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Harvest Reports on CL151 Show High Yield Potential for New CLEARFIELD® Rice Variety

Eunice, La (Aug. 22, 2008) - Recent CL151 harvest reports from the lower southern rice belt have many growers excited about the newest CLEARFIELD rice variety release from Horizon Ag.

“The harvest in south LA and TX was in full swing until weather over the past weekend slowed things down,” said Michael Fruge, district sales manager for Horizon Ag. “Some areas received large amounts of rain, which may cause fields to be rutted during harvest and impact chances for having a good ratoon crop. I would estimate the harvest here is nearly 50% complete and the yields are tremendous this year.”

A Horizon Ag demonstration field east of Houston near Winnie, TX planted to CL151 yielded 51.3 bbls/acre (185 bu/acre), which is a high yield for the area. Most of the rice east of Houston is yielding in the mid to upper 40s with a few yields near the 50 to 52 bbls/acre range. CL151 fields south of Houston that have been harvested so far have yielded 51.5 to 57.5 bbls/acre (185 to 207 bu/acre).

“We still have more CL151 to harvest in TX and I think some of the remaining fields may yield even higher,” Fruge reports. “The yields we’ve seen so far have me very excited about next year as I think this variety has outstanding potential.”

CL151 is yielding as well as anything cut so far this year in south Louisiana, including most hybrids. One farmer who has 350 acres of CL151 near Mowata has completed harvest activities with a 54 bbls/acre (194 bu/acre) average.

Another field of CL151 near Crowley yielded 54 bbls/acre (194 bu/acre) and a 110 acre field near Rayne yielded 59 bbls/acre (212 bu/acre), and many more fields remain to be harvested in the area. The highest state average for one year was set last year at 40.2 bbls/acre (144.7 bu/acre) and the CL151 yields are well above that average. Initial milling reports have been good as well, ranging between 60/71 and 62/71.

“I believe CL151 is going to allow farmers to grow a variety with the highest Newpath® resistance on the market, no shattering problems and a huge yield potential, which will allow them to minimize the risks that they may take on with some of the other CLEARFIELD rice seed products on the market today,” Fruge said. “We are very confident in what we see for this next generation CLEARFIELD variety and encourage growers to book seed now with their Horizon seed retailers. Stocks will be widely available, but we do anticipate exhausting what inventory that will be available in 2009.”

Please see your authorize dealer for information on booking CL151 seed today. Locate your nearest dealer by going to www.horizonseed.com.

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