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**Arkansas Rice Field Day returns to in-person format Aug. 6**

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**Fast facts**

* SAVE THE DATE: Rice Field Day Aug. 6
* Stay tuned for more details

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STUTTGART, Ark. — After COVID forced a virtual version last year, the in-person Arkansas Rice Field Day will be back Aug. 6 at the Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart.

“We’re glad to be back to a face-to-face format,” said Jarrod Hardke, extension rice agronomist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. “This is usually one of the most well-attended field days of the year and producers and others have told me they’re ready to come back.”

On-site registration opens at 7 a.m. There is no cost to attend. The traditional field day lunch of catfish will be served.

This year’s field day will feature two rounds of tours, one beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the other at 9:30 a.m.

“As in 2019, each tour will cover only half of the stops so attendees wishing to see all tour stops will need to go on both the 7:30 and 9:30 tours,” Hardke said.

The details are still being sorted, but attendees can expect to hear from research and extension faculty of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture:

* Rice breeding with Xueyan Sha, professor of plant rice and genetics, and Christian de Guzman, assistant professor of rice breeding and genetics.
* Pathology update with Yeshi Wamishe, extension plant pathologist.
* Agronomy with Jarrod Hardke, extension rice agronomist.
* Soil fertility with Trent Roberts, associate professor – soil fertility and soil testing.
* Weed management with Jason Norsworthy, professor and weed scientist.
* Insect management with Nick Bateman, Gus Lorenz, and Ben Thrash, all extension entomologists.
* Irrigation with Chris Henry, associate professor and water management engineer.

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