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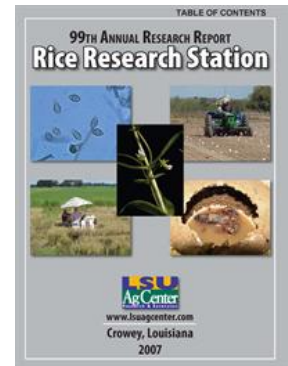
State News

LSU 99th Annual Rice Research Station Report Available

CROWLEY, LA — The Louisiana State University (LSU) Rice Research Station’s 99th [Annual Rice Research Report](#), released this month, includes results of research into rice disease, agronomy, physiology, weed control, and other topics.

The 350-page report also includes information about crops grown in rotation with rice, which are evaluated relative to increasing land use efficiency.

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USDA Reports

WASHINGTON — Recent rains during India’s monsoon season are expected to benefit the country’s agricultural crops, including rice, says [India Agricultural Situation, Monsoon Update 7](#), a USDA Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) Report released Friday. The report notes that the rains may encourage some growers to boost crop production with additional late plantings of rice, cotton, oilseeds and other crops.

CBOT Rice Futures Closing

Chicago Board of Trade: [Closing Price of Rough Rice Futures for August 25](#)

	Sept. 08	Nov. 08	Jan. 09	March 09	May 09	July 09	Sept. 09
Price	\$18.25	\$18.45	\$18.73	\$19.01	\$19.27	\$19.52	\$18.00
Net Change	+ 0.25	+ 0.20	+ 0.20	+ 0.20	+ 0.20	+ 0.20	Unch

USDA Reports

Rice Heading in Four States Near Five-Year Averages

Rice heading is nearing completion and rice harvesting is underway in half of the rice-growing states, according to today’s USDA [Crop Progress](#) Report. The crop condition for the week is 72 percent good-to-excellent (See tables on the following page).

**Rice: Percent Headed,
Selected States 1/**

	: Week Ending :			
	:-----: 2003-			
State:	Aug 24,	Aug 17,	Aug 24,	2007
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2007	: Avg.

	: Percent			
	:			
AR	: 81	67	96	95
CA	: 80	60	84	80
LA	: 99	97	100	99
MS	: 88	81	100	99
MO	: 93	91	96	93
TX	: 99	98	100	100
	:			
6 Sts	: 85	74	95	93

1/ These six states planted nearly 100 percent of last year's rice acreage.

**Rice: Percent Harvested,
Selected States 1/**

	: Week Ending :			
	:-----: 2003-			
State:	Aug 24,	Aug 17,	Aug 24,	2007
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2007	: Avg.

	: Percent			
AR	: 0	0	5	3
CA	: 0	0	0	0
LA	: 44	35	65	65
MS	: 1	0	5	4
MO	: 0	0	1	1
TX	: 66	55	67	67
6 Sts	: 10	8	15	14

1/ These six states harvested nearly 100 percent of last year's rice acreage.

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 24, 2008**

State	: VP	: P	: F	: G	: EX

	: Percent				
AR	: 0	5	26	51	18
CA	: 1	4	29	51	15
LA	: 0	4	24	60	12
MS	: 0	3	12	48	37
MO	: 0	1	9	44	46

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TX	:	1	1	21	61	16
6 Sts	:	0	4	24	52	20
Prev Wk	:	1	4	23	54	18
Prev Yr	:	0	3	27	50	20

 VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

In The News

[Farmers Anticipate Diesel Price Drop](#)

Central Valley Business Times, CA — (Aug. 22)

[Shipments from The U.S. Are A Lifeline to Haitian Relatives](#)

The Baltimore Sun, — (Aug. 24, rice mentioned)

[Food Makers Scrimp on Ingredients in an Effort to Fatten Their Profits](#)

The Wall Street Journal — (Aug. 23, rice not mentioned)

[Why Is The Price of Rice Still So High?](#)

The Daily Star, Bangladesh — (Aug. 24)

[Left Behind: Debt Relief Brings Little Respite to India's Farmers](#)

The Financial Times, UK — (Aug. 24, rice mentioned)

[Japan's Promised Rice Aid Fails to Emerge](#)

The Financial Times, UK

[Pakistan Euphoria over Musharraf's Exit Begins to Ebb](#)

Los Angeles Times — (Aug. 24, rice mentioned)