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## Dear CLEARFIELD® Rice Customer,


I'd like to take a moment and thank all of you for your support of Horizon's CLEARFIELD rice varieties this season. It is because of you and your grower customers that we have the current success with our products, and we are very appreciative of your business.

Horizon's 2008 Fall Newsletter is our latest effort to make you and your customers aware of the many attributes of our CLEARFIELD varieties. We are quite confident that our product portfolio represents the best value in rice seed at the moment. For many that have experienced the recent fallout of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, we hope that our varieties provided you with a good opportunity for harvest without the problems seen with competitive CLEARFIELD rice products this season.

Horizon's premier varieties resist lodging and shattering in addition to offering outstanding yield potential and unmatched milling quality. Our 2009 lineup represents the broadest offering in the history of our company, and the level of excitement has never been higher. Growers across the rice belt continue to see the value of our products, and we're continuing our efforts to bring new and improved CLEARFIELD rice varieties to market.

We've decided to let the pictures speak for themselves here, and as the saying goes, "they're each worth a thousand words." We hope you find this to be true. Great products (and good people standing behind them) are hard to beat, and we look forward to next season and another successful year working with you.

Regards,

  
Randy Ouzts  
General Manager

**2008 OPP Meeting**  
Oct. 29-30 in Memphis

Hilton Hotel-Memphis  
Room reservation: 901-684-6664  
Reserve room by Oct. 17  
Lunch will be provided at noon  
on Wednesday

## CL171-AR Resists Lodging

High winds and heavy rainfall flattened many rice crops in the southern rice belt. CL171-AR, however, seemed to hold up well and resist lodging better than all hybrid rice and most non-CLEARFIELD varieties. The photos below are from a test plot taken just days after the remnants of Hurricane Gustav blew through the area. Virtually none of the CL171-AR is down, while most all of the hybrids and other varieties in the plot lodged badly.



## CL151 Demonstrates Very High-Yield Potential

In a season with good rice yields across the board, CL151 has really stood out, confirming our thoughts about this new variety's consistent high-yield potential.

Yields in Texas and Louisiana have been consistent with, and even exceeded in many cases, yields on such popular conventional varieties as Francis and Cocodrie. Yields of CL151 have even been on par with or exceeded hybrid rice in Louisiana, and it did not have any herbicide crop response problems that many of the CLEARFIELD® hybrids had this summer. Milling has also been very good and CL151 has significantly exceeded CLEARFIELD hybrids with reports as high as 70/74.

A Horizon Ag demonstration field east of Houston near Winnie, TX planted to CL151 yielded 185 bu/acre (51.3 bbls), which is a high yield for the area. Most of the rice east of Houston is yielding in the 170 to 175 bushel-range (47.2 to 48.6 bbls)



Mid-season in Louisiana

with a few yields near the 180 to 190 bushel-level (50 to 52.8 bbls/acre). CL151 fields south of Houston that have been harvested so far have yielded 185 to 207 bu/acre (51.4 to 57.5 bbls).

CL151 is yielding as well as anything cut so far this year in south Louisiana, including most hybrids. Kim Frey of Mowata, LA had 350 acres of CL151 and an outstanding yield average of 194 bu/acre (53.9 bbls) on his farm.

Another field of CL151 near Crowley yielded 194 bu/acre (53.9 bbls) and a 110-acre field near Rayne yielded 212 bu/acre (58.9 bbls). Initial reports from Mississippi and Arkansas are also extremely favorable with early yields reported there between 190 (52.8 bbls) and 201 dry bushels (55.8 bbls) per acre on several hundred acres.

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Near harvest in Louisiana



Ready for harvest in Louisiana



Harvest time in Louisiana



Milling yield 70/74

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## CL151 Demonstrates Very High-Yield Potential

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We are seeing grower-demand for CL151 already and expect bookings to be early.

### CL151

- Early maturity
- Good disease package
- Excellent Newpath® and Beyond® application flexibility
- Superior yield potential
- Good grain quality and excellent milling

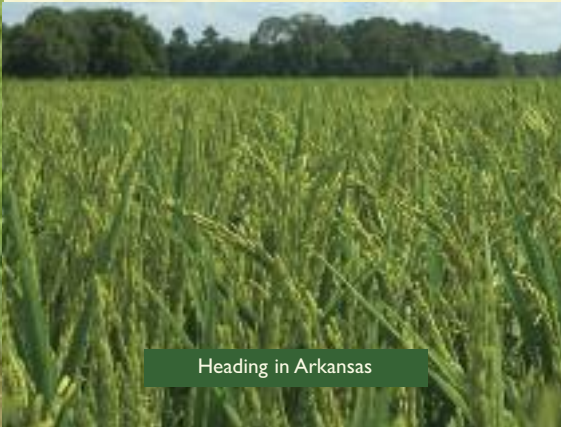
### CL151 2008 Yield Results

Location	(bu/acre)	(bbls/acre)
Danbury, TX	205.2	57.0
Danbury, TX	194.4	54.0
Ganada, TX	199.4	55.4
Crowley, LA	194.4	54.0
Mowata, LA	205.2	57.0
Mowata, LA	201.6	56.0
Branch, LA	204.8	56.9
Rayne, LA	212.4	59.0
Ruleville, MS	211.0	58.6
Hickory Ridge, AR	190.0	52.7

Source: 2008 seed production fields



Early season in Arkansas



Heading in Arkansas



At heading in Arkansas

## CL131 Returns to Market in 2009 with Good Seed Supply

Based on early harvest reports, seed availability for CLEARFIELD® rice varieties will be substantial for all four products, including CL131, which makes its return to the commercial market in 2009.

Horizon has worked closely with LSU to extensively test CL131 (as well as all CLEARFIELD varieties) for 35s-bar presence. All current seed stocks have been tested at standards that meet AOSCA and state requirements. Tests were found negative at the 0.01% level for all samples. In addition, Horizon has met with key mills and state regulatory agencies to review CL131 test results and testing protocol. Mill response to market re-entry of CL131 has been very

positive and the company is very pleased to have this key variety back on the market next season.

Strong demand is expected for the early-maturing CL131 due to its consistent yield, excellent straw strength and lodging resistance. CL131 is a true semi-dwarf that offers outstanding milling quality and the high tolerance to Newpath and Beyond herbicides seen with all Horizon Ag CLEARFIELD varieties. CL131 has similar maturity to Cocodrie and is four to five days earlier than CL161 and Cypress. It has been a very popular variety across the rice belt. In 2006 growers planted over 500,000 acres of CL131 with excellent results.

### CL131

- Very early maturity
- True semi-dwarf with superior lodging resistance
- High Newpath and Beyond tolerance
- Good disease package
- Consistent yield and milling

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