



## Regional Crop Reports

### Yields and Milling Look Good Despite Rocky Harvest Weather

#### Mississippi, Northeast Louisiana and Southeast Arkansas

Harvest is continuing to progress despite the residual effects of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. My estimate is that harvest is between 50 to 60 percent complete, and with a favorable 10-day forecast, it appears that farmers will continue to make headway harvesting their crop. Yields and milling have not dropped off despite the weather. However, going forward, it remains to be seen if downed rice will become an issue. So far [CL153](#) has met and/or exceeded our expectations. It's yielded extremely well, and early indications are that it will provide excellent, package-quality rice. Hopefully we can carry the positive momentum through the end of harvest. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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#### Arkansas Grand Prairie

Harvest season for 2017 is almost a wrap on the Grand Prairie. Today I would say we are 80 to 85 percent harvested on the Prairie, but by the weekend we could easily be at 90 percent harvested.

There have been a few off fields in all varieties and hybrids, but overall this has been a very good crop. [CL153](#) and [CL172](#) have performed well in this area. The grain quality and milling yields in those two varieties have also been very good. With harvest winding down we begin thinking about variety placement for 2018. We are confident in the performance of CL153 and CL172. Both varieties fit well on the Grand Prairie with blast resistance, standability and better bacterial panicle blight tolerance than we have had in the past. Please give us a call if you have any questions.

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PVL01 harvest in Northeast Arkansas this week.

### **Northeast Arkansas and Missouri**

Arkansas is approaching 70 percent harvested, while Missouri is around 35 percent. We have improved over last year's yields, and growers are really pleased thus far. [CL151](#) and [CL153](#) have been cutting well, as has [CL172](#). If we can dodge some showers this week we should be able to harvest a large portion of the remaining crop. We cut our first Provisia™ seed production here in Northeast Arkansas this week, and I am excited about this new offering. Provisia rice will be available in 2018 on a limited basis and is really going to benefit acres where weedy rice has become a problem. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

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### **South Louisiana and Texas**

First-crop harvest is over in south Louisiana. Farmers are cutting a few soybeans and waiting on the ratoon crop. Not all of the ratoon crop looks great, but what looks good looks to be very good. A good ratoon crop would go a long way in helping to overcome the low first-crop yields. If Mother Nature cooperates with us, I think we could see some good yields this year.

Texas is a different story as they are still trying to finish up harvest. Once Harvey passed and the water went down, things got more complicated. Some of the rice that was left in the field went under several feet of water and was a complete loss. Unfortunately, the instances where the loss was complete were easier to manage.

The FDA initially put a stop-sell on rice that had been flooded. Farmers had to get the Texas Department of Agriculture to collect samples and have them tested to make sure the rice was safe to sell. This has caused delays in finishing up harvest. East of Houston was impacted the worst. Both Doguet Rice Mill and Beaumont Rice Mill had to deal with water damage, which caused more delays. They also had to clean the mills and have them inspected, sometimes more than once. They are starting to get back in the field to wrap up harvest, and hopefully things will go well from this point forward.

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