

**Rice Research Verification Program Update – Aug 17, 2018**

**General:** By Ralph Mazzanti and Ron Baker:  
In the south, combines have started rolling somewhat in Jefferson and Chicot Counties and rain today has put a stop to that. The Chicot County field was scheduled for harvest Monday but is on hold as of now. The Desha and Clark County fields are ready for harvest. Lonoke and Arkansas County fields have had irrigation terminated and draining will follow. Lee, Lincoln and Jefferson Counties will drain next week.

In the north, Jackson, St. Francis and White were ready to drain this week. Clay, Poinsett and Randolph are on track to reach that point in just a few more days. In addition, Craighead’s furrow irrigated field will be ready for irrigation termination before the end of next week. Four fields are no longer vulnerable to economically significant rice stink bug damage and another three are extremely close to that point. Woodruff however, being both late for the area and grassy, is a natural magnet for the pest. Stink bugs are expected to exceed threshold for treatment when sweeping in that field begins next week despite the presence of a large population of their natural predators.

County	Cultivar	Stage	Additional Agronomic Details
Arkansas	Diamond	Maturing	Irrigation terminated and draining.
Chicot	RT 7311 CL	Mature	Ready for harvest.
Clark	RT XP753	Mature	Ready for harvest.
Clay	CL153	50% Hard Dough	Rice maturing well; no disease issues; rice stink bugs averaging 1.2 per 10 sweeps.
Craighead	RT XP753	60% Hard Dough	Rice maturing well; no disease or insect issues.
Desha	RT 7311 CL	Mature	Ready for harvest.
Jackson	Diamond	80% Hard Dough	Draining; no disease or insect issues.
Jefferson	Diamond	Maturing	Draining next week.
Lee	Roy J	Maturing	Draining next week.
Lincoln	RT Gemini 214 CL	Maturing	Draining next week.
Lonoke	RT XP753	Maturing	Irrigation terminated and draining.
Poinsett	Diamond	40% Hard Dough	Rice maturing well; no disease issues; rice stink bugs averaging 4.1 per 10 sweeps. .
Randolph	CL153	40% Hard Dough	Rice maturing well; no disease issues; rice stink bugs averaging 1 per 10 sweeps.
St. Francis	RT Gemini 214 CL	70% Hard Dough	Draining; no disease or insect issues.
White	RT XP753	80% Hard Dough	Draining; no disease or insect issues.
Woodruff	RT Gemini 214 CL	50-60% Heading	Heading uneven but rice should be at 75% heading by Monday of next week; sweeping for rice stink bugs scheduled for that same day. No disease issues.