

Arkansas Rice Research Verification Program Weekly Update

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General Information

Heavy rainfall across the northern and eastern counties has breached levees in some fields. Heat, moisture and high humidity have been conducive for sheath blight movement. Late-boot nitrogen applications have started going out or have been scheduled. The Jefferson County field has sheath blight increasing to 30% positive stops with some movement up the canopy. Fields that are in the Late-boot stage include Chicot, Crittenden, Desha and Jefferson Counties. Fields in the panicle differentiation (PD) stage include Lonoke, Poinsett and White Counties. The woodruff County field is just past ½” Internode elongation (IE) stage. The Prairie County field is in the 3rd to 4th tiller stage.

Refer to table below for field-specific information

County	Cultivar	Stage	Additional Agronomic Details
Chicot	RT 7521 FP*	Late-Boot	Field is maturing fast. Sheath blight below threshold level. Late boot N (65 lbs) Scheduled
Crittenden	RT 7521 FP*	Late-Boot	Late boot N (65 lbs) Scheduled. Sheath blight below threshold level. More levees breached this week with 3.14” rainfall.
Desha (FIR)	RT 7531 MA	Late-Boot	Field is clean and uniform 4 th shot N Urea (100 lbs) + NBPT applied 6/24 rainfall.9”
Jefferson	RT 7521 FP*	Late Boot	Field is progressing well with some grass escapes along edge. Sheath blight has progressed to 30% positive stops. Late boot urea (65 lbs) 6/26 rainfall .4”
Lonoke	Ozark	Panicle Differentiation	Trimble GreenSeeker determines mid-season N is necessary. Mid-season N (100 lbs/acre) applied 6/16 Field is clean with disease below threshold level.
Prairie	RT 7302	3 rd -4 th Tiller	Field is looking better and uniform. Grass stunted for now with rice growing. Rainfall .32”
Poinsett (FIR)	RT 7320	Panicle Differentiation	3 rd shot urea (100 lbs) + NBPT 6/18 Field is looking better with pigweeds going down. DD-50 Late boot 7/6-7/13
White	RT 7521 FP*	Panicle Differentiation	Good flood established. Field is clean. DD-50 Late boot stage 7/6-7/13
Woodruff	CLL18	½” IE	DD-50 mid-season 6/19 and 4 weeks after pre-flood N incorporation. Mid-season N urea (100 lbs/acre) applied 6/24 Rainfall 4.17”

+ Dyna-Gro Seed Treatment which includes insecticide, fungicide, zinc and gibberellic acid.

* RiceTec Seed Treatment which includes insecticide, fungicides, zinc and gibberellic acid.