



**Hybrid Rice Report  
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**Crop Reports from our Sales and Service Team**

**District 1, SE Missouri – [Barry Barnett](#), (870) 273-4988**



We have been running hard in D1 since Wednesday of last week. We had areas in the district that missed the rain last week and have planted a lot of rice since. Down in the southeastern part of the district we were still wet until the first part of this week and the folks in that area are running strong now. I would estimate that were about 25% to 30% planted in Missouri at this point with a few fields emerged and to a stand but it is hard to make this estimate with everyone running full force. I was able to get two of my CLEARFIELD large scale strip trials planted this past week. One is on Mitch and Andy Clark's farm on Highway 53 between Qulin and Poplar Bluff. The other is on Gary Crump's farm on Highway 60 just west of Dudley. Many thanks to these guys for their cooperation on these trials. I also want to remind everyone that our seeding rate is 500,000 seeds per acre which will be around 25lbs per acre. I have been extremely busy setting drills so if you need assistance please give me some notice before you are ready to go to the field. If you have any questions please give me a call.

**District 2, N Arkansas – [DJ Shipman](#), (870) 273-9286**



We have finally had some good weather and there has been a lot of rice planted in D2 over the past 7-10 days. I would estimate that we are 50% planted at this point with some areas being well above and other areas being well below. Parts of Lawrence, Randolph and Clay counties missed the rain last week and have more than 50% of the acres planted at this point. The majority of Greene County received heavy rains last Wednesday and have just been able to get back in the field over the past few days. If the dry weather continues we have the potential to be 90+% planted by this time next week. Some of the fields that were planted the first couple of days in April have begun to emerge now and some fields will need to be flushed in the near future if the dry weather holds.

We have been able to get three strip trials planted in D2 since the last crop report. They are located on: Hwy 328 near Success in Clay County (conventional trial), Hwy 90 near Knobel in Clay County (CLEARFIELD Trial) and Hwy 135 near Paragould in Greene County (CLEARFIELD

Trial). Many thanks to Chris and David Bauschlicher, Mat Erby and Ron and David Pigue for their help on these trials.

**District 3, NE Arkansas** – [Kurt Johns](#), (870) 243-4696



Test plots are at 40% planted and commercial fields are about the same. One test plot at Cherry Valley has emerged. It's kind of hard to judge as it has been going so fast. If it doesn't rain this weekend we will be above 60% planted by early next week. I hope the rain holds off but there are some growers needing a shower to activate chemicals and some will be flushing next week if it holds off. There are still some growers just beginning to get dry enough to plant with the field across the turnrow needing a shower.

**District 4, N Central Arkansas** – [William \(Hutch\) Hutchens](#), (870) 273-9291



Well things have broken loose here in D4. I estimate D4 to be approximately 30-40% planted and about 5% emerged. During this crazy week I have gotten two more of my large scale strip trials planted in addition to one last week. I have a trial on Joe Christian's farm East of Cash on the south side of 226. I also have a trial planted on Keith Kinard's farm west of Grubbs on the north side of Hwy 18, and I have a trial on Bubba Sink's farm southeast of Newport near the junction of Hwy 14 and Hwy 17. I want to thank all of these gentlemen for their help and cooperation on these trials. If you would like to see any of these trials please feel free to contact me to set up a time for a visit. As planting moves along please remember to keep an eye on your drills to make sure they are still planting correctly. If you need any help please call me.

**District 5, Central Arkansas** – [Whitney Jones](#), (501) 516-6904



Rice planting is in full swing from one end of the state to the other. The last two weeks of beautiful weather has allowed a lot of rice to get planted in Arkansas. In the D5 area, around 65% of the rice has been planted on the lighter soils and around 40% on the heavier soils. I planted my first yield trial for the year on Randall Snider last Tuesday, April 6, north of I-40 at Carlisle. The next one went in Monday evening on Eric Greenwalt just south of the Hazen exit. Another went in Tuesday morning on Mason Sickel south of Hazen on Hwy 63 and then one that evening south of Sherrill on Wes McNulty. Tomorrow will wrap me up on my trials as long as everything goes smoothly. I am going to plant one on Dale Hawkins in the morning south of Carlisle on Hwy 381 and finish up south of Sherrill on Hwy 15 for Ricky Davis that evening. It has been wild.

**District 6, Eastern Arkansas – [Garrison Hardke](#), (501) 772-1715**



This continuing stretch of warm dry weather has rice planting in District 6 moving at a rapid pace. All growers that I have spoken with are in the process of planting and I estimate 50% of the rice in the district will have been planted by week's end. Producers seem to have mixed emotions about the possibility of rain this weekend. Some of the higher ground and lighter soils were planted the first week of April and may need to be flushed without some rainfall. Meanwhile, the lower heavier soils are just now dry enough to get some work done. This reminds us of just how diverse our rice ground can be.

I have now planted two more of my RiceTec Field Trials in District 6 since my last crop report. One is on Hwy 85 at Oneida and the other is located on Hwy 49 south of Brinkley. Hopefully, the remaining two trials in the district will be planted within the next week if weather permits. As always, please give me a call with any questions, concerns, or assistance that you may need.

**District 7, SE Arkansas – [Jeff Branson](#), (870) 578-8436**



The weather has been cooperating across D7 and much progress has been made over the last 5 days. Approximately 20 % of the rice acres are planted with only around 5 % emerged. Only a few fields are being flushed at the moment but if no rain is received over the weekend many producers will be forced to turn the wells on in the next 5 days to ensure emergence.

All reports I have gotten on the earlier planted fields have been excellent as far as stand establishment. Many producers have stated that it looked like every seed that they planted has emerged.

**District 8, MS and N Louisiana – [Jay Burchfield](#), (662) 402-2781**



We have gotten a lot of rice planted over the last two weeks. I would estimate we are 30% – 40% planted on our hybrid acres. The southern half of the district is probably a little further along than that, while the north half just got started good the first part of this week. I would say around 5% has emerged to this point. So far, we have planted two strip trials. One is located on Drew – Merigold Road, and the other is on Hwy 8 about 10 miles east of Ruleville. There will be four others planted in the next few weeks. Drill calibrations have been extremely busy this year. Please try to give us a couple days notice before you need your drill calibrated so we can get to you in a timelier manner or visit our website at [www.ricetec.com](http://www.ricetec.com) and view the drill calibration videos and worksheet.

**District 9, SW Louisiana** – [Cullen Minter](#), (337) 499-6498



With the recent dry weather pattern rice planting in South Louisiana has continued at a rapid pace over the last two weeks. We are approximately 80% planted with roughly 50% of the rice planted emerged. We are still experiencing fairly cool nights so the rice has been slow to emerge in most cases. Many farmers are flushing more than once to get a stand and to ensure that the rice that is emerged remains healthy. Hybrid stands are looking good far. In some areas we are struggling with blackbird damage, especially in water seeded fields with seed on top of the ground. Overall it looks like we are off to a good start this year. We have planted all of our large scale strip trials. We have all of our commercial and advanced experimental Clearfield Hybrids Planted on Hundley Brothers Farm at the corner of Hwy 367 and Cole Gully Road. The trial is fully emerged. In addition to this large scale strip trial, we have a seeding rate, planting date, and a Newpath/Beyond study located in the same area. If you are in the area we urge you to stop by and take a look.

**District 10, Texas** – [Derrol Grymes](#), (281) 381-9371



Planting season in the Texas Gulf Coast is rapidly winding down. Approximately 90 to 95% of the rice crop is in the ground with at least 50% up or emerging. The soil temperature is warm and the rice that was planted to good moisture is coming up in 5 to 7 days time. With the dry, windy weather that we have had for the past three weeks, there are several fields that need a rain in order to make the final cultivation and to obtain planting moisture before seeding.

With the exception of an organic location, all of our replicated field yield trials are in and about half are up to a great start. The rest were planted to dry soil conditions and have either been flushed or are being flushed at this time. I expect all of them to be up by this time next week.

A majority of the commercial crop is emerging to an almost perfect stand. We have had very few calls concerning thin stands, and a majority of these fields were planted right around the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and went through two rains and abnormally cool weather. Most of these concerned fields are emerging to an acceptable stand; they are just in need of a rain or irrigation to help the plants break through the crust.

Overall, the Texas Gulf Coast rice crop is off to a great start!

As a final reminder, please remember that our seed return program ends on July 10<sup>th</sup> and certain restrictions apply. If you would like more details, check out the [seed return program](#) on our website. As always, please visit our webpage at [www.ricetec.com](http://www.ricetec.com), where you can learn more about RiceTec products and keep up to date with latest management recommendations. Be on the lookout for updates to the webpage as we are planning to add some interactive tools this year to get you more acquainted with our new experimental hybrids. If you need any assistance, please call your local technical services representative or our customer service line at 877.580.7423. We'll see you down the road!