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This week has pretty much been hit or miss with the weather. Some areas received significant rainfall during the middle of the week and some areas still remain dry. Due to the rainfall, not much rice has been planted this week. I believe we are approximately 80% planted. One good week of planting weather will pretty much finish the planting season.

Nothing has been real problematic so far this season, which is a big relief from the conditions we fought last year. The largest concern is weed control. Fields that had Command on them, and got a timely rainfall or flush look good and holding most of the grass back. Fields where nothing was applied PRE have more grass in them that is getting close to the 3 to 4 leaf stage. On some fields we have that size grass with not all of the rice up.

Now is the time to be taking care of these grasses. Trying to hold out any longer can be a very costly mistake. I do encourage you to incorporate a PRE herbicide, such as Command, Facet, Newpath or Prowl, into your weed control program. Also, if you missed the rain Saturday and you sprayed this week with a PRE herbicide, do not hesitate to turn the well on and flush to activate it.

Under these cooler conditions, and in grass only situation, RiceStar HT may be better option than propanil. The weather forecast for next week is predicting warmer temperatures. This will help increase the control with propanil based products.

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