



Southwest Louisiana Rice Advisory Committee

November 7, 2006

Attending:	Rene Daboval	Donald Berken	Joe Tupper
	B. D. Fontenot	Johnny Hensgens	Luke Doise
	John Berken	Joe Guidry	Buck Hayes
	Brian Wild	Kevin Berken	Mark Phenice
	Scott Romero	Ronnie Sonnier	Dr. John Saichuk
	Dr. Steve Linscombe	Dr. Richard Dunand	Allen Hogan

Brian Wild, Chairman, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves and Eddie thanked them for participating.

Dr. Johnny Saichuk updated everyone on Louisiana's acres, with handouts showing varieties and acres for Louisiana and Arkansas. Cheniere has been pulled from the LSU 2007 recommended list because of the LL601 problem. He also suggested that growers be aware of herbicide tolerance problems in CLXL8. This year, LSU will recommend its first hybrid variety, XP723. Consider cutting this one at 22% moisture due to shattering. Hybrids have tremendous tillering potential, which creates a differential in maturity. This has an effect in milling.

Jeff Davis and Vermilion are planning on cutting second crop from the verification fields, but it depends on weather. If the verification program is funded by the Rice Research Board, it will be in place in 2007. He hopes to have a few problems with DD50 fixed. He thinks they may be associated with:

- calling emergence date may be a problem
- weather data may not be the same
- thresholds data (this will be updated for next year)

Cercospera developed this year, apparently having ideal conditions. Propiconazole the chemical needed to treat this disease. Using the full rate of Stratego will give 5.8 oz. Tilt. The Tilt label should be changed for 2007 allowing 35 days pre-harvest interval, which will make it legal to apply to headed rice. Propiconazole is used in Northeast Louisiana for kernel smut, but west of Houston it is used for Cercospera. Dr. Linscombe stated that the material he brought back from Puerto Rico and planted late looked good with no Cercospera.

Eddie presented the Southwest rice update. (See attachment)

After some discussion the group set the following yields for 2006:

Jeff Davis – 33 dry bbls/acre

Allen – 29 dry bbls/acre

Beauregard – 48 dry bbls/acre

Calcasieu/Cameron – 31.5 dry bbls/acre

Dr. Linscombe stated that Dr. Dustin Harrell had been hired to replace Dr. Jason Bonds. He has a strong training in basic soil science, and will be working on rice soil test recommendations. He will also continue all of the fertility and cultural practices research at the station.

There will be a new Clearfield line released this year called CL151. Yield potential is similar to the conventional varieties of Trenasse and Cheniere. It is semi-dwarf and will be released for seed increase in 2007.

There is a long grain line, 2082, that will probably be planted as a foundation field in Crowley in 2007. It has a yield advantage over Cocodrie, Cheniere, and Trenasse, with good milling. It is one or two days earlier than Cocodrie. Dr. Sha has a medium grain that looks good. It has a very large grain, even bigger than Bengal, and a disease package similar to that of Jupiter. It will also be planted as a foundation field in 2007. There is also a new Jasmine-type line that looks good. There is also some work being done with Clearfield medium grains. A couple of these lines look good yield-wise.

Dr. Dunand continues to look at gibberillic acid (GA). There are some different compounds and different formulations that he is testing. He is also looking at GA on milling yield and ratoon crop.

Discussion followed on GE issue that developed in 2006. A group of rice industry representatives (researchers, extension, millers, seed distributors, political groups) met in Dallas. There are some new issues being discussed, but basically, Louisiana and other states won't plant Cheniere in 2007 because of no market. There will be a concerted effort to make sure that Cheniere seed will be free of LL601 for planting in 2008. This issue with LL601 is a marketing problem, not a scientific problem.

The Mystery Malady was discussed. Dr. Saichuk stated that Dr. Brietenbeck is looking at silica, but iron has also been implicated.

Eddie then discussed the 2007 Southwest Louisiana Rice Forum to be held on Tuesday, January 7 in Welsh. He passed out a draft copy of the program.

The group asked if Dr. Linscombe could arrange to have a variety fungicide test of the 2007 LSU recommended varieties at Jimmy Hoppe's next year. Dr. Linscombe felt this could be done. Because sheath blight pressure is so severe at this site, the group felt it would be interesting to see how varieties performed with a standard recommended fungicide treatment.

In reviewing educational activities, e-mails were mentioned as being a great tool to get out information. It was suggested that we get e-mail addresses at sign-in for the Rice Forum.

The following problems and priorities were listed:

- 1) GMO issues
- 2) Economics
- 3) Cercospera
- 4) Rice Water Weevil
- 5) Government Trade Issues

M/S Joe Tupper, John Hensgens that Brian Wild be elected as Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was provided by First South Ag Credit.