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Dear Producer:

Enclosed are Rice DD50 Cards for use in the 2008 crop year. All you have to do is list the rice variety, acres and emergence date for each field. Enrollment can be completed by mailing or bringing the card to the Extension Office or calling the information to the secretaries.

The DD 50 program can be very helpful in time and labor management for your rice crop. It predicts the timing of 30 critical stages and management practices throughout the growing season. These predictions include timing for nitrogen fertilizer applications, herbicide timing and cutoffs, mid-season growth stages, scouting periods for insects and diseases, irrigation termination, and harvest. The information generated from this program is useful to farmers but also helps the industry in preparation for harvest. It provides an estimate of harvest dates and variety distribution by county. The mills use these dates to get ready for harvest.

The 2008 Rice DD50 program is also available on the Extension website. The link to access the program is <http://dd50.uaex.edu/dd50Logon.asp>. You can find it under Agriculture, Rice, Computer Programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. There is also a link to the DD50 Users Guide which contains information about different program options.

The 2008 Rice Nitrogen Rate Recommendations with the new varieties included is enclosed. Notice that all the hybrids do not have a "midseason" application, but rather a "late boot" application.

Please read the enclosed pages carefully for more information on these topics, and contact our office if we can assist in any way.

Sincerely,

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