trials will begin in about 10 days and as soon as the fields are harvested yields will be reported.

District 4, Central AR – Bill Midkiff, Technical Services

Heading has progressed rapidly throughout District 4. Approximately 60-65% of the district is headed with a few of the earliest acres being drained this week. Cooler temperatures during flowering have helped increase the probability of high yields and stinkbug numbers have seemed to diminish. My earliest hybrids are probably two weeks from harvest, so we should have an idea how the 100 degree weather affected us by the next podcast.

District 3, East Central AR – Kurt Johns, Technical Services

It seems as if the stinkbugs have spread out I haven't been hearing near as much about them lately. We have a few fields that have turned over and are beginning to mature. We will have some fields being drained in about seven to ten days and many of these fields are looking pretty good right now. With cooler temperatures it should help out with our milling and hopefully will let us have some really good yields with very good milling. The main concern is the few fields that were flowering a couple of weeks ago during the

heat wave. The first trial that will probably be harvested in District 3 should be cut in a few weeks from now.

District 2, Northeast AR – DJ Shipman, Technical Services

The hybrid rice crop in District 2 is looking a lot better now than some may have expected it to earlier in the spring. Most farmers that I have talked to lately are very optimistic about the way their crop looks considering the very difficult conditions that we had early in the year. The overall hybrid crop is probably 2 - 3 weeks behind the pace that we set last year but hopefully the weather will cooperate with us this fall and we will have another good harvest. An estimated 75% of the hybrid acres are heading now and the remaining acres should be heading very soon. I have not heard of any fields that are being drained yet but some of the earlier fields should start draining within the next couple of weeks.

District 1, Southeast MO – Brian Ottis, Technical Services

Heading is well under way in Missouri at this time, with a few fields ready to drain next week. Stinkbugs are scattered, with just a few treatments being made. We are in a very favorable weather pattern for pollination and grain fill. It is 85 during the day with lows in the mid to low 60s at night. It is setting up to be similar to late summer of last year, which made for nice rough rice and milling yields. I've received a few late reports of sheath blight on some hybrids, and all but one was past 50% heading and not at threshold levels for treatment.

We would like to thank all those who attended our Jonesboro Field Day on Tuesday. We had a great turnout!

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