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**Stuttgart rice station hosts row rice, soil fertility meeting Dec. 9; attend in person or online**

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**Fast facts:**

* Hardke to discuss row rice, Roberts talks soil fertility
* CEUs are available
* [Register to](https://uada.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4uU8WnqmQJqvhNvEnfIFIA) attend via Zoom, <https://bit.ly/12-9-21-Rice-Meet>

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STUTTGART, Ark. — The Arkansas County Extension Office will host a meeting featuring updates on a row rice production and soil fertility meeting on Dec. 9 at the Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart to help growers plan for 2022.

The meeting will be conducted in person and live streamed via Zoom with a recording to be posted for later viewing. Register for the [online meeting](https://uada.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4uU8WnqmQJqvhNvEnfIFIA) <https://bit.ly/12-9-21-Rice-Meet>.

There is no cost to attend either online or in person. For in-person attendees, lunch will be served at noon. Continuing education units are available.

Registration for in-person attendees opens at 8 a.m. Arkansas County Extension Staff Chair Grant Beckwith and County Agriculture Agent Phil Horton will offer a county update. Jarrod Hardke, extension rice agronomist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, will provide an update on row rice production. Trent Roberts, associate professor and endowed chair in soil fertility research, will provide the soil fertility update.

“Row rice has become a hot topic among growers here in Arkansas, and our producers are hungry for information on how to make the most of this technique. Dr. Hardke has been at the front of this production style and will offer his insights on its use over the last few seasons,” Beckwith said.

“Fertility has always been a big part of a crop budget and the increase in fertilizer prices this year has made that percentage is even bigger,” he said. “Developing a fertility program for 2022 that takes into account the high prices and maintains crop yields is critical for the 2022 farming season bottom line. Dr. Roberts will be bringing recommendations for optimizing soil fertility for rice growers.”

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