



# Arkansas Rice Update

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## How Much Rice for 2019?

“When the train pulled into the station, rolled up his sleeves, resin’s up his bow.” It’s time to get to work on the 2019 season already. As usual, it’s time to start considering where we might go in terms of rice acres for the year.

It sounds at the moment like we will plant at least as many acres in 2019 as we did in 2018 which was 1.44 million acres (harvested 1.422). For 2019, we’re pointed toward 1.5 million acres up to 1.6 million acres. As in the past, rotational commodities are going to play a role in that, primarily soybean and corn prices.

In 2018 it was very likely that we would plant over 1.5 million acres until a late spring push in soybean prices that helped to draw rice acres down. That type of price increase seems unlikely to happen again in 2019, but I could argue it seemed unlikely in 2018 too. Who really knows what’s about to happen with soybeans?

Generally speaking we will be in the neighborhood of 200,000 acres of medium grain rice. That would put long grain acres at 1.3 million. I don’t expect acres in other rice states to change that much from 2018 so we should see similar total acres for the total U.S. But as the old farming adage goes, “it all depends.”

## 2019 Rice Management Guide

Here is the link to the [2019 Rice Management Guide](#) publication. It contains the most requested production recommendations for rice in a single, easily referenceable PDF. This information will also be posted to the Extension rice page (<http://www.uaex.edu/rice>). A limited number of printed copies will be available at county offices and winter production meetings.

## Results of Arkansas Rice Cultivar Testing, 2016-2018

For those still making cultivar selection decisions, here is the link to Rice Information Sheet No. 178 [Arkansas Rice Cultivar Testing, 2016-2018](#). This contains the final results of the Arkansas Rice Performance Trials (ARPT), Producer Rice Evaluation Program (PREP) on-farm trials, and DD50 Planting Date studies.

## Save the Dates!

The Rice Expo is currently scheduled for Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Grand Prairie Center in Stuttgart with field tours at the Rice Research and Extension Center. This year we will once again hold the Rice College on Thursday, August 1. Rice College is a hands-on, boots-on rice training session available to a limited number of registered participants. Registration information and additional details will follow during the summer.

## Winter Production Meetings

Beginning next week county production meeting season kicks off. Below are those meetings where rice will be covered. For a complete list of meetings, visit <https://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/crops-commercial-horticulture/ag-tech-calendar.aspx>.

- **Jan. 14 – 8 a.m. WEINER** – Poinsett & Craighead Co. Rice Festival Building.
- **Jan. 15 – 9 a.m. HAZEN** – Lonoke, Prairie, & Pulaski Co. Caviness Fish Barn.
- **Jan. 17 – 8 a.m. MORRILTON** – River Valley Row Crop Conference. Conway County Fairgrounds.
- **Jan. 22-24 – 8 a.m. NORTH LITTLE ROCK** – Arkansas Crop Management Conference. Wyndham Hotel.

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- **Jan. 25 – 8 a.m. PATTERSON** – Woodruff Co. Three County Fairgrounds.
- **Jan. 28 – 9 a.m. SEARCY** – White Co. Eagle View Catering.
- **Jan. 29 – 3 p.m. DUMAS** – Desha, Drew, & Lincoln Co. Dumas Community Center.
- **Feb. 5 – 8 a.m. STANFORD** – Greene Co. Stanford Baptist Church.
- **Feb. 5 – 11:30 a.m. CORNING** – Clay Co. M.B. Ainley Community Center.
- **Feb. 6 – 9 a.m. PORTLAND** – Ashley & Chicot Co. Location TBA.
- **Feb. 8 – WYNNE** – Cross Co. Location TBA.
- **Feb. 11 – 8 a.m. WEST MEMPHIS** – Crittenden & Mississippi Co. First Methodist Church on Missouri Street.
- **Feb. 12 – 8 a.m. STUTTGART** – Arkansas Co. Rice Research & Extension Center.
- **Feb. 12 – 2 p.m. PINE BLUFF** – Jefferson Co. Waterfront Building (Regional Park).
- **Feb. 15 – 8 a.m. POCAHONTAS** – Lawrence & Randolph Co. Black River Technical College.
- **Feb. 19 – 8 a.m. PALESTINE** – St. Francis & Monroe Co. C.R. Smalls.
- **Feb. 20 – 8 a.m. AMAGON** – Jackson Co. People Helping People Building.
- **Feb. 21 – 9 a.m. MARIANNA** – Phillips & Lee Co. Lon Mann Cotton Research Station.
- **Feb. 22 – ARKADELPHIA** – Clark Co. Location TBA.

## Pesticide Application Spray Clinics

- **Feb. 20 – STUTTGART.** Rice Research & Extension Center.
- **Feb. 21 – McGEHEE.** Men’s Center in McGehee.
- **Feb. 22 – FORREST CITY.** Woodruff Electric Cooperative Corporation.
- **Mar. 5 – NEWPORT.** ASU-Newport.
- **Mar. 6 – PARAGOULD.** Greene County Fairgrounds.
- **Mar. 7 – MANILA.** Manila Municipal Airport.

## Additional Information

Arkansas Rice Updates are published periodically to provide timely information and recommendations for rice production in Arkansas. If you would like to be added to this email list, please send your request to [rice@uaex.edu](mailto:rice@uaex.edu).

This information will also be posted to the Arkansas Row Crops blog (<http://www.arkansas-crops.com/>) where additional information from Extension specialists can be found.

More information on rice production, including access to all publications and reports, can be found at <http://www.uaex.edu/rice>.

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