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# Daily

Up-to-the-Minute News on Issues and Activities

USA Rice Federation is the global advocate for all segments of the U.S. rice industry with a mission to promote and protect the interests of producers, millers, merchants and allied businesses.

## Government Affairs

### USA Rice to Hold Farm Bill Educational Meetings in Arkansas and Northeast Louisiana Next Week

USA Rice Federation staff will provide industry members with an overview and explanation of the key provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the recently enacted 2008 farm bill) at meetings next week in Arkansas and Northeast Louisiana. The meetings will allow rice producers, landowners, other industry members and allied businesses to get answers to questions they have about the new farm law and its rice-specific provisions. The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

**July 21, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Richland Community Center (Rayville Civic Center)  
827 Louisa Street  
Rayville, LA  
(Lunch will be provided following the meeting.)

**July 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Bayou Grain and Chemical Corporation  
2159 Highway 165 South  
Parkdale, AR  
(Dinner will be provided at the meeting.)

**July 22, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center  
2890 Highway 130 East  
Stuttgart, AR  
(Refreshments will be provided.)

**July 23, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
Delta Tech Center — Bill Thomas Building  
1790 North Falls Boulevard  
Wynne, AR  
(Refreshments will be provided.)

**July 23, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Farm Credit MidSouth  
3000 Prosperity Drive  
Jonesboro, AR  
(Refreshments will be provided.)

All rice industry members and others involved in agriculture are encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

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## CBOT Rice Futures Closing

Chicago Board of Trade: [Closing Price of Rough Rice Futures for July 15](#)

	Sept. 08	Nov. 08	Jan. 09	March 09	May 09	July 09	Nov. 09
Settle	\$17.80	\$18.03	\$18.37	\$18.69	\$19.01	\$19.33	\$18.55
Net Change	- 0.10	- 0.145	- 0.125	- 0.11	- 0.11	- 0.12	Unch

[FDA Approves Whole-Grain Health Claim for Brown Rice](#)

Food Product Design.com— (USA Rice Federation mentioned)

[Regulators Urged to Reign In Commodity Speculators](#)

*Southwest Farm Press*

[Food Crisis Dubbed ‘Wakeup Call’ for Governments in Asia](#)

*Manila Bulletin*, Philippines

[India Resumes Rice Export to Bangladesh](#)

*The Economic Times*, India

[Mozambique to Increase Rice Production Tenfold to Meet Demand](#)

Bloomberg

[Higher Rainfall Boost Rice Output](#)

*Inquirer*, Philippines

[Food Agricultural Organization Launches Emergency Rice Program in West Africa](#)

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