

Jeff Davis Rice Talk

News and information for our parish's agricultural producers and dealers

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LSU Agricultural Center



Southwest Louisiana Rice Forum/Soybean Clinic

The Annual Southwest Louisiana Rice Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Welsh Community Center in Welsh, Louisiana. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at noon, with a meal sponsored by the agricultural industry of Southwest Louisiana.

The 2009 Southwest Louisiana Soybean Clinic will begin immediately after lunch, approximately 12:45 p.m. and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in rice and soybean production is encouraged to attend.

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2009 Variety Recommendations

Included with this newsletter is the 2009 LSU AgCenter Rice Variety Recommendations. This is the performance data of 15 trials conducted over the three year period of 2006—2008.

If you have questions concerning these recommendations, please call my office at 824-1773.

Rice Acreage

The official figures for rice production are in. In Jeff Davis Parish, we planted 81,780 acres, up from 66,500 acres in 2007. In Louisiana, 467,992 acres were planted, an increase of 21% over the 369,691 acres that were planted in 2007.

Acreage figures for South Louisiana are as follows:



Parish	2008	2007	2006
Acadia	83,737	64,695	68,718
Allen	13,690	11,640	9,830
Beauregard	1,375	955	808
Calcasieu	9,902	11,439	8,100
Cameron	17,067	10,694	3,625
Evangeline	44,217	36,475	34,139
Jeff Davis	81,782	66,500	60,825
Lafayette	3,923	3,317	4,862
St. Landry	26,123	20,307	21,214
Vermilion	61,788	48,699	33,543

Parish Yields

The Southwest Louisiana Rice Advisory Committee met in November. One of the responsibilities of this committee each year is to establish a parish average yield. Keep in mind, this is an average for each parish, and is calculated on dry weight.

Allen	56 cwt (35 bbls)
Beauregard	68 cwt (42 bbls)
Calcasieu	52 cwt (32 bbls)
Cameron	52 cwt (32 bbls)
Jeff Davis	60 cwt (37 bbls)



Foundation Seed Rice

The LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station Foundation Seed Rice allocation for 2009 is included with this newsletter. These are tentative allotments and may be adjusted slightly after final weights are in.

Deadline for applying is Tuesday, January 6, 2009. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Whatley, County Agent in Calcasieu Parish at 475-8812.

Pesticide Recertification

There will be two private pesticide recertification meetings in Jeff Davis Parish on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and again on January 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the LSU AgCenter Jeff Davis office located at the Jeff Davis Parish Fairgrounds in Jennings.

These meetings are for recertification only. If you do not have a current private pesticide applicator's card, you must take a written test.

There are four meetings scheduled in DeRidder at the War Memorial Civic Center located at 250 W. Seventh Street. The dates and times are:

Monday, February 23, 2009	1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 2, 2009	1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

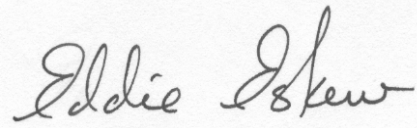
Last Issue

When I printed the first issue of *Jeff Davis Rice Talk* in 1987, I had no idea I would still be writing it in 2008. There have been many changes in our industry in these last 21 years, the most disturbing being that we have lost so many producers and ag support industries. And there were a couple of times when the rice industry itself was threatened, but it continues today, and I hope for the sake of our country, continues for many more years.

I will be retiring in January after 37 years with the LSU AgCenter. I do plan on continuing to work in the agricultural industry in Southwest Louisiana and hope that our paths will cross. It has been a very rewarding career and I just hope that in some way I was able to provide you with information from the LSU AgCenter that improved your ability to continue in the farming industry.

Jennings is our family's home, so we will continue to be active in our community. I welcome any and every opportunity to help you in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Eddie Eskew

County Agent

Jeff Davis/Allen Parishes

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http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/parish/jeff_davis/

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Agronomic Characteristics and Yields of Recommended Rice Varieties (2006-2008) in Louisiana

Variety	Grain Seedling		Lodging		Days to Plant		Milling % (Whole - Total)						Grain Yield		
	Type	Vigor	Heading	Height	50%	Height	2006	2007	2008	Mean	2006	2007	2008	Mean*	
	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	2006	2007	2008	Mean	2006	2007	2008	Mean*	
Long Grain															
Wells	L	VG	MS	84	40	60-70	56-69	58-70	58-70	58-70	8881	6345	6901	7545	
Cheniere	L	G	R	83	36	64-71	61-71	62-70	62-71	62-71	8224	6705	7164	7466	
Trenasse	L	G	MS	74	38	63-69	59-67	61-68	61-68	61-68	8095	7064	6784	7383	
Catahoula	L	G	R	81	36	65-73	63-72	65-72	65-72	65-72	8262	5927	7106	7370	
Cocodrie	L	G	R	81	35	62-69	59-68	62-70	61-70	61-70	7937	6665	7044	7300	
Cypress	L	VG	MS	84	36	66-70	61-68	64-69	63-69	63-69	7366	5938	6560	6717	
Clearfield Long Grain															
CL 151	L	G	MS	81	38	63-69	59-68	64-71	62-69	62-69	8050	6652	7735	7600	
CL 171	L	G	MR	84	38	66-72	59-69	66-71	63-71	63-71	7796	5623	6551	6887	
CL 131	L	G	MR	81	33	66-71	62-70	65-71	65-71	65-71	7460	6143	6719	6862	
CL 161	L	VG	MS	85	38	67-71	63-70	66-71	65-71	65-71	7635	6100	6407	6816	
Medium Grain															
Jupiter	M	G	MR	85	37	60-65	61-66	63-69	62-67	62-67	9633	7348	7023	8153	
Neptune	M	G	R	85	35	66-69	63-67	68-72	66-70	66-70	8971	6780	7018	7829	
Bengal	M	G	MR	84	37	65-69	61-66	65-71	64-69	64-69	8401	7052	6713	7476	

* Mean is the average of 15 yield trials conducted over the 3 year period. Mean is not the average of the three years (2006-2008) since there were different numbers of trials each year.

Height: Height maturity in inches from soil line to extended panicle

Lodging: Comparative estimate of resistance to lodging. Most varieties rated as resistant will lodge, especially under excessive levels of nitrogen

Abbreviations: R = resistant, MR = moderately resistant, MS = moderately susceptible,

VG = very good, G = good,

**TENTATIVE ALLOTMENTS OF
FOUNDATION SEED RICE
2009**

PARISH	% OF STAT E TO- TAL	CATA- HOULA	CO- CODRIE	NEP- TUNE	LA2125	CHE- NIERE	CY- PRESS	JUPI- TER	-----	
									(cwt)	
ACADIA	17.49	210	140	73	59	49	16	16		
ALLEN	2.79	33	22	12	9	8	3	3		
AVOUELLES	3.20	38	26	13	11	9	3	3		
BEAUREGARD	.22	3	2	1	1	1	0	0		
BOSSIER	.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CADDO	.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CALCASIEU	2.76	33	22	12	9	8	3	3		
CALDWELL	.44	5	3	2	1	1	0	0		
CAMERON	2.37	28	19	10	8	7	2	2		
CATAHOULA	.81	10	6	3	3	2	1	1		
CONCORDIA	2.95	35	24	12	10	8	3	3		
EAST CAR- ROLL	1.62	19	13	7	6	5	1	1		
EVANGELINE	9.74	117	78	41	33	27	9	9		
FRANKLIN	.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
IBERIA	.15	2	1	1	1	0	0	0		
JEFF DAVIS	17.44	209	139	73	59	49	16	16		
LAFAYETTE	.82	10	7	3	3	2	1	1		
MADISON	1.57	19	13	7	5	4	1	1		
MOREHOUSE	7.11	85	57	30	24	20	6	6		
NATCHITO- CHES	.84	10	7	4	3	2	1	1		
OUACHITA	1.97	24	16	8	7	6	2	2		
POINTE COU- PEE	.53	7	4	2	2	1	0	0		
RAPIDES	2.46	30	20	10	8	7	2	2		
RICHLAND	1.10	13	9	5	4	3	1	1		
ST. LANDRY	5.74	69	46	24	20	16	5	5		
ST. MARTIN	1.35	16	11	6	5	4	1	1		
TENSAS	.30	4	2	1	1	1	0	0		
VERMILION	13.47	162	107	57	46	38	12	12		
WEST CAR- ROLL	.71	9	6	3	2	2	1	1		
TOTAL	100	1200	800	420	340	280	90	90		