

Rice Research Verification

Week of June 2, 2008

Four of the 12 northern fields are now under permanent flood (Craighead, Crittenden, Woodruff and Prairie Counties). St. Francis, Lonoke and Clay counties will be under flood within the next week. The Clay County field was flushed following an application of urea at 100 lb/acre. The Lawrence County field was also flushed and now has a good stand of 5 plants/ft². High winds last week delayed herbicide applications. The first Newpath application will be applied in Lawrence County this week. Other fields that were scheduled to be flushed received adequate rainfall as totals ranged from 0.4 to 4.0 inches/acre. The Poinsett County field has emerged, and Newpath will be applied this week. The Mississippi County field has also emerged and is in good shape for now following the application of glyphosate, Command and FirstShot. The Pope County field will receive an application of RiceStar and Permit. The Prairie County field will be sprayed with 2,4-D and will receive mid-season nitrogen next week. The northern fields range in planting date from 7 April to 20 May.

No major problems have been observed in the verification fields. All of the herbicide applications have worked well, and fields are very clean. I have had some reports of chinch bugs and heaving feeding from adult water weevils in fields in northeast Arkansas.

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