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Overview:

Texas/Coastal La.: Rains late last week brought a general soaking to much of the region. Up to 4" fell in some areas near El Campo, Texas. A permanent flood has been established on more than half the Texas crop.

Midsouth: Rains over the weekend soaked some areas and barely touched others. Heaviest rains were reported in the central and southern Delta, with 4" or more falling in some spots. At least one 6" reading was measured in southeastern Missouri.

Texas/Coastal La.:

Arlen Klosterboer, Texas Extension Rice Specialist: "The Texas rice belt received rainfall Friday and Saturday, and we have adequate moisture right now. We have a permanent flood on about 60% of our acreage. I haven't heard about any significant problems with insects. A lot of people used Icon, and Karate and Dimilin are going on now on

some acreage that didn't have the seed treatment. So far, no serious disease problems have been reported."

Dan Kyle, Wilbur-Ellis Co., El Campo, Texas: "We received 2" to 4" of rain late last week. Sheath blight is starting to show up since we had the rainy weather. Some fungicide treatments are starting to go out. We have 75% or better of the acreage to a permanent flood. A little cleanup herbicide work is going on now. The crop is right on track."

Midsouth:

Jay Coker, Consultant, DeWitt, Ark.: "We're in the middle of trying to get pre-flood herbicides and nitrogen applied and get the permanent flood established. On the prairie, 50% probably has a permanent flood now. We've got soybeans emerging, and that's causing some problems with planning our rice herbicide work. To this point, stands are adequate. We're not seeing

poor stands or reduction due to salt."

Reynold Minsky, Consultant, Minsky Consulting Service, Lake Providence, La.: "Some parts of the parish got up to 5" of rain over the weekend. We're putting the permanent flood on 90% of the crop. The Command is holding grass pretty well. We've had to come back with Londax on almost all the second-year rice where we had aquatics. We probably will have to come back with Grandstand on some of these coffee beans. Our water weevil population is heavy where we didn't use Icon, and we're applying Karate Z at 1:66. Stands, overall, are beautiful."

Curt Johnson, Technical Services Consultant, Farmland Tech Services, Dermott, Ark.: "We're dealing with a few problem areas where rice emerged late and grew slowly around cotton, and we're having difficulty finding herbicide combinations for those cases. The wind has

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been a factor in all this. One Lake Village customer took material to the airstrip four to five days ago, and it's still sitting there. About midweek, we will start spraying some fields near Eudora for water weevils with Karate Z at 1:40."

John Raymond Bassie, Bassie's Agri-Service, Cleveland, Miss.: "We've got about 60% up to a permanent flood. We've got a good stand of rice. Right now, we're about halfway through our herbicide work. Adult water weevils are showing up quite frequently. Scarring isn't bad at this point, but it's got the potential to be worse before the week is out. Karate is going out, and I'm probably going to recommend it on about 60% of my acreage, based on the way things look now. We got a lot of rain in places over the weekend and Monday morning. It measured up to 4.5" in places, and we'll have to get the water off in some fields to treat with herbicides."

Joe Street, Mississippi Extension Rice Specialist: "Rainfall was highly variable over the weekend, from .2" to 4" in places. Some people needed it because they were going to have to flush, but it also will delay fertilizer or herbicide treatments for others. It was a mixed blessing. Heaviest rainfall was in the Washington and Bolivar County areas. Rice, in general, is looking pretty good. Based on what I saw Monday, there's a permanent flood on 50% to 60%. A few people are treating water weevils, but I'm not

hearing about any major problems."

Nathan Slayton, Arkansas Extension Rice Specialist: "Around Stuttgart, we probably got no more than .2" of rain over the weekend. Areas south toward Dewitt received 3" to 4" Monday, but we had only enough rain around here to get things sticky. Some people needed it, others didn't. It has hurt wheat harvest, which had been moving along pretty well. The rice crop looks good. We're starting to see some salinity and high pH problems, which are pretty typical at this point. A permanent flood has been established on 20% or maybe a little more of the acreage."

Bill Rushing, Consultant, Lawhon Farm Service, McCrory, Ark.: "We received maybe .4" to .5" of rain in places over the weekend, but it's all gone now. We've got some rice that looks pretty good. Early planted fields are responding well to water, but some of the smaller rice has some salt damage. As the weather gets warmer toward the end of the week, it probably will get worse. About 70% of our acreage is flooded now and we hope to have the flood on 90% by the end of the week. We're through with herbicide treatments in some places. Just a few fields here and there are still being planted."

David Guethle, County Extension Agent/Rice, Dexter, Mo.: "We've been needing some rain to gain a stand in late fields.

Some flushing was going on. We received 1.25" to 1.75" over the weekend. It was pretty uniform across Stoddard County. About half our acreage has a flood on it now."

Leslie McFadden, Consultant, Beedeville, Ark.: "We've got a wide range of growth stages. Some replanted acreage will have to be flushed for emergence. We've got some fields that are to the point that they are ready to be drained for straighthead. And we seem to have almost everything in between. We're having some problem with grass in a few fields. Command did well where we got rain, but we only got .3" during the weekend, and that was just enough to mess up some people. Nobody wants to flush right now to reactivate herbicides because they're busy planting beans, so we probably will have to respray on some fields treated with Facet and Command. I expect internode movement in 10 to 12 days. As of today (Tuesday), 40% to 50% of our acreage has a flood or it's being flooded."

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