

# RICE NEWS

For Craighead County Rice Producers



## RICE DD50 PROGRAM

The DD50 program has been updated for the 2016 growing season and is available at <http://dd50.uaex.edu>. If you choose to not use the internet, use the enclosed enrollment form and submit to your local county Extension office and we will send you a report. This 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 application, herbicide timings and cutoffs, midseason growth stages, scouting periods for insects and diseases, irrigation termination, and harvest.

To enroll, **the field size, variety, and emergence date** are needed. Farmers are encouraged to enroll all fields, or at least all acres, even if several fields have the same variety and emergence date. Information may be given over the phone. 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 that the mills can use to “gear up” as the harvest season begins.

## County Website

Check out the county website at [www.uaex.edu/craighead/](http://www.uaex.edu/craighead/). Click on the Craighead County News tab on the right side of the page. There you can find links to all of the MP's, newsletters, etc.

## New Employee

I would like to introduce the newest member of our county team, Chris Grimes. Chris started on February 16, 2016. He was formerly the Extension Soybean Research Verification Coordinator. Please give Chris a call and welcome him.

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## General Suggested Optimum and Recommended Seeding Dates for South, Central and North Arkansas

| Geographic Region | Optimum         |               | Recommended    | Absolute       |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Begin           | Cut-off       | Begin          | Cut-off        |
| South             | April 1         | May 20        | March 25       | June 20        |
| Central           | April 10        | May 15        | April 1        | June 15        |
| <b>North</b>      | <b>April 15</b> | <b>May 10</b> | <b>April 1</b> | <b>June 10</b> |

Growers must be cautioned that “risk factors” increase for very early seeding dates. These risk factors include, but are not limited to, stand reduction or failure, seedling stress and increased production costs. Management may overcome many of these risks and must be weighed against the potential benefits of early planting. For this reason, it is recommended that the optimum time for seeding rice be based on grain yield potential and management factors.

Specific variety recommendations for late seeded rice (June seeding dates) should be made on yield performance in seeding date studies, seed availability and planned seeding date. Contact your local county Extension agent or refer to the Cooperative Extension Service web page for the latest planting date study yield information.

Finally, seeding date may influence certain diseases. Therefore, disease susceptibility must be considered when selecting a variety for early or late seeding. For example, earlier seeded rice is often less subject to false smut or blast damage but may have increased sheath blight problems compared to late seeded rice.

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# DD<sub>50</sub> Enrollment Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Name or additional copy \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

| Field Name | Variety Name | Emerg. Date (MM/DD) | Acres |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 2. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 3. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 4. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 5. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 6. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 7. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 8. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 9. _____   | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 10. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 11. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 12. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 13. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 14. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 15. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 16. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 17. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 18. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 19. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 20. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 21. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 22. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |
| 23. _____  | _____        | ____/____           | _____ |