

Rice Research Verification

Week of April 21, 2008

The 2008 Rice Research Verification Program is underway. Stewart Runsick and Ralph Mazzanti will be conducting the program. There are 22 fields in 20 counties enrolled in the program this year. Counties participating this year include: Arkansas (two fields), Ashley, Clark, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Drew, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke (two fields), Mississippi, Poinsett, Pope, Prairie (two fields), Randolph, St. Francis and Woodruff.

We will be providing weekly updates on these fields, which will be published in this newsletter. Please check out these updates as they become available. The results of the 2007 program are available at the following link.

<http://www.aragriculture.org/crops/rice/Verification/ricever.htm>

As of this week, nine of the 22 fields have been planted (see chart). Recent heavy rainfall across the state has delayed planting in several fields. Seeding rates may seem excessive in some fields, however rates are determined using RICESEED computerized program and adjustments are made based on a number of factors including soil type, field conditions, insect history, etc.

County	Variety	Seeding Rate (lb/acre)
Arkansas	Francis	80
Ashley	Cocodrie	105
Crittenden	Wells	115
Drew	RT CL XL 729 Blend	53
Jefferson	RT CL XL 730	30
Lee	Francis	120
Lincoln	RT CL XL 729 Blend	58
Prairie	Cybonnet	90
Woodruff	RT XL723	28

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