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Temperatures and DD50 accumulation has been normal for this week. Rainfall has been absent this week again. Due to these drier conditions, keeping a flood established has been difficult, especially when trying to water soybeans from the same well. The current weather forecast has an 80% chance of rain tomorrow. Hopefully everyone will receive a good soaking rain from this system to alleviate some of these problems. It is very critical to keep a flood established the first two weeks after flood initiation. A flood during this time will help prevent any grasses from emerging and nitrogen loss associated with volatilization from allowing the soil to dry and crack. So with that being said, if you have not been able to keep a flood on a field, I would scout for any grasses that have emerged and you may also have to compensate for some nitrogen loss.

A majority of the rice in the southern part of the Delta is at or past mid-season. On some of the early planted fields, there is 1.5" between the internodes. We have begun to pick up some sheath blight pressure on fields that are past midseason. Most of the lesions are nickel to dime size. We will continually monitor for sheath blight movement to decide if and when to treat. Nothing I have seen so far is at a treatable level, but it is something to start thinking about.

On later planted rice that will be going to flood, continue to scout and treat for rice water weevils if necessary. We have a fair amount of late planted rice and I still want people to be aware of situation and do not forget to scout for them.

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