

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.

USA Rice Federation offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2009, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. USA Rice Daily will resume publication on Monday, July 6.

State News

Texas A & M Hosts Rice Field Day

EAGLE LAKE, TX — USA Rice Federation staff attended and participated in Texas A & M University's 35th Annual Rice Field Day Tuesday. The event was held at the David R. Wintermann Rice Research Station as a part of Texas' "100 Years and Beyond" celebration of rice research.

Researchers from the Texas A & M system conducted tours of their research plots and gave detailed updates on some of the latest breeding trends, high yielding varieties and pest management projects. Following the farm tours, rice field day participants were introduced to the newest rice researchers at the Eagle Lake Station and given an update on activities over the past year.

Lowell Raun, an El Campo, TX, rice producer and representative of the Texas Rice Producers Legislative group, gave an outlook on legislative activities in Austin. He also discussed some of the potential impacts of the latest legislative activities in Washington.

Bob Papanos of The Rice Trader, talked about U.S. rice exports, the growing import market and discussed his perspective on the future of the state's rice industry.



Texas rice producer Lowell Raun, at podium, speaks during the Field Day event.

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USDA Reports

Weekly Rice Exports Reach Marketing Year High, Sales Increase

WASHINGTON — Net rice sales of 90,800 metric tons (MT) were 16 percent more than the previous week and 53 percent more than the prior four-week average, says today's [U.S. Department of Agriculture Export Sales Highlights Report](#). Increases were reported for Haiti (33,600 MT), Mexico (16,500 MT), Honduras (11,300 MT), Costa Rica (8,700 MT), the Dominican Republic (5,700 MT) and Canada (4,300 MT). Decreases were reported for Lebanon (100 MT).

Exports of 139,200 MT — a marketing-year high — were 67 percent more than the previous week and increased noticeably from the prior four-week average. The primary destinations were Iraq (61,900 MT), Haiti (27,400 MT), Mexico (22,100 MT), El Salvador (4,200 MT) and Canada (3,600 MT).

This summary is based on reports from exporters for the period June 19-25.

CBOT Rice Futures Closing

Chicago Board of Trade: [Closing Price of Rough Rice Futures for July 2](#)

	July 09	Sept. 09	Nov. 09	Jan. 10	Mar. 10	May 10	July 10
Price	\$12.775	\$12.89	\$12.92	\$13.085	\$13.25	\$13.39	\$13.515
Net Change	+ \$0.345	+ \$0.36	+ \$0.285	+ \$0.32	+ \$0.27	+ \$0.27	+ 0.27

In The News

[100 Years: LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station](#)

Delta Farm Press

[Glyphosate-resistance Shocking](#)

Delta Farm Press — (Rice mentioned)

[Burgundy Book Look at Economy](#)

Stuttgart Daily Leader, AR — (Rice mentioned)

[Rice Research Celebrates Centennial](#)

The Advertiser, LA — (Video included)

[Rice Crop Nears Harvest](#)

KATC-TV, LA — (Video included)

[Could Rice Help Cut Concrete's Footprint?](#)

Voice of America News

[Rice Husks Co. Seeded By DFJ, Cisco In Business Plan Contest](#)

The Wall Street Journal — (Subscription required, rice mentioned)

[Sri Lanka Government to Buy 700,000 Tons of Paddy from Farmers](#)

Colombo Page, Sri Lanka

[Factory Worker Achieves Success as Farmer-Blogger](#)

The Taipei Times

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