

# Louisiana Rice

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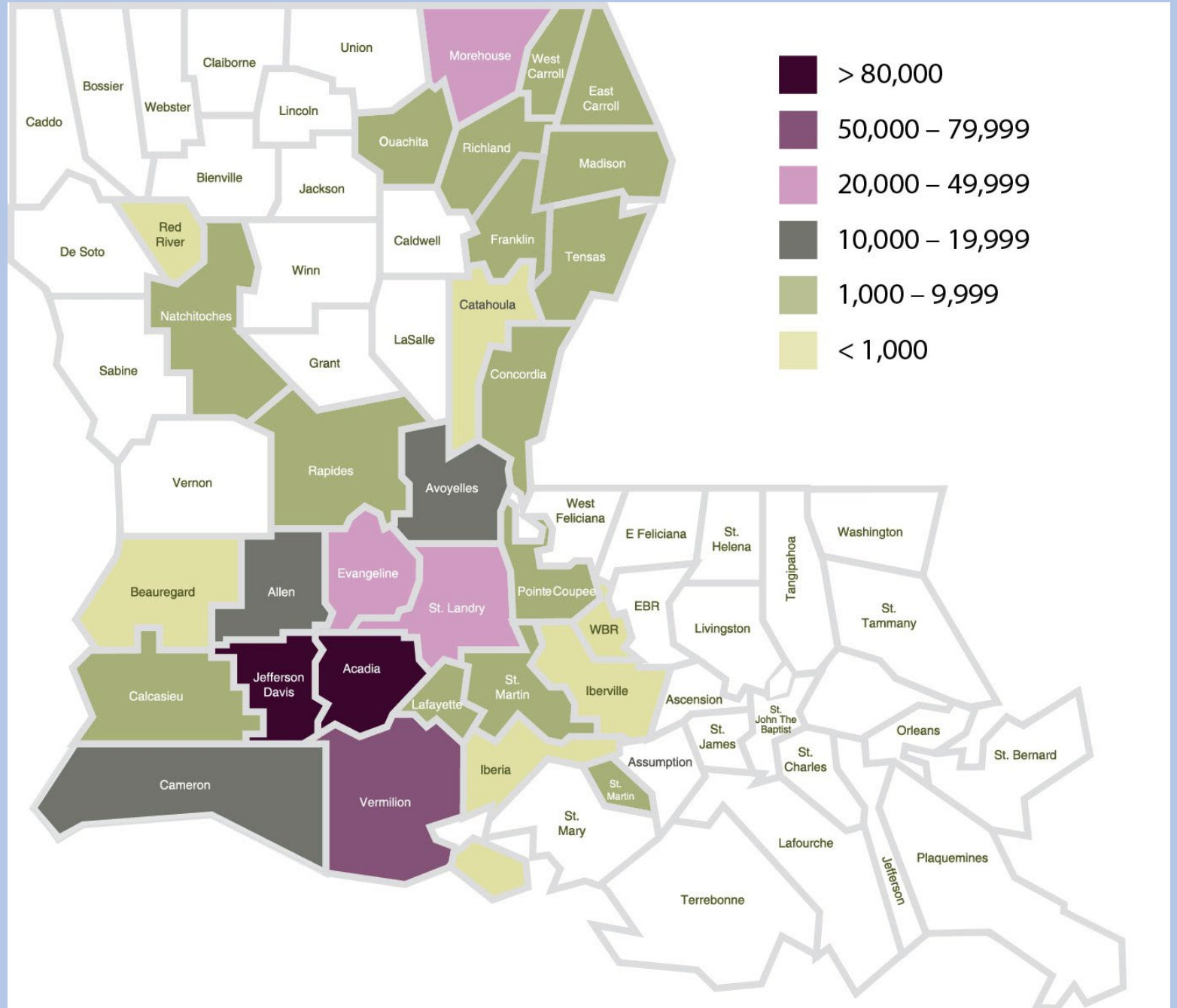


# 2024 Louisiana Rice Acreage

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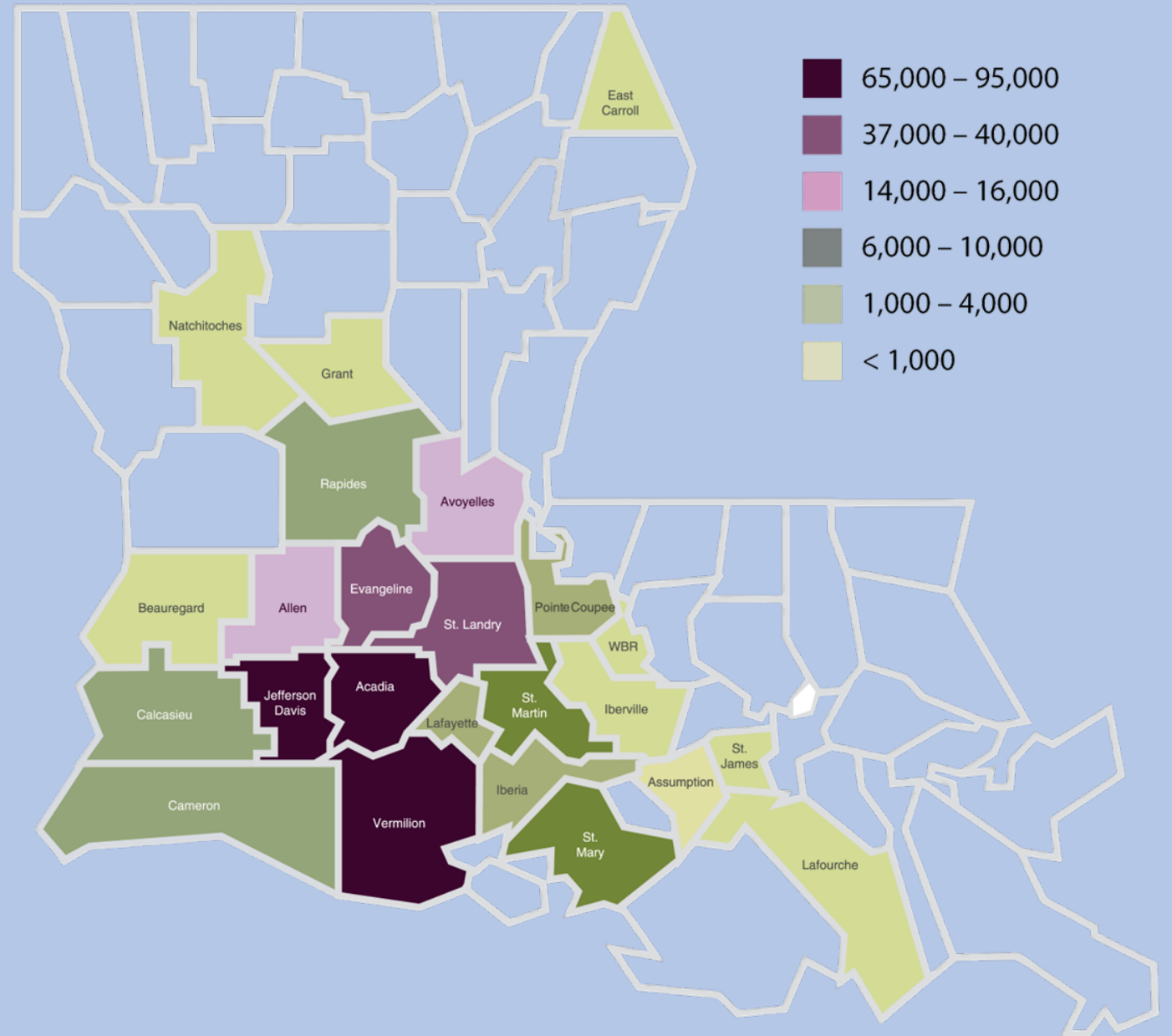
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>411,690 acres</b>	<b>415,556 acres</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>461,371 acres</b>	<b>459,690 acres</b>

**0.36 % Decrease in acres**



# 2024 - 2025 Projected Crawfish Acres 400,000

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# Furrow Irrigated (AWD/Row) Rice

**2,500 acres in 2017**

**5,000 acres in 2018**

**15,415 acres in 2019**

**35,600 acres in 2020**

**23,468 acres in 2021**

**13,863 acres in 2022**

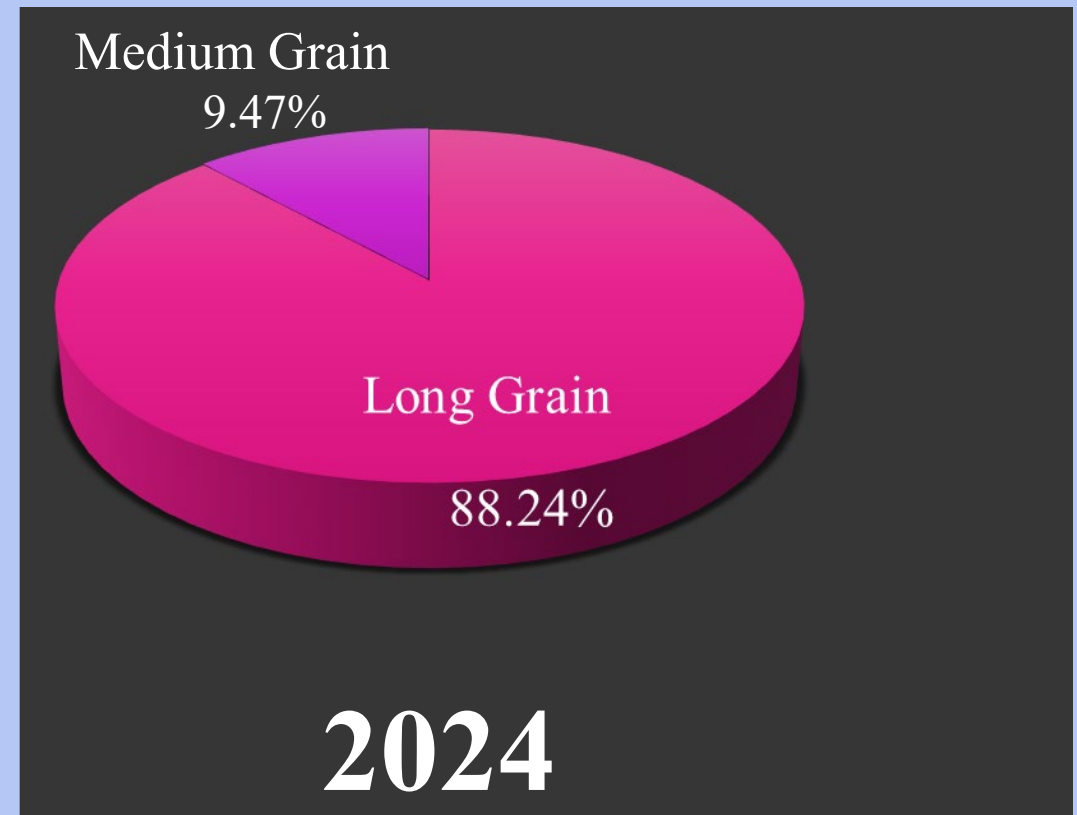
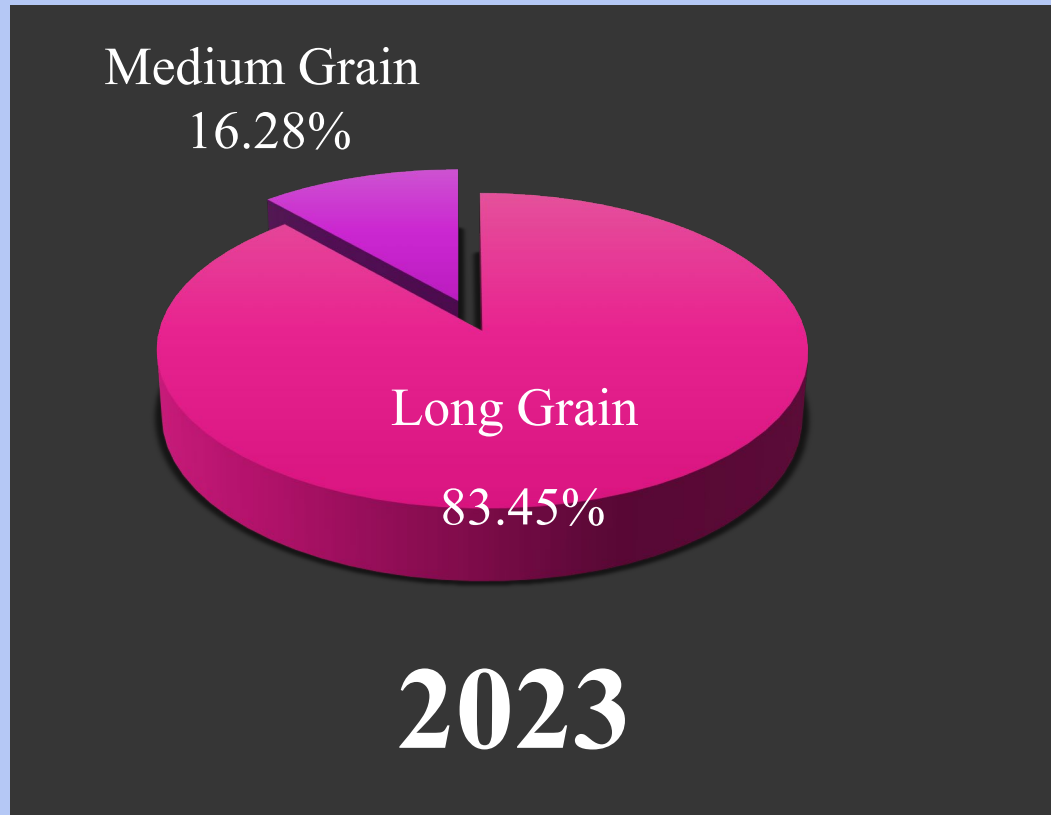
**14,025 acres in 2023**

**28,620 acres in 2024**

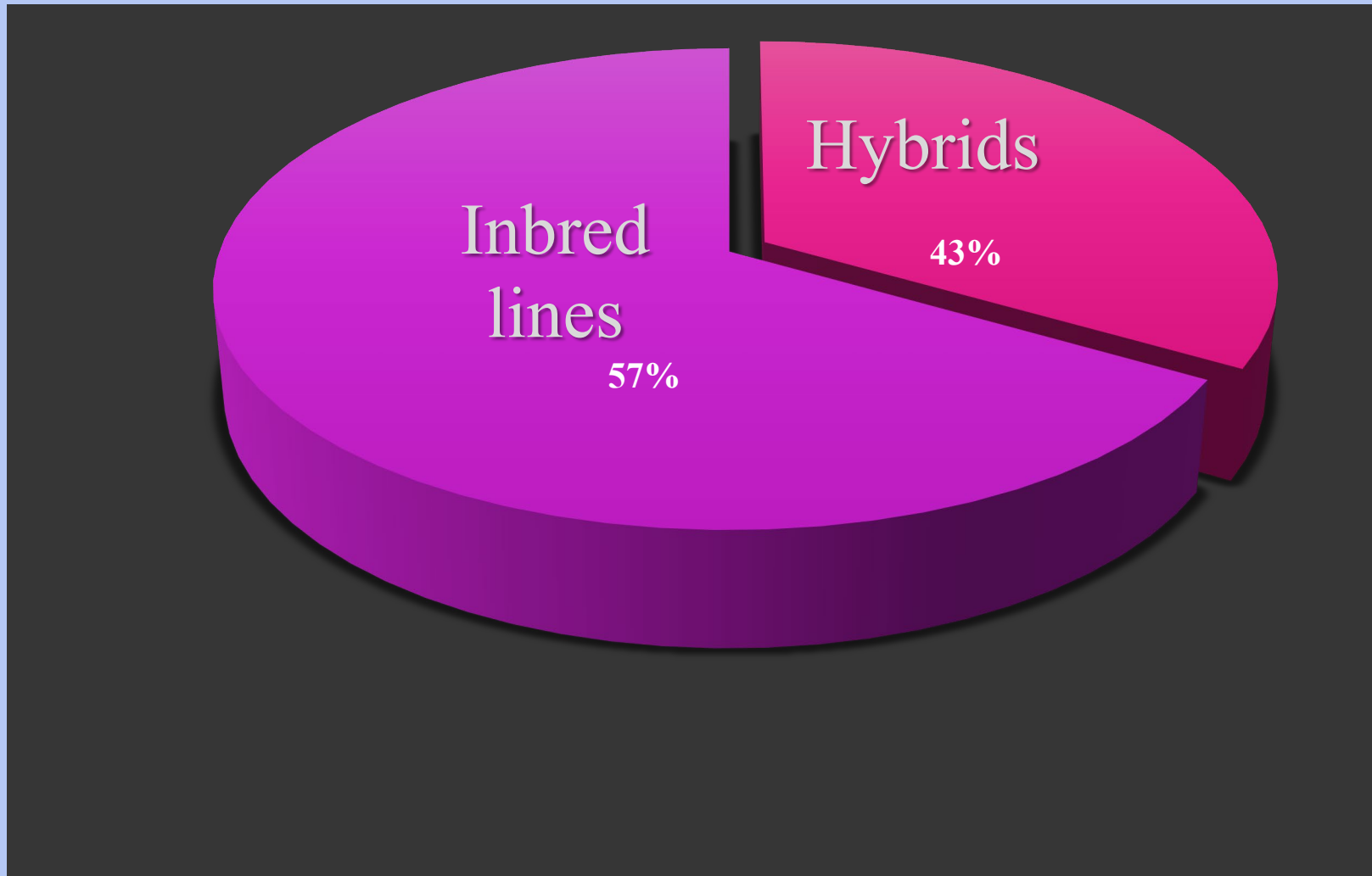
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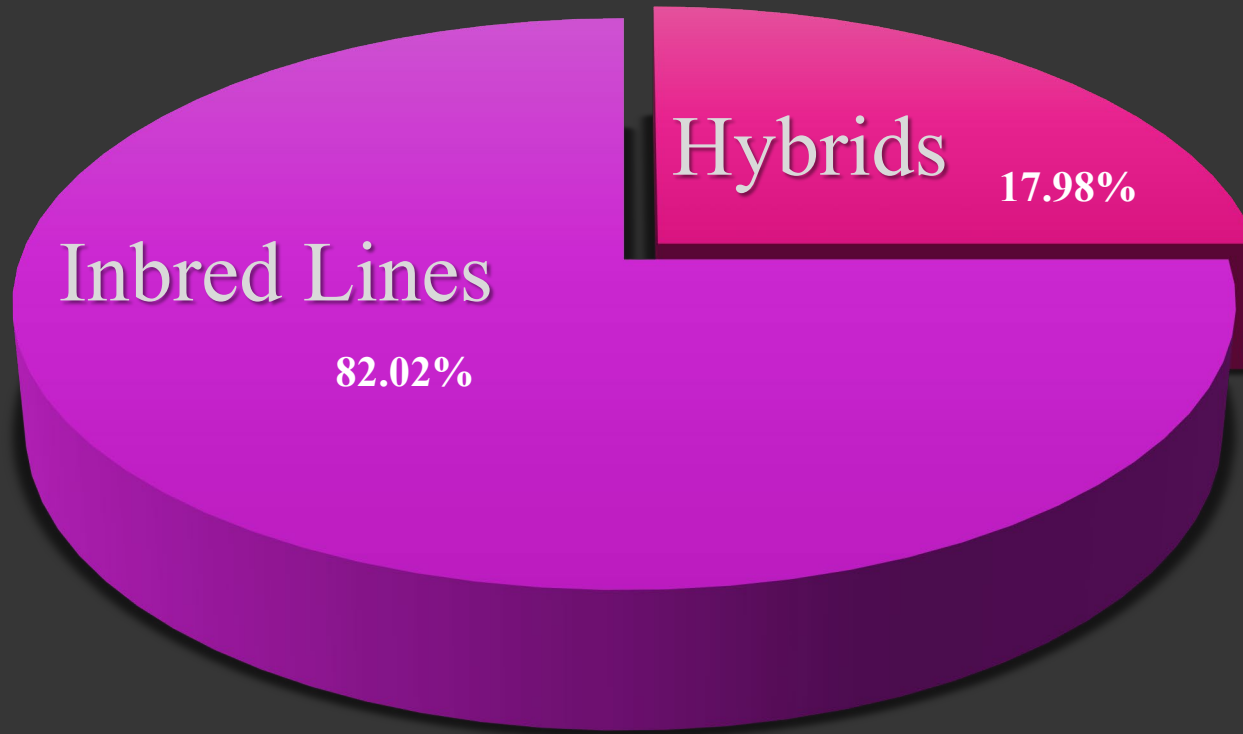
# Louisiana Rice Acreage



# 2021 Louisiana Rice Acreage – Hybrids

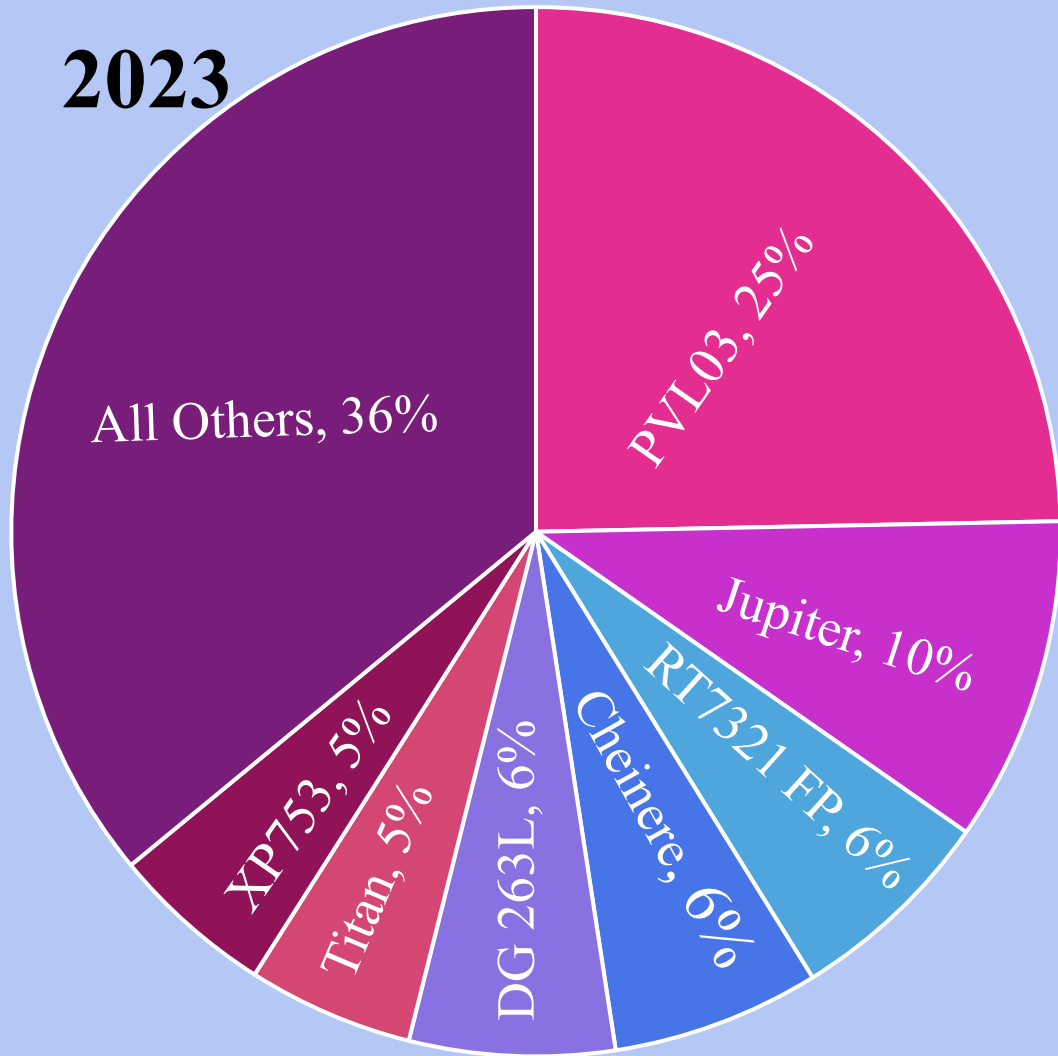


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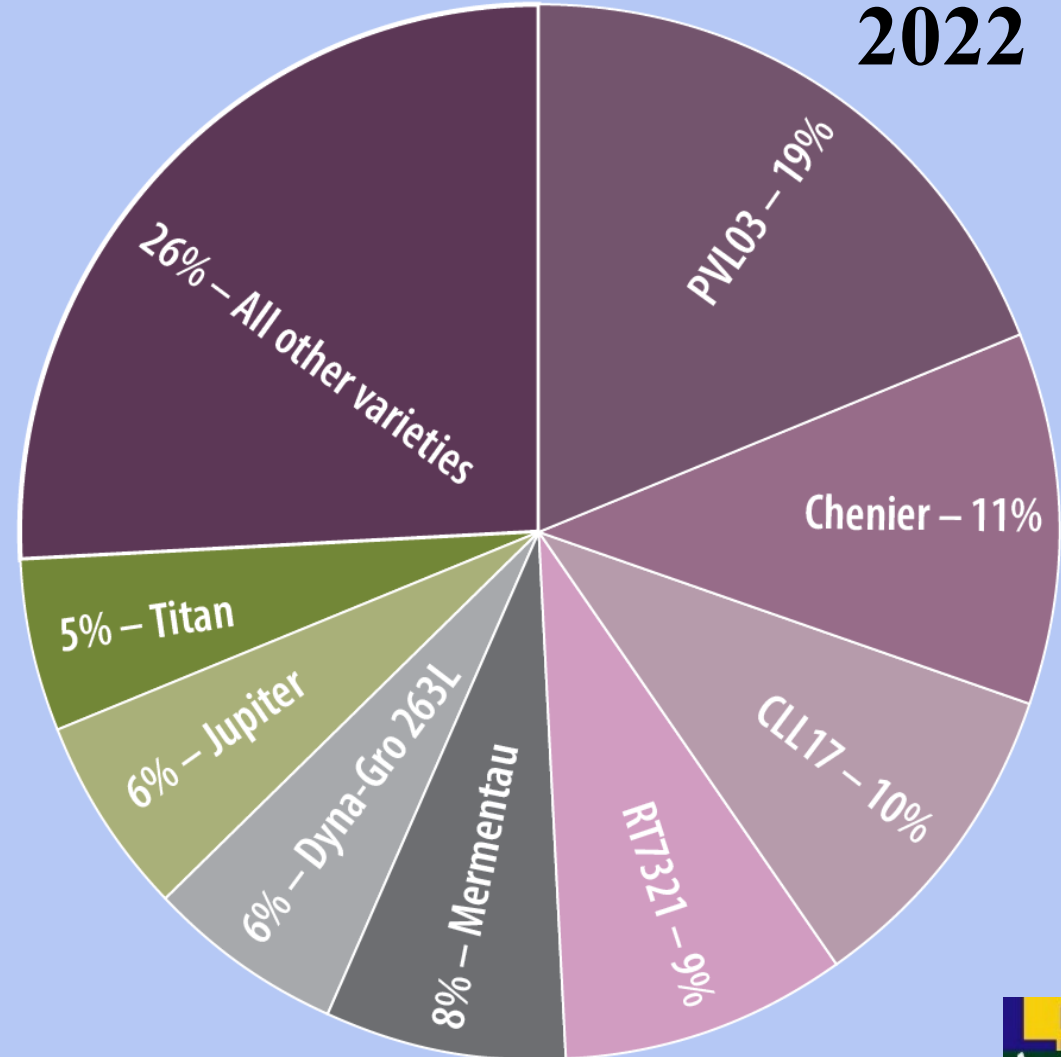


# Louisiana Rice Acreage by Variety

2023

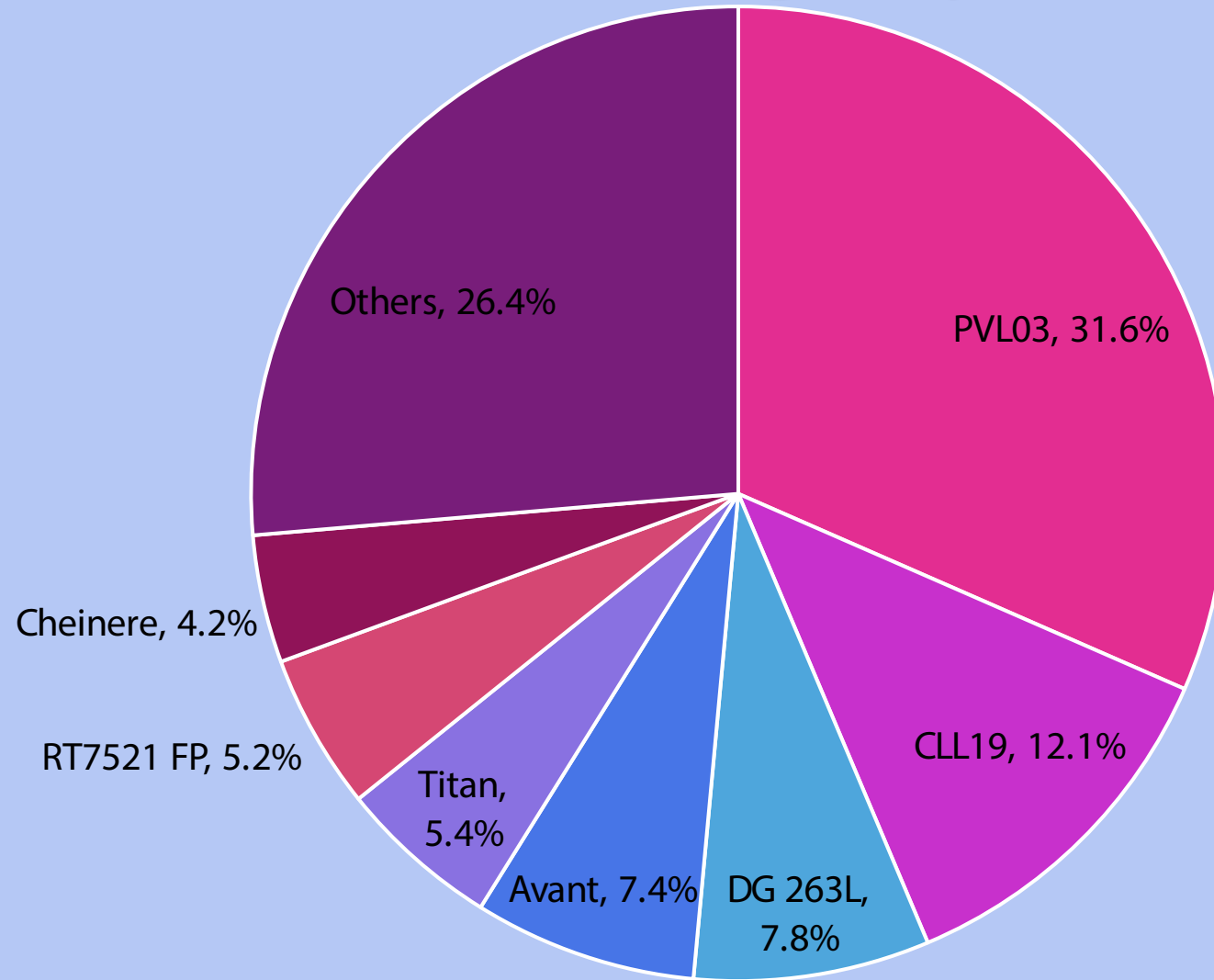


2022





# Louisiana Rice Acreage by Variety 2024



■ PVL03 ■ CL19 ■ DG 263L ■ Avant ■ Titan ■ RT7521 FP ■ Cheinere ■ Others

# Environmental Impact



**Over the past 40 years, improved sustainability practices have led to increased production and crop yields while also yielding some of the greatest environmental benefits**

**Crop yield per acre increased 62%**

**Rice production increased 32%**

**Land use decreased 39%**

**Water use decreased 52%**

**Energy use decreased 34%**

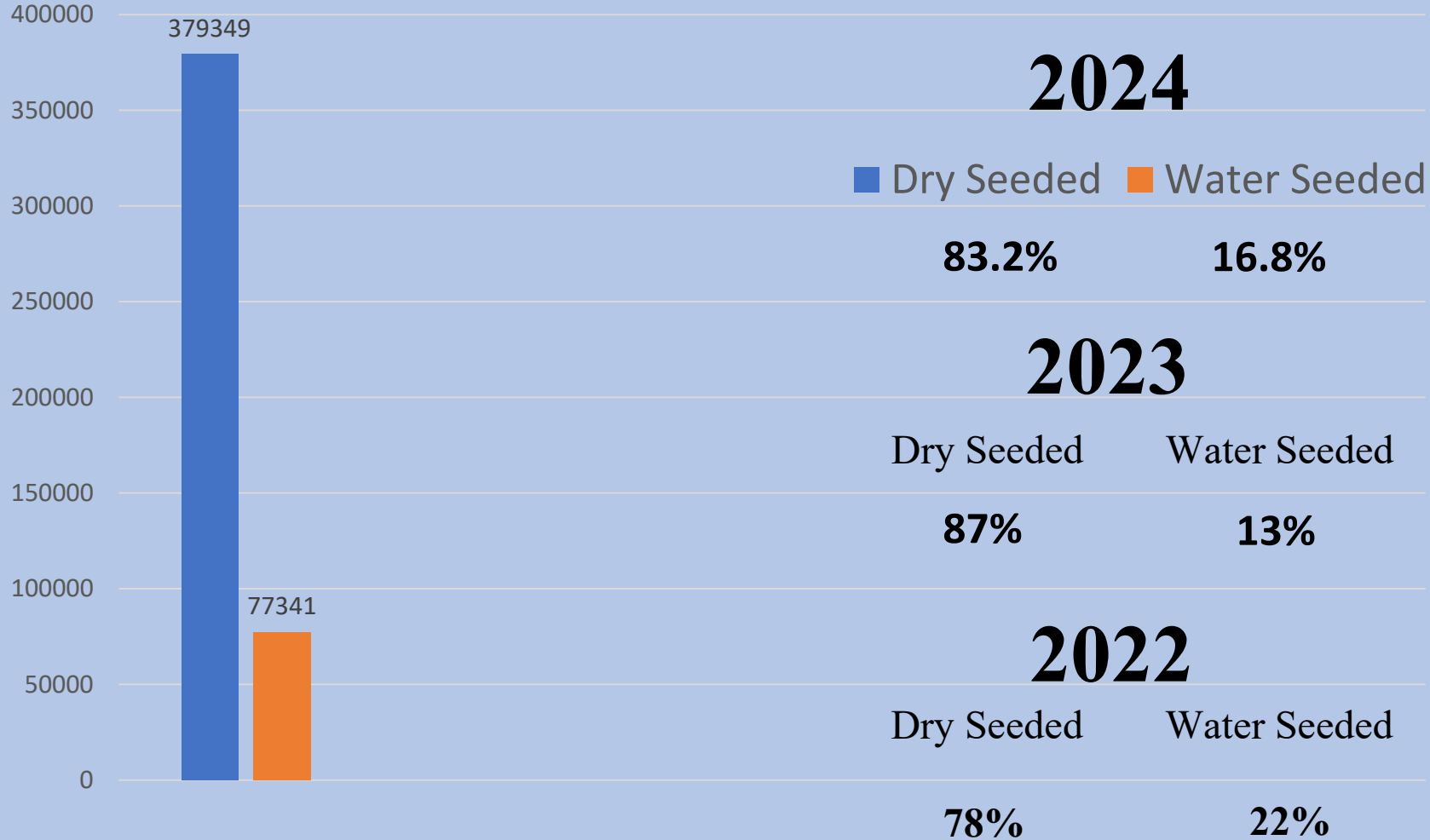
**Greenhouse Gas Emissions decreased 41%**

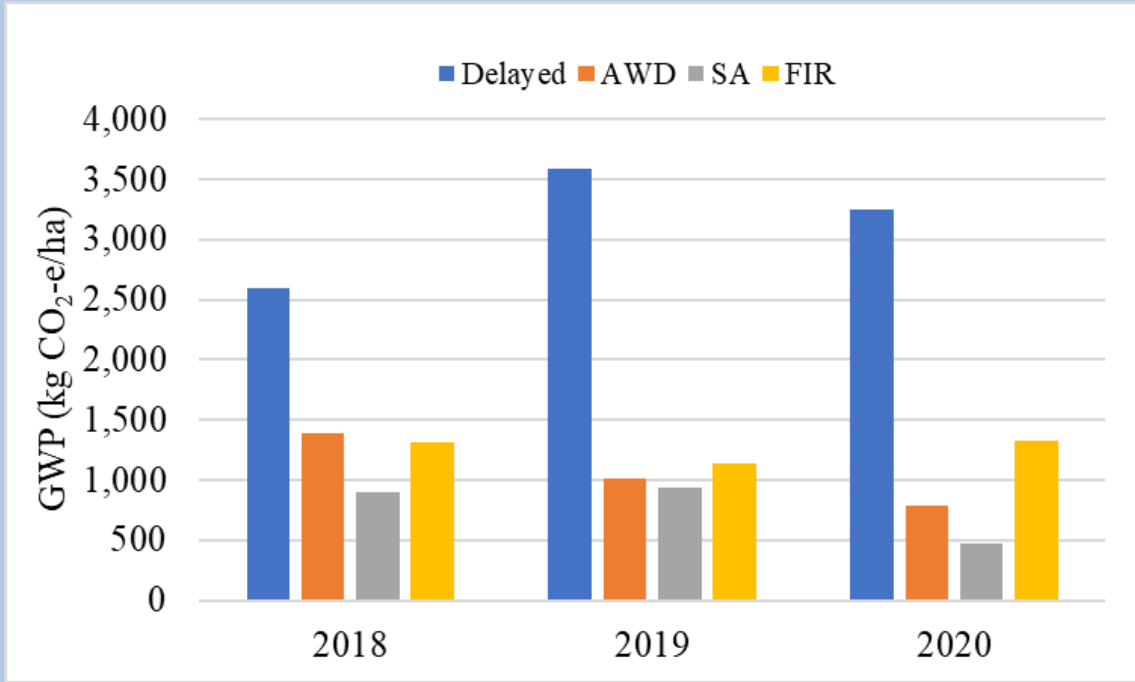
**Soil loss decreased 28% (on a per acre basis)**



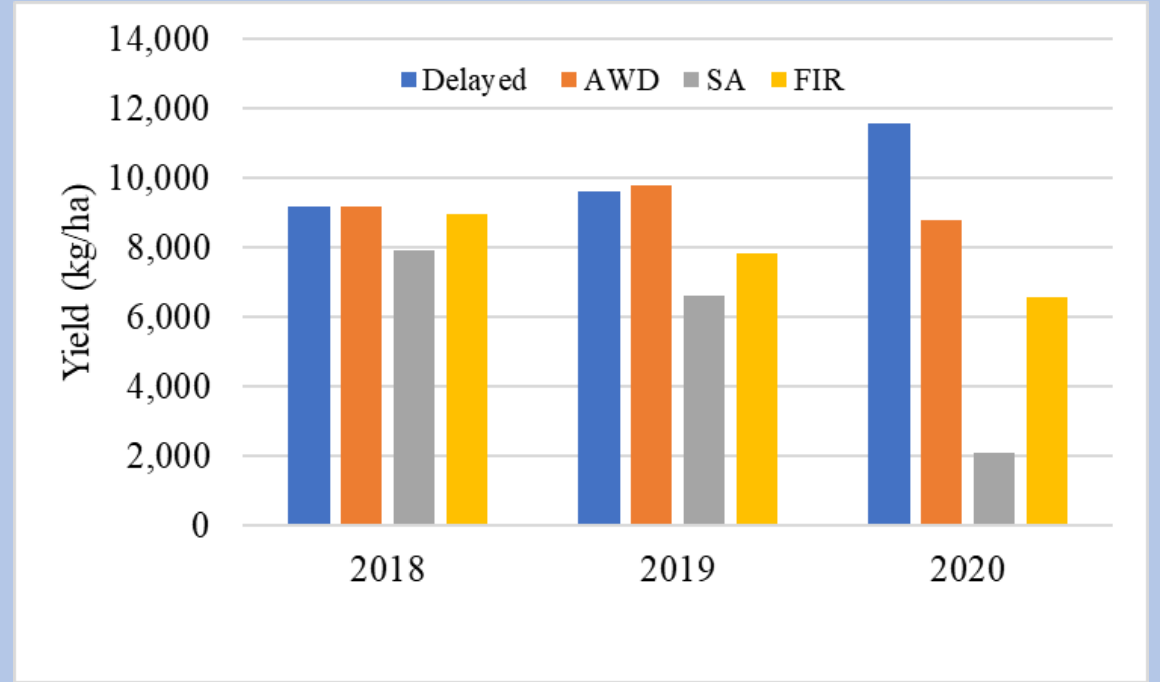
# Tillage and Water Management

Acres





Global warming potential (GWP – 100-year time horizon (CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)) from different water management practices; delayed flooding (Delayed), alternate wetting and drying (AWD), semi-aerobic (SA), and furrow irrigated rice or row rice (FIR). The study was conducted at H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station from 2018-2020.



Grain yield (kg/ha) from different water management practices; delayed flooding (Delayed), alternate wetting and drying (AWD), semi-aerobic (SA), and furrow irrigated rice or row rice (FIR). The study was conducted at H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station from 2018-2020.

## **GREENHOUSE GAS**

## **100-YEAR (GWP) Global Warming Potential**

- **Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**
- **Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)**
- **Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)**

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**25**

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# RED RICE/WEEDY RICE





# Barnyardgrass





# Root pruning by weevil larvae



# Rice Stink Bug



# Stem Borers



# Rice Delphacid

## Rice Hoja Blanca Virus (RHBV)



# Cercospora (*Cercospora janseana*)



Narrow Brown Leaf Spot



Cercospora Net-Blotch



Cercospora Panicle Blight

# Kernel Smut

- Impact on grain quality
- Moisture during flowering
- No scouting
- Fungicide: 2-4 in. panicle – no effective after boot split

Kernel Smut  
(*Tilletia barclayana*)



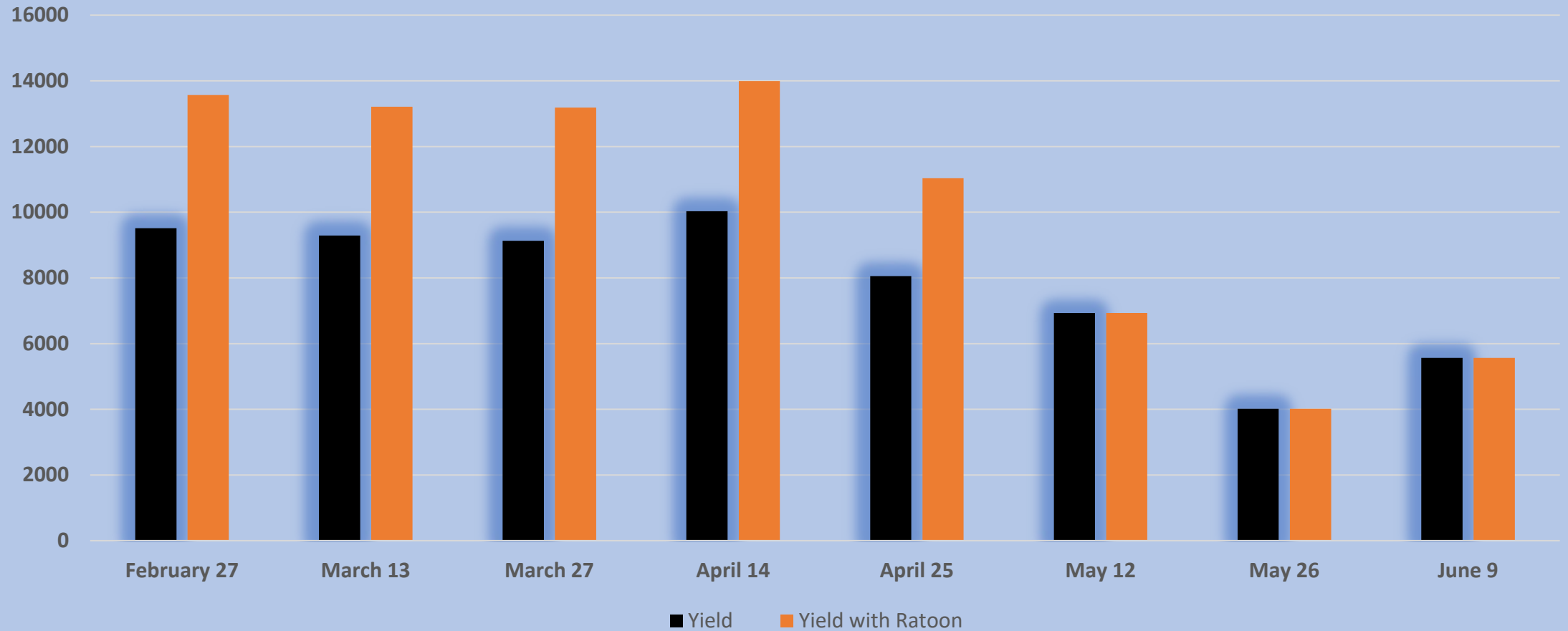
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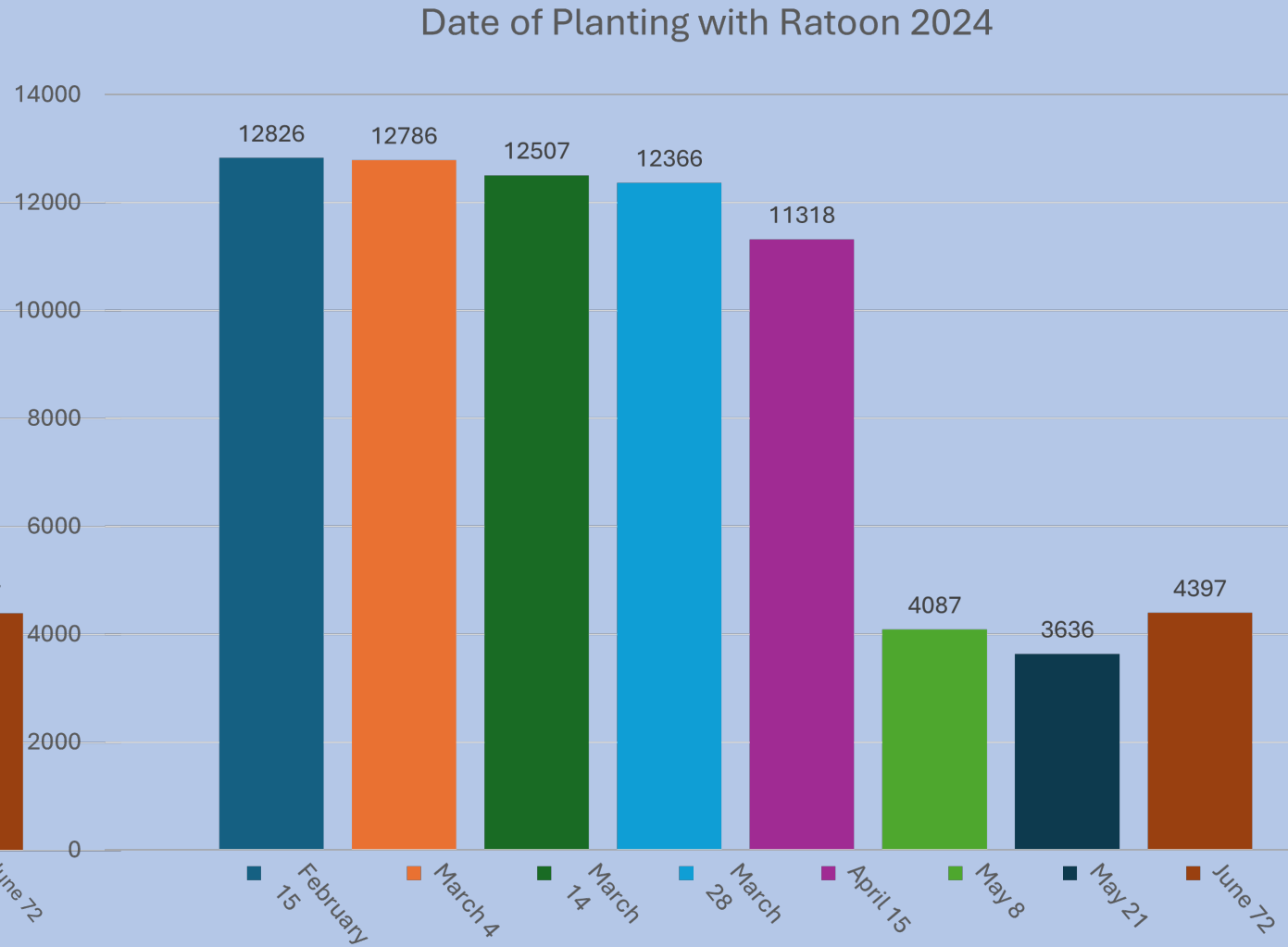
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# Date of Planting Study 2023



# Date of Planting Study 2024



Based on information from seeding date research trials, the optimum planting dates for rice are:

- Southwest Louisiana — February 25 to March 20.
- North Louisiana — March 15 to April 15.



# Preliminary studies – N starter

## Pot experiment

- No N at planting
- N rate 20 lb N/A (from urea)
  - At planting
  - At 2-3 leaf
- Results
  - Plant reached 4- to 5-leaf stage about 7-10 days earlier than treatment without starter N



# Louisiana Rough Rice Yield & Production

## 2024

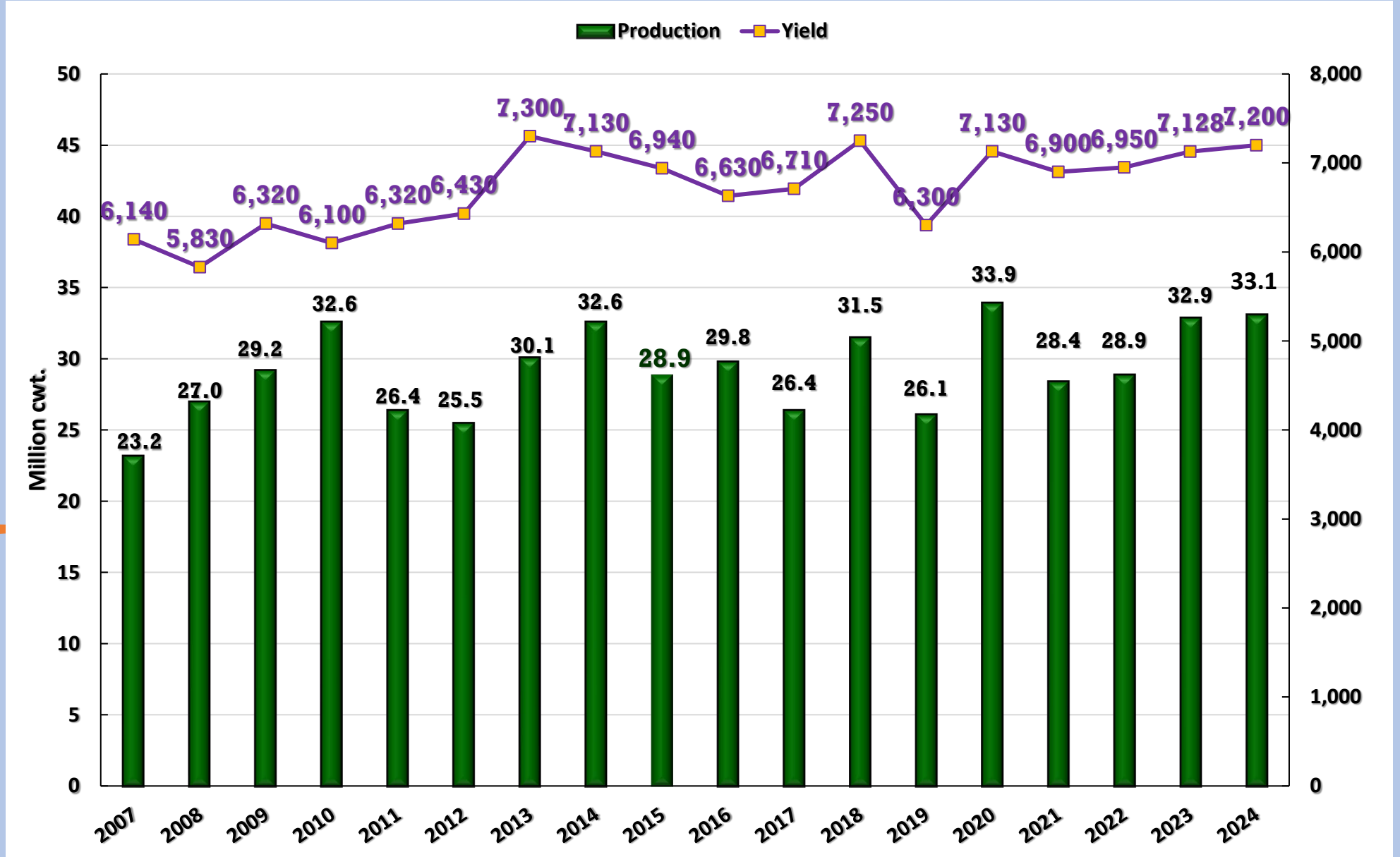
7200 Pounds  
160 Bushels  
44.4 Barrels

## 2023

7128 Pounds  
158.4 Bushels  
44 Barrels

## 2022

6950 Pounds  
154.4 Bushels  
42.9 Barrels





# Louisiana Rice Research Update

**2024 USA Rice Outlook Conference**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**  
**December 8-10, 2024**

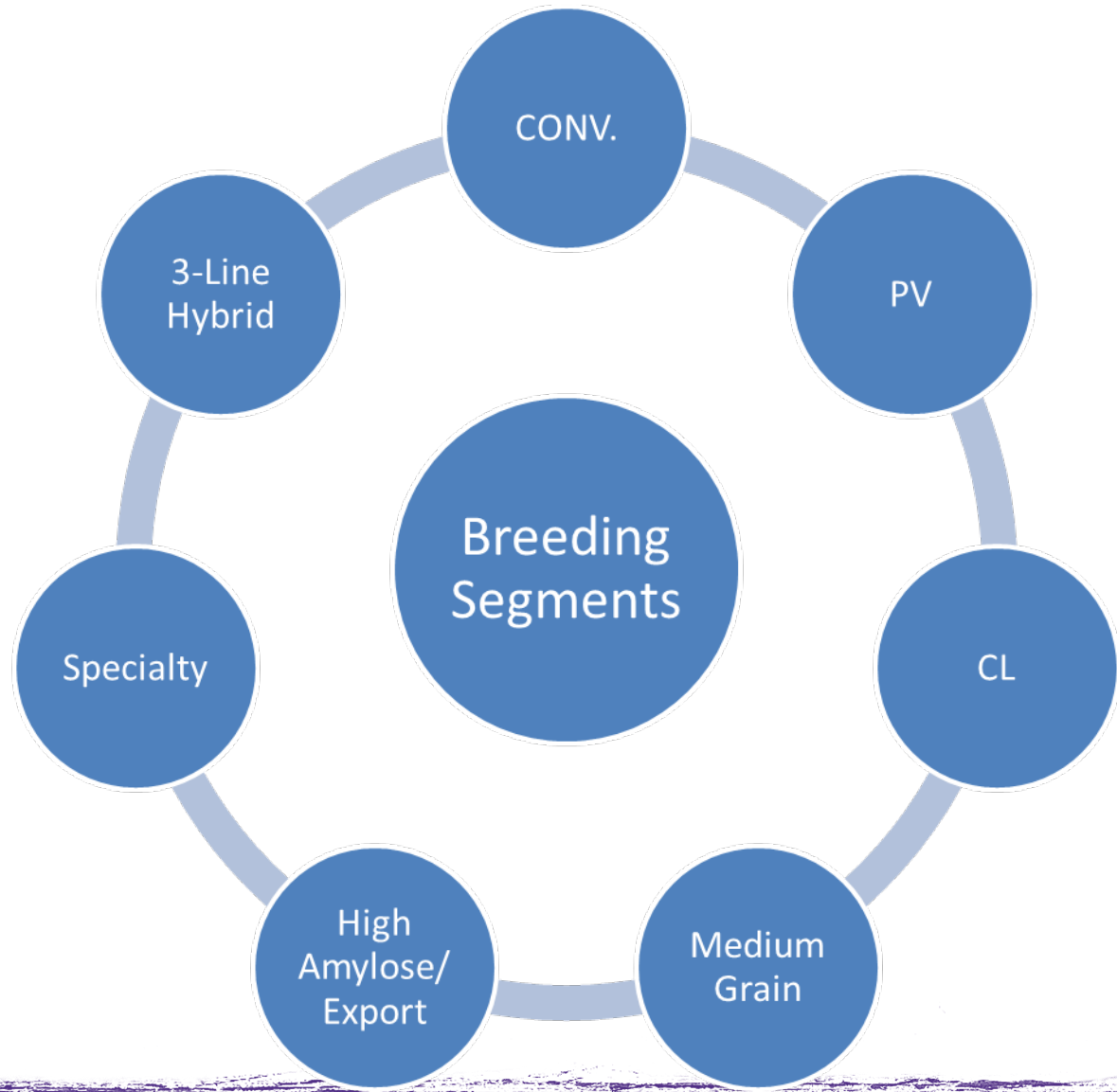
# H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station

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- **Five Major Research Focus Areas**
  - Breeding
    - Dr. Adam Famoso
    - Dr. Brijesh Angira
    - Dr. Harry Utomo
  - Pathology – Dr. Felipe Dalla Lana
  - Agronomy – Dr. Manoch Kongchum
  - Entomology – Dr. Blake Wilson
  - Weed Science – Dr. Connor Webster



# Breeding Segments



Segment	% Allocation
<b>Grain Types</b>	
Long	75%
Specialty	5%
Medium	20%
<b>Herbicides</b>	
CONV	40
CL	30
PV	30

# Conventional Breeding Update

- **211L1008**

- RU1702183/Avant
- 3 days later DTH than Avant, similar maturity
- 2 inches taller than Avant
- Increased Yield in 1<sup>st</sup> crop, Strong 2<sup>nd</sup> crop
- Blast resistant with Pita gene

- **211L1251**

- Catahoula/Lakast
- Later DTH and maturity
- Lower milling yields
- Improved 1<sup>st</sup> crop yields, slightly lower 2<sup>nd</sup> crop
- Blast resistant with Pita gene



Line	Chalk	DTH	Grain Length	L/W Ratio	Lodging %	Height	Sheath Blight	Total	Whole	Ratoon	Yield	Total Yield
201L1251	20.9	88.4	6.7	3.2	3.2	97.7	4.6	69.3	52.3	3474.1	8567.3	12041.5
211L1008	21.6	81.7	6.7	3.1	3.3	98.5	5.6	70.3	60.5	3973.0	8161.0	12134.0
Avant	19.6	78.5	6.7	3.1	0.3	93.1	4.3	70.5	59.7	3804.6	7859.1	11663.6
Cheniere	9.9	87.7	6.7	3.1	0.6	97.4	4.2	72.3	64.3	4019.1	6885.3	10904.4
DG263L	20.1	85.6	6.2	2.8	10.8	99.9	6.3	67.1	55.2	1657.5	8969.1	10626.7

# Conventional Breeding Update

- **LA21-2070 “Venus”**
  - Conventional medium grain
  - Target commercial release in 2026
  - Strong and stable yield performance compared to Titan and Jupiter
  - Flower 5 – 6 days earlier than Jupiter

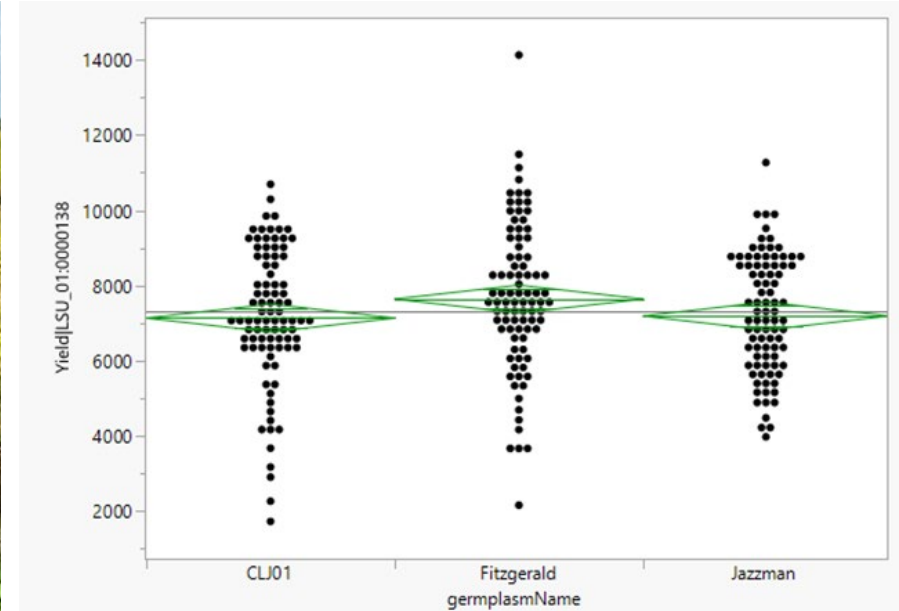


**Multiple Trials 2019 – 2024 Average**

	Grain length (mm)	Grain width (mm)	LW ratio	Days to heading	Plant height (in)	Total	Whole	Yield (lbs/ac)
<b>Venus</b>	6.0	2.7	2.2	82	38	69	61	8,815
<b>Jupiter</b>	5.8	2.7	2.2	88	37	67	61	7,967
<b>Titan</b>	6.0	2.7	2.3	81	37	69	59	8,210

# Conventional Breeding Update

- **Fitzgerald (LA20 – 2166)**
  - Catahoula/Jazzman
  - Commercial Release for 2025
  - Improved Yield and Blast Resistance

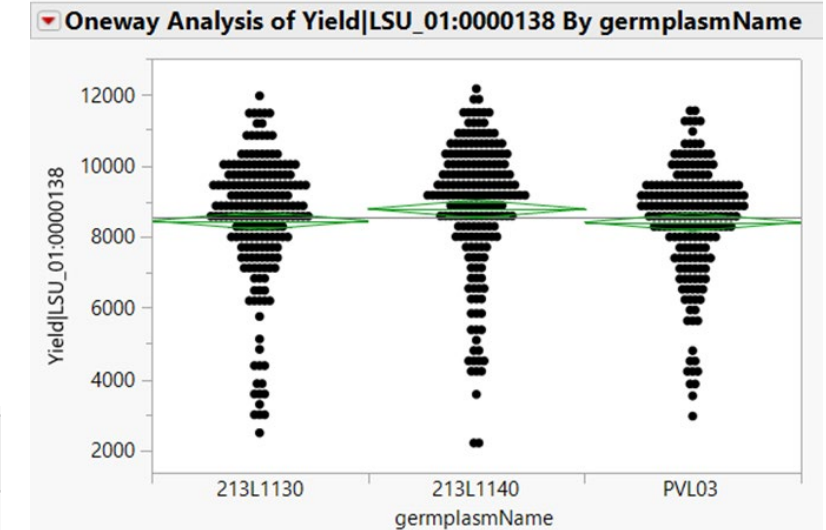


Level	Chalk	DTH	Grain Length	L/W Ratio	Height	Ratoon	Total	Whole	Yield
CLJ01	5.4	85.6	6.8	3.2	97.3	3293.6	70.7	62.7	7135.7
Fitzgerald	9.1	82.4	6.7	3.2	95.2	2804.8	70.0	59.2	7640.5
Jazzman	10.1	86.4	6.7	3.1	101.0	2544.8	69.9	60.5	7188.7

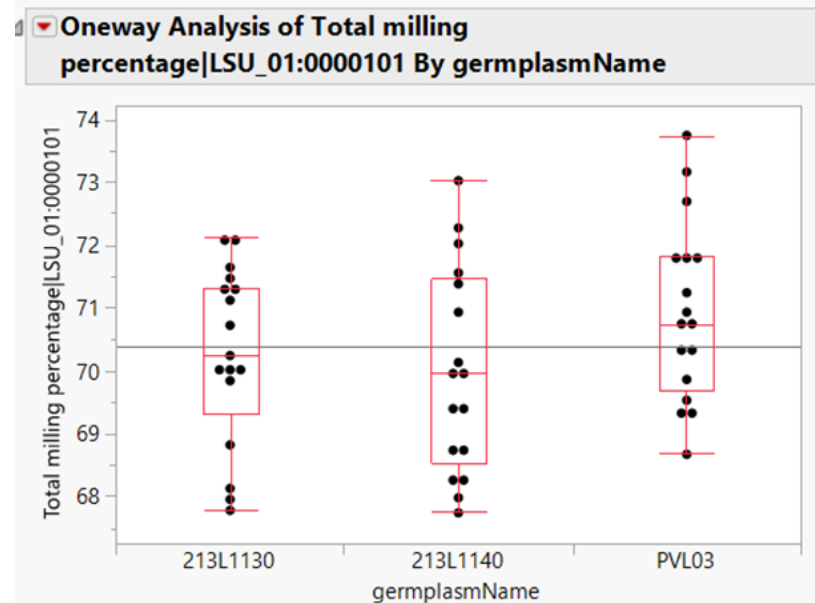
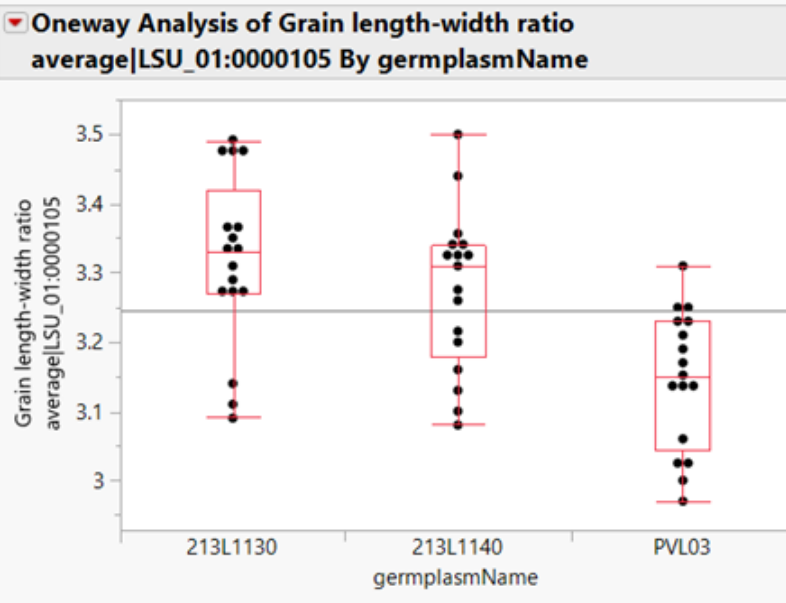
# Provisia Breeding Update

- **LA21 – 1140 PV Long Grain**
  - 2-acre increase planted Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> in Puerto Rico
  - Stable yields and increased 1<sup>st</sup> crop yields over PVL03/04
  - Lower second crop on average, with more potential for low 2<sup>nd</sup> crop yield compared to PVL03
  - Lower milling than PVL03
  - Blast resistant with Pita

## Head – to Head Comparison with PVL03

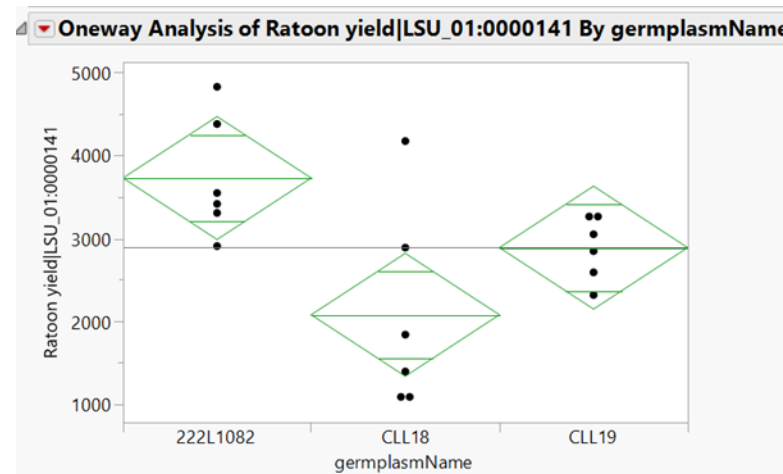
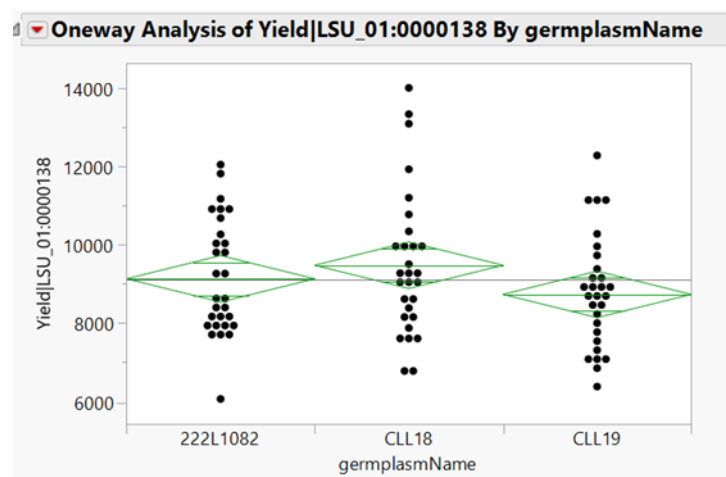


<b>1140/PVL03</b>	1140	PVL03
Wins <5%	11	7
Wins 5-10%	13	1
Wins 10-15%	8	3
Wins >15%	10	3
<b>Total &gt;5%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>



# The Clearfield Breeding Update

- **Advanced Clearfield Long Grain – 222L1082**
  - 2025 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of testing
  - Pedigree: 171L1786/CL153
  - Blast resistant (Pita)
  - Solid in all aspects thus far
    - Yield between CLL18 and 19
    - Similar yield to CLL18 in 2024
    - Excellent ratoon
    - Excellent grain quality
  - Extensive testing and purification planned for 2025
  - Potential commercial release for 2027



# Tree Specialty Breeding Update

- **New Advanced Low GI High Protein Rice Lines**
  - 3 promising advanced lines and 12 new entries
- **Major Health Benefits of Low GI High Protein Rice**

Yield between CLL18 and 19

  - Diabetes-friendly rice: safe for individuals with diabetes and helps prevent pre-diabetic individuals from progressing to full diabetes.
  - Help manage obesity
  - Offer a more nutritious source of carb-based foods to support healthier lifestyle.



Line	Grain	Yield	Milling	Protein	GI
LGR20191	Long	7322	63/70	11.3	46
LGR20204	Long	8022	62/71	12.0	42
LGR20312	Long	8006	60/70	11.8	47

# Pathology Update

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Field history



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Variety  
resistance  
and seed



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Management



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Weather



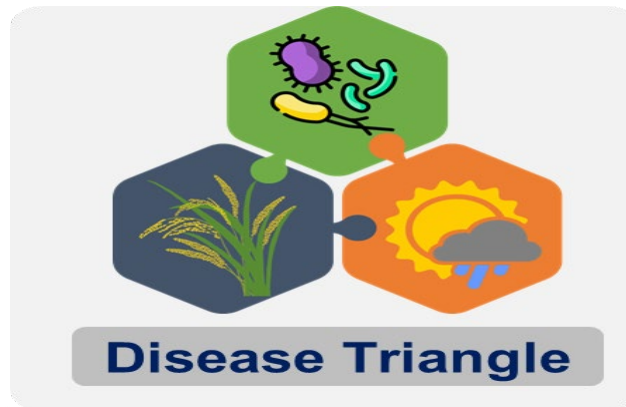
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Disease  
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Yield  
expectation  
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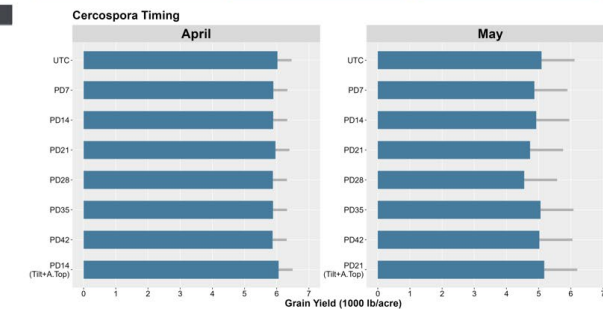
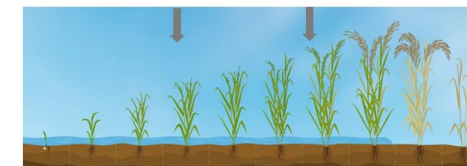


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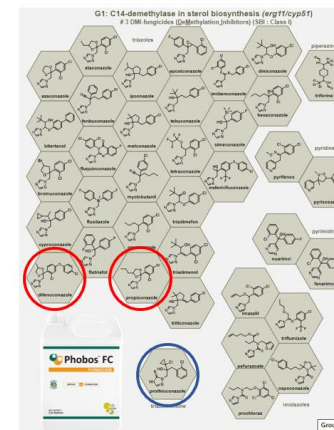
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- **Host Resistance**
  - Phenotype (R, MR, MS, S)
  - Discovery of new genetic resistance sources
  - New phenotyping methods
- **Integrated Pest Management**
  - Fungicide panel with all labeled fungicides
  - Sheath Blight IPM (Variety x Fungicide)
  - Cercopora IPM
  - Fungicide Resistance
- **Epidemiology**
  - Risk assessment / forecasting models (Weather + Variety + Management)
  - Management thresholds
  - Spatial and temporal analysis
  - Decision support system
- **Development & Validation of Protocols for Disease Inoculation and Screening**

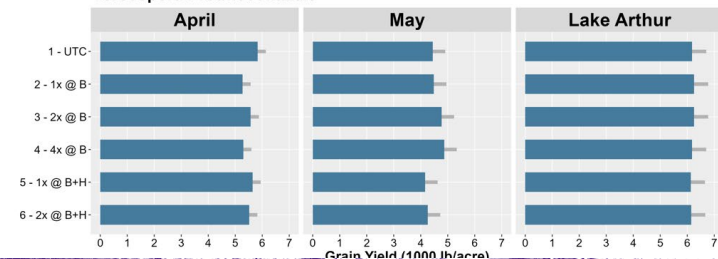
## Cercospora Net-Blotch and Panicle Blight Fungicide Timing



## “New” DMI fungicide (Prothioconazole)



Cercospora Prothioconazole



# Agronomy Update

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- **New Variety Agronomics Testing**
  - Support breeding programs
  - Agronomic packages
    - Optimal N rates
    - Optimal seeding rates
    - Variety Testing
- **Stubble management for ratoon crop**
- **On-farm climate-smart practices**
  - Water management (AWD)
  - Cover Crops
  - Greenhouse Gases
- **Arsenic uptake**
- **Border Row Effects in Small Plots**
- **Starter N Application**

**Evaluation of the Effect of Stubble Management Practices on Milling Quality (% Head and Total)**

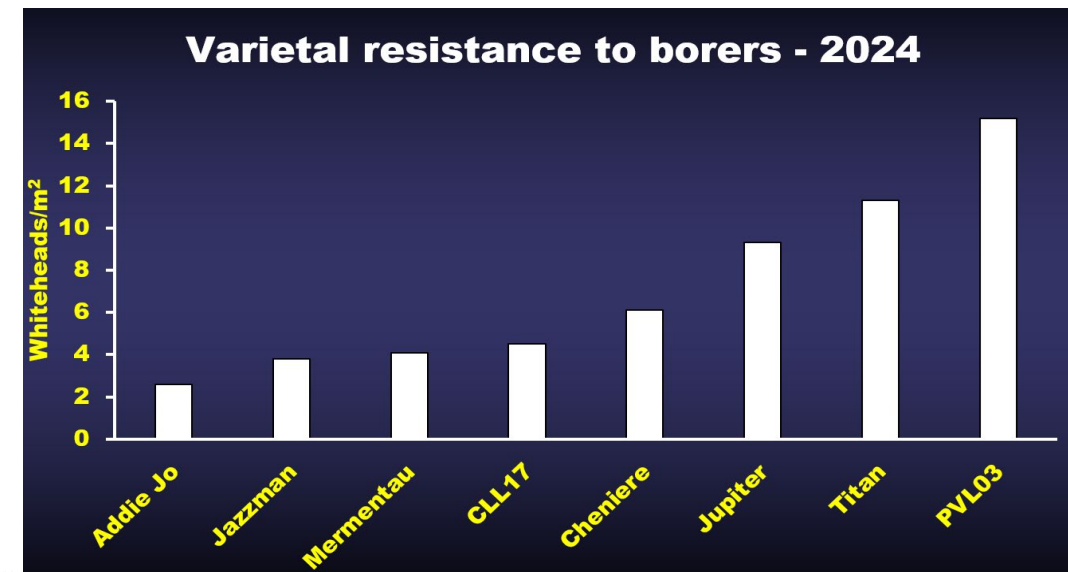
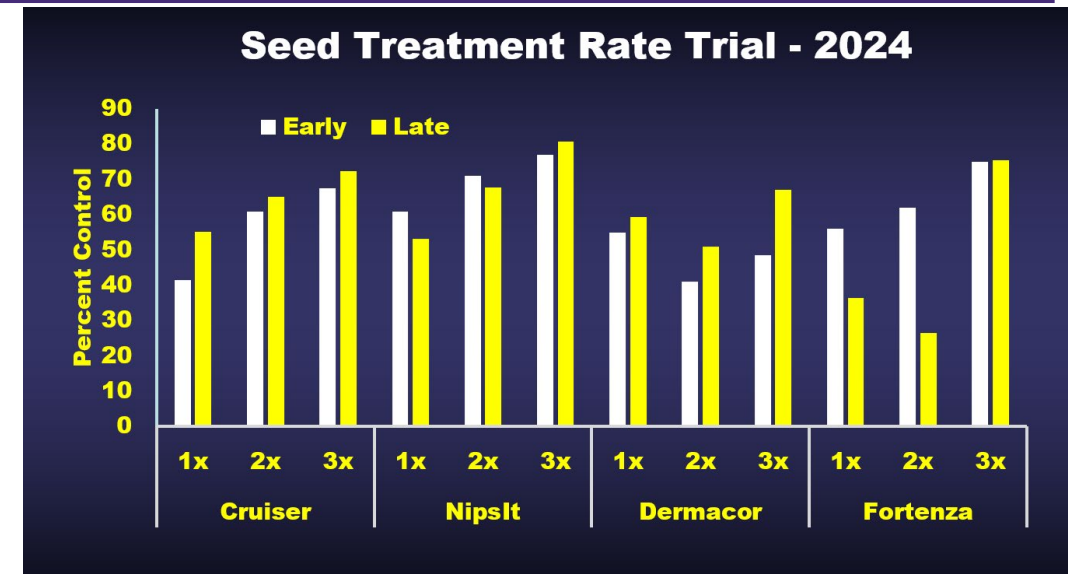


**Evaluation of Starter N Sources and Time of Application on Yield of CLL19 in a Drill-Seeded, Delayed Flood Rice System**

Tmt. No.	N Rate (lb N/A)	N Sources	Total N (lb N/A)	Application Timing	Yield (lb/A)
T1	150	Urea	150	Pre-flood	9120bc
T2	100/50	Urea/Urea	150	Pre-flood / PI	8277c
T3	20/130	Urea/Urea	150	2 Leaf /Pre-flood	9825ab
T4	20/130	AMS/Urea	150	2 Leaf /Pre-flood	9809ab
T5	20/150	Urea/Urea	170	2 Leaf /Pre-flood	10168a
T6	20/150	AMS/Urea	170	2 Leaf /Pre-flood	9665ab
T7	20/100/50	Urea/Urea/Urea	170	2 Leaf /Pre-flood/PI	9586ab
T8	20/100/50	AMS/Urea/Urea	170	2 Leaf /Pre-flood/PI	9464ab

# Entomology Update

- **Insecticidal seed treatments**
  - Inconsistent efficacy in 2022 – 2024
    - 80% RRW control from 2009 – 2021
    - <50% RRW control from 2022 – 2024
    - Complete failures with Stem Borers in 2024
  - Resistance concerns ?
  - Environmental factors ?
- **Foliar insecticides**
- **Insect resistant varieties**
- **Row rice pest management**
- **Invasive apple snails**

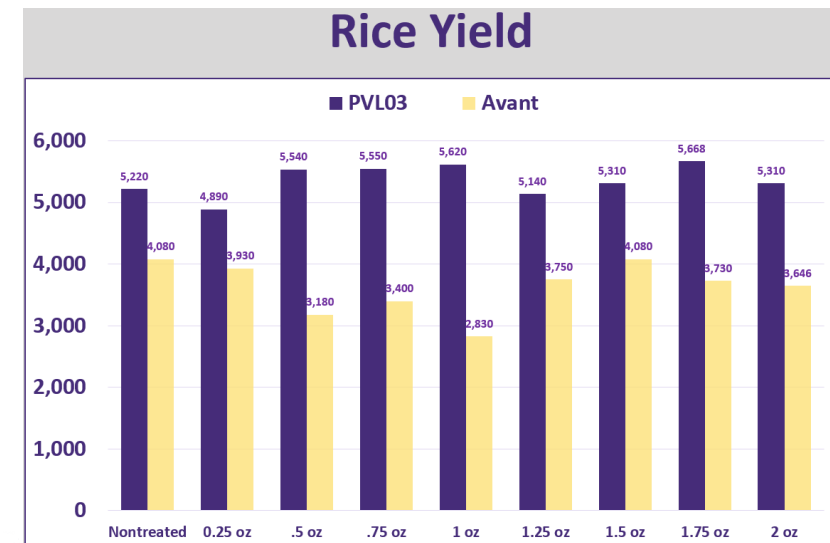
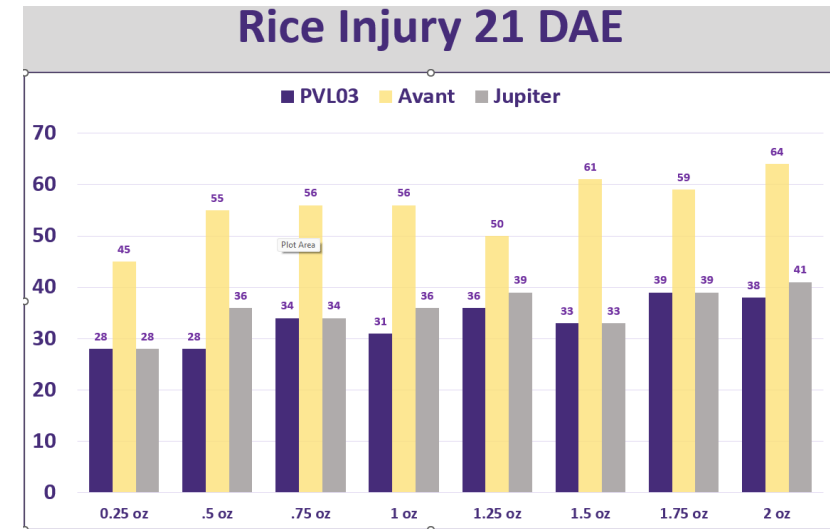


# Weed Science Update

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- Evaluation of 4 experimental herbicides
  - Tetflupyrolimet
  - Gowan ai
  - Roxy
  - New Rinde Formulation
- Advanced Provisia rice lines tolerance
- Simulated overcast weather patterns and Provisia injury
- Simulated Newpath/Preface carryover
- Control of Fimbristylis – Pre and Post
- Brake Application Timings and Rates
- Burndown Programs Using Gambit

## Simulated Newpath Carryover



# LSU AgCenter Hosting 2025 RTWG

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- Educational Workshop
- Symposiums
- Scientific Papers/Posters



<https://rtwg.org/>



Hilton New Orleans Riverside  
New Orleans, LA  
February 17 – 20, 2025

Registration Deadline:  
January 17, 2025

# H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station Field Day June 24, 2025



# Questions?

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