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Rice Update
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USDA at the first of the week reported Mississippi was 92% planted and 82% emerged. Rice planting has progressed in key areas that have been wet for a majority of the spring. Rain showers through the week have been scattered with some areas receiving rainfall in excess of 2 inches. With one more week of good field conditions, we should be 95 - 97% planted with remaining acres being planted behind wheat.

Crop condition, as reported by USDA on Monday, is 1% Very Poor, 3% Poor, 19% Fair, 69% Good, and 8% Excellent. With a week of warm weather, fertilizer, and good soil moisture conditions, this year's rice crop has made significant progress. The average high for the past week at Stoneville has been 88° F and the average low has been 70° F. This has been a major improvement over the previous conditions.

Preflood weed control has been a topic of discussion this week. Grass control questions have often included crabgrass and sprangletop. For control of large crabgrass, RiceStar HT at 17 to 24 fl oz/A would be the best option. For sprangletop control, I would recommend Clincher at 13.5 fl oz/A on wet soil or RiceStar at 17 to 24 fl oz/A with good soil moisture conditions. Adding some quinclorac (Facet or Quinstar) to the mix will help on barnyardgrass and general broadleaves.

Broadleaf weed control questions have been of the biggest variety. Here is my short list of recommendations.

Morningglories with Runners: Aim or Grandstand

Northern Jointvetch: Grandstand or Strada

Spreading Dayflower: Basagran (best option), Permit combinations, Regiment

Smartweed: Regiment

Hemp Sesbania (coffeebean): Propanil combinations, Aim, Grandstand, Regiment, Grasp, Strada and so forth.

Small pigweeds: Propanil combinations, Aim, or Grandstand

Large pigweeds: Propanil at 2 lb ai/A or higher plus Grandstand at 1 pt/A. I would not expect a 100% control with this combination if pigweeds are larger than 8 inches, but this is the only combination that I have seen work decent on large pigweeds. If anyone else has a better concoctions, I am open for suggestions.

Please read and consult all herbicide labels for appropriate rates and timings.

Another lingering issue this week has been herbicide drift onto rice. This is still not a widespread issue. However, it is a big issue for a producer that gets hit by glyphosate or Newpath. If the current weather pattern continues, drift will continue to be a issue for rice producers. As always, keep a watchful eye on your crop so that symptoms can be identified quickly.

As mentioned last week, we have a new rice Web site www.rice.msstate.edu. This website contains the latest information on rice from Mississippi and other rice producing states. Check it out and if you have any suggestions please let us know.

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