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To: Those Involved in Rice and Soybean Production

**Rice Variety Selection**

As with any crop, selecting the right variety is one of the most important decisions to be made. As preparations are being made for the next crop year, I wanted to share some information on some of the new varieties available for 2017 planting. The 2016 preliminary yield reports can be found at [http://arkansasvarietytesting.com/home/rice/](http://arkansasvarietytesting.com/home/rice/) ARPT (Arkansas Rice Performance Trials) PREP (Producer Rice Evaluation Program)

**CL 153** - Offers blast resistance and improved grain quality when compared to CL 151. CL153 has a yield potential equal to or better than CL 151 but with much less chalk. It produces a bold grain and has improved standability and overall improved agronomics over CL151.

2016 ARPT average 179 bu/acre, PREP average 189 bu/acre

**CL 172** - Is a new simi-dwarf variety with yields between CL 111 and CL 151. It also offers blast resistance excellent standability and grain quality.

2016 ARPT average 166 bu/acre, PREP average 183 bu/acre

**CL XP766** (marketed as RT7311 CL in 2017) - Is a Clearfield hybrid that is basically a CL version of XL 753. It offers improved yield when compared to CL XL75 and has good milling, low chalk and blast resistance.

2016 ARPT average 214 bu/acre, PREP average 220 bu/acre

**Gemini CL 214** - Is a new long grain Clearfield line provides improved grain retention and Bacterial Panicle Blight resistance. It has improved grain retention and good stability.

2016 ARPT average 218 bu/acre, PREP average 235 bu/acre

**Diamond** – Is a new long grain variety that has excellent yield potential but is susceptible to blast and bacterial panicle blight.

2016 ARPT average 197 bu/acre, PREP average 207 bu/acre

**LaKast** - A mid to early maturing, long-grain variety with excellent yield potential. It is similar in height to both Roy J and XL753. It is susceptible to blast and bacterial panicle blight, moderately susceptible to sheath blight and has potential for lodging.

2016 ARPT average 187 bu/acre, PREP average 187 bu/acre
Please let me know if we can help or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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