

Producers Report Positive Results with CL171-AR

Harvest reports on fields planted to CL171-AR across the mid-south show many promising characteristics for this new variety.

Vendal Fairchild in Louisiana watched the yield monitor in his combine jump to 200 bushels/acre during harvest of CL171-AR in late August. The field ended up averaging between 175 and 180 bushels/acre, better than Cocodrie and CL161 have performed on this farm near Lake Providence.



"We will definitely plant more of this next year," Fairchild said. "It looked like CL171-AR had a healthier stalk and therefore it stood much better than CL161, which tends to lodge on us. It looks like it will out-cut CL161 and will yield with CL131, if not better. We're satisfied."

Near Jonesboro, AR, Mike Mahan reported great yields and good early-growth with CL171-AR. He planted 65 pounds/acre, got the rice up to a good stand when an Easter freeze hit. When warmer weather returned his CL171-AR returned to growing, said Mahan, seed producer at Burns Seed Farm.

Burns Seed Farm had four fields planted to CL171-AR this season. One field averaged 165 bushels/acre dry, another averaged 171 bushels, and two fields averaged 178 bushels per acre. Together, the four fields averaged 171 bushels per acre. A cup weight was pulled and it showed 49.3 pounds/bushel.

"With that cup weight the milling yield could be excellent," said Mahan. "It was the prettiest rice crop we had and the average yield was excellent. This may be the best CLEARFIELD® rice variety available to us. I highly recommend CL171-AR."

For standard protection purposes, Mahan makes one fungicide application to the rice crops at Burns Seed Farm and 2007 was no exception. He wound up having to make additional applications to other rice varieties, but not to CL171-AR, which he believes has a better disease package than CL161. Mahan said CL171-AR also did not seem to have trouble with the salinity level in the soil at Burns Seed Farm.



"If it will cut 165 bushels per acre or so and control red rice, you can't do better than that," he said. "I think it cut as good as what the Wells on our farm will cut. I am really pleased with CL171-AR."

Christian Richard in Kaplan, LA planted CL171-AR on one of his weaker fields, but the results were very encouraging.

"The yield on the first cutting was comparable for our farm, but excellent for the field, which has never made more than 35 barrels per acre," he said. "With CL171-AR planted there, we cut 42.7 barrels to the acre. I believe we could have pushed the fertilizer more to get better yields from this variety."

CL171-AR

- **First Arkansas CLEARFIELD Release**
- **Wells and CL161 parentage**
- **Newpath and Beyond® tolerance comparable to CL161**
- **Excellent lodging resistance**
- **Improved disease package**
- **Milling quality comparable to CL161**

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