33% Increase In Rice Yields Reported In New Variety

A major breakthrough in rice yields -- more than 33 percent above standard varieties -- is resulting in tests of the Brazos variety at Beaumont, according to a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientist.

This increased yield was reported to producers attending the 27th annual Rice Field Day Wednesday (July 10) at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Ext. Center, Beaumont, by Dr. J. R. Craigmiles, TAES resident director for research.

Craigmiles said the Brazos variety has exceeded such commonly grown types as Nato by 36 percent, and Vista by 37 percent. "It has exceeded other popular standard varieties by an overall average of one-third more yields," Craigmiles told more than 300 field day guests.

[illegible] this past spring by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is from four to eight inches shorter than other medium-grain varieties, which provides excellent lodging resistance. It is also resistant to strighthead disease, rice researchers emphasized.

Lemont, a long-grain variety and the second new release, also is performing well in station plantings. It is resistant to straighthead, white tip and lodging, matures early, and appears to be one of the better quality varieties that should command a premium in export markets, Beaumont TAES and USDA scientists said.

Other efforts to increase rice yields per acre through improved breeding and genetics research; weed, disease and insect control; and fertility studies were discussed by scientists at eight field stops during the morning tour. Research on return flow of irrigation water, in which all water and chemicals are measured as they enter and leave, was another tour feature.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, TAES director, introduced new staff members and commended the Texas Rice Improvement Association and the Rice Subcommittee to the TAMU Center for "their effective leadership and strong support" for rice research and other efforts at the Center. Increased emphasis will be placed on rice pathology and soybean breeding research, he said.

[illegible] standing scientists to conduct research on major problems of the area," said Miller, director of the state's agricultural research agency.

Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of agriculture at Texas A&M University, also greeted field day groups.

Research on control of the rice water weevil, and procedures that producers can use to decide when treatment measures should be started, were discussed by TAES Entomologist C. C. Bowling at the afternoon session. Robert R. Cogburn, entomologist with the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, spoke on research underway on insects attacking stored rice. He listed five economically damaging insects, including the rice weevil, lesser grain borer, red flower beetle, angoumois grain moth and almond moth.

Gene Guthrie of Dayton, president of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association, said it appears that the present rice program for growers will continue through the 1975 crop year, but cautioned producers to prepare for changes after that time.

Dr. O. B. Clifton, district agent for Texas Agricultural Extension Service District 11, served as fieldmaster for the tour. He was assisted by county Extension agents of the district. Extension Agronomist R. J. Hodges of College Station chaired the afternoon session in the TAMU Center Auditorium.

Rotarians Hear Report On Rice Exp. Farm

Dr. Jim Stansel, director of the Western Division of the Texas A&M Rice Research and Experiment farm with headquarters in Eagle Lake, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club last Wednesday and he brought an interesting program on the work being carried out by the Western Division in Eagle Lake, Katy, Bay City and El Campo and Edna areas.

Dr. Stansel pointed out that the Western Division was established due to the rapid growth of the rice industry along the coast in a southwesterly direction. He said the program in the Western Division along with the Beaumont Experiment station enables experimentation on all soil types in the state. He stressed that the expanded experimental programs have reaped good results and have resulted in the release of two new varieties of rice at least a year ahead of schedule.

"With costs of production spiraling at a more rapid rate than income, the rice farmer is heading on a collision course unless production can be increased to offset these spiraling costs," said Dr. Stansel.

He cited as goals of the experimentation program an effort to increase productivity, to reduce costs, to see that there is an adequate supply of food for peoples of the world.

Dr. Stansel discussed the two new varieties of rice released a year ahead of schedule, long grain Lemont and a short gain variety, Brazos pointing out their capabilities to increase production as much as one-third under favorable conditions.

Funds for the rice and pasture experiment programs come one-third from the state, one-third from a half cent per hundredweight checkoff from the rice producers in the area, and one-third from the Texas Rice Improvement Association. He stressed the fact that in 1972 it was estimated that for every dollar spent in the program there was a return of at least $17.

This year the Western Division has some 5,500 seven foot by twenty foot research plots in Eagle Lake and satellite areas. This work is being carried on by ten people as compared to a staff of 70 at the Beaumont station.

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Last Rites July 12 For Mrs. Neta Turner

Citizens in the community will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Neta Turner, 68, of Anahuac, a former resident here for a number of years. Mrs. Turner died at 2 a.m. Friday, July 12th in Corpus Christi.

Surviving are her husband John Wesley Turner; a son, Jack Michael Turner of St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Johneta Pogue of Corpus Christi.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday from the First United Methodist Church in Anahuac with burial in the Anahuac Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cy Epps of this city were among those attending the last rites.

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County In Top 10 In Rice Production

Colorado County placed in the top ten in rice production in the state for 1973, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Production for the county totaled 1,732,000 hundredweight, while production statewide was 20,530,000 hundredweight.

"Texas' drop from first to fourth place in rice production in 1973 was due in large part to damage sustained when tropical storm Delia hit the Texas Coast," Commissioner White said.

Other counties in the top ten in rice production include Wharton, Jefferson, Matagorda, Brazoria, Chambers, Jackson, Liberty, Harris, and Fort Bend.

Complete statistics on 1973 field crops are available by writing John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711.

Evening Class Registration At WCJC Aug. 26

A schedule of proposed on-campus and off-campus evening courses for college credit has been announced at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton where early registration is underway for the regular fall semester of day classes.

On-campus night class registration in Wharton is set for Monday, August 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Any courses listed in the WCJC catalog will also be offered provided specialized laboratory or equipment is available at the class sites. Courses with less than ten enrollments are subject to cancellation.

Many classes may be "audited" instead of enrolling for college credit. Students may receive the same learning privileges but are relieved from requirements of attendance, tests, grades and transcripts.

The WCJC registrar's office may be contacted for further information by mail or by telephoning 532-4560, Extension 6.

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Skuca of Nada were Mr. and Mrs. James Wemhaver and Susan of Tulsa, Okla. Susan, 15 yrs. old, has recently undergone a kidney transplant, donated by her brother, David. This was their first visit in the Nada area and really enjoyed it.

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Winners In 4-H Summer Horse Program

The Colorado County 4-H Horse Club had its Monday night riding session at the Columbus arena July 15, with two double winners, Buck Richardson in the Beginners' group and Paul Saul in the 9-12 age group.

The following were winners in Barrel Racing: Beginners-Buck Richardson, 1; Kevin Brisco, 2; Anna Wegenhoft, 3; Matt Potter, 4; Kelly Scholton, 5; and Sonja Bruns, 6; 8 Years and Under-John Poenitzsch, 1; Raena Poenitzsch, 2; John McAlister, 3; Scott Kleimann, 4; Kristen Beken, 5; and Cynthia Potter, 6; 9-12 Years - Paul Saul, 1; James McAlister, 2; Frank Cranek, 3; Brad Beken, 4; Raymond Bubak, 5; and Fredda Saul, 6; 13 Years and Over-J. R. Saul, 1; Sheryl Abell, 2; Jack Cloat, 3; Nan Strunk, 4; Molly Strunk, 5; and Denise Zimmermann, 6.

Winners in Pole Bending were: Beginners-Buck Richardson, 1; Kevin Brisco, 2; Kelly Scholton, 3; Dan Moeller, 4; Matt Potter, 5; and Jill Ruffeno, 6; 8 Years and Under-Raena Poenitzsch, 1; Scott Kleimann, 2; Kristen Beken, 3; John Poenitzsch, 4; John McAlister, 5; and Sarah Jo Cranek, 6; 9-12 Years-Paul Saul, 1; James McAlister, 2; Frank Cranek, 3; Neal Zajicek, 4; Raymond Bubak, 5; and Robby Kleimann, 6; 13 Years and Over-Buck Burt, 1; Jack Cloat, 2; Darlene Zimmermann, 3; Sheryl Abell, 4; Leslie Potter, 5; and Denise Zimmermann, 6.

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SPORTS CORNER

LL All-Stars Lose Area Finale To La Grange

Top Flatonia In 9 Innings In Semi-Finals

The Eagle Lake Little Leaguers reached the finals of the Area III Little League tournament held in Flatonia last week before bowing to a strong La Grange team in the championship game on Friday night.

The Eagle Lake team, coached by Draper Stephens and Billy Farris, drew a bye in the first round and then edged Flatonia 11 to 8 in the semi-finals in one of the most exciting contests of the Area Series. The Eagle Lake - Flatonia contest had to go to nine innings and the maximum time limit before the Eagle Lakers rallied for four runs in the top of the ninth. They managed to cut off a Flatonia rally in the last of the ninth at one run to give Eagle Lake the 11 to 8 decision.

But in the finals Friday night it was all La Grange as they ran up against a polished and talented team behind some good pitching. When the final dust was recorded La Grange had by the score of 21 to 0. The La Grange will advance to the district tournament this week in Yoakum and was due to meet the winner of Area II Yoakum, Tues., of this week. Finals in the district tournament will be held Sat. night.

The Colorado Valley Little League All-Stars lost their opening game to Flatonia by a score of 9 to 2. La Grange whipped Weimar-Schulenburg and then La Grange set down Columbus 5 to 0 with La Grange's second starting pitcher throwing a no-hitter against the Cardinals.

In the finals Friday night, pitcher Tellick threw a no-hitter at the Eagles getting 14 strikeouts and allowing only two runners to reach first base. The Eagle Lake pitchers were Darrel Appell and Rufus Cardenas.

The thriller Thursday night saw the Eagle Lakers use three pitchers, Rich Farris went four innings and Tillman was in for only part of the fifth before giving way to Wayne Chisum who pitched for the remainder of the game using [illegible] to the championship game.

Eagle Lake had things under control with a run in the first on singles by Appelt and Keith Matcheski, another in the third when Michael Duarte reached first on an error and scored on hits by Chisum and Farris. Eagle Lake took a 3-0 lead in the top of the fourth when Appelt blasted a home run, but Flatonia came in to score five times and go ahead 5-3. In the sixth the locals rallied for four runs on hits by Ed Coy, Rich Farris, Jeff Pesnell, and Chisum to pull out front 7-5. In the last of the sixth Flatonia scored twice to put the game in extra innings.

In the top of the ninth Eagle Lake tallied four times with Victor Davis, Appelt and Chisum getting timely hits. Appelt, Chisum and Gay each contributed three hits; Pesnell 2; Matcheski, Farris, Tillman, Davis and Robert Aleman one hit each.

Only runners to reach base against La Grange were Chisum and Farris, both on walks.

The competition ended play for the Eagle Lake Little Leaguers as well as for the Colorado Valley, Weimar-Schulenburg, Columbus and Flatonia teams.

A sizeable delegation was on hand for both Eagle Lake games and also for the CVLL contest and commended the boys for their fine play despite their losing efforts.

Rec. Center Member Golf Tourneys Wed. and Sun.

Ladies Compete Wed., Men Sun.

Ted Reese, chairman of the tournament committee for the Eagle Lake Recreation Center, announces dates for men's and women's member golf tournaments.

The ladies are competing in nine hole tournament beginning at 9 a.m. today, Wed. and the men in an eighteen hole tournament beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 28th.

Entry fee for the men will also be $2.00 and merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top four winners in the scratch handicap competition, said Reese.

The committee is planning to hold regular tournaments for both men and women at the Recreation Center and invite and urge all members to participate and non-golfers [illegible] social activities and to support their favorite players.

Sandy Grammer Named To State All-Star Cagers

SANDY GRAMMER

Sandy Grammer, outstanding member of the girls Rice Raiders basketball team competed with the South Girls All-Star team in the annual North-South game at the conclusion of the annual coaches clinic.

Sandy was on the starting unit and tallied 15 points as the South scored their first win over the North in over sixteen years.

Miss Grammer, daughter of Rice Athletic Director and Mrs. Jack Grammer, was also named to the State All-Star team which competed against the Oklahoma All-Stars in a game in Plainview last Saturday night.

Sandy will be attending Temple Junior College under a basketball scholarship this fall.

Congratulations to excellent congratulations to Sandy for her performance bringing statewide recognition to her school.

Oilers Meet Giants In Post Charity Aug. 3

The Houston Oilers meet the New York Giants in the eighth annual Houston Post Charity Game Saturday, August 3; at 8 p.m. in the Astrodome.

Sponsored by Houston Post Charities, Inc., this year's opening game of the pre-season will benefit the Sickle Cell Disease Research Foundation of Texas, Inc. and Memorial Hall High School.

More than $167,100 has been raised for charity by this annual football game and previous beneficiaries include Lighthouse for the Blind, U.S.O., Variety Boys' Club, Inc., The Leukemia Society, Harris County Center for the Retarded, Hester House, and Neighborhood Centers Day Care Association.

Last year's Houston Post Charity Game played to a standing room only crowd of nearly 47,000.

Tickets are on sale at all Foley's ticket centers, the Houston Oilers' ticket office, the Kirby Drive ticket window at the Astrodome, or by mail from the Oiler office.

MAYC Challenge Bulls For Lead In Make-Up Tonite, Wed.

The Bulls and the MAYC softball teams are heading for a showdown in their battle for the lead in the Men's Slo-Pitch softball league when they meet in the make-up of an earlier postponed game at 7 p.m. tonight Wed., at the City Ball Park.

The league leading Bulls got a forfeit from Baptist Tues. to up their record to 7-1 while MAYC topped CYO to bring their record to 6-2.

The Jaycees topped the Firemen and the Saints blasted the CYO in action on Thursday night of last week.

This Friday, July 26 the Jaycees are due to meet the Baptist and the Firemen tangle with the Saints, Next Tuesday, the Bulls challenge CYO and the Jaycees battle with the Saints.

Connie Macks Get Forfeit In Final Game

El Campo Connie Macks forfeited their game to the Eagle Lake Connie Macks due to a shortage of players due to the work in the rice industry and the local Macks got credit for their only win of the season by a 5-0 score.

Coach Jack Grammer and the players extend thanks to all who supported the team during its Cen - Tex schedule.

WCJC, Blinn Shrine Benefit Game Sept. 21

Plans for the Fort Bend County Shrine Club's September 21 benefit football game between Wharton County and Blinn junior colleges were announced Friday at an official "kick-off" held in the Sugar Land Recreation Center.

Dr. C. W. Yates of Rosenberg, president of the Fort Bend Shriners, presided at a meeting of the 70 members club which raised $6,000 at last year's event for the Shriner Hospital and Burns Institute at Galveston.

Wrap-Up Of 1974-75 Hunt Seasons

With the exception of geese and ducks, the 1974-75 hunting seasons are set and here are how they shape up:

White-tailed deer, in most regulatory counties, Nov. 16-Jan. 1; for the regular gun season; Oct. 1-31 for archery.

Mule deer, Nov. 30-Dec. 15 in the Trans-Pecos; Nov. 23 Dec. 8 in the Panhandle.

Antelope, by permit only, Sept. 28-Oct. 6 in the Trans-Pecos; Sept. 28-Oct. 1 in the Panhandle.

Javelina, Oct. 1-Jan. 1, with the exception of Real, Kerr, Kinney, Edwards, Schleicher and Frio Counties where there is no closed season and no bag limit.

Turkey, generally concurrent with the Nov. 16-Jan. 1 whitetail season.

Quail, South Texas, Nov. 1-Feb. 16; most other sections Feb. 2; Trans-Pecos, Nov. 16-Feb. 2; Possum Kingdom and Northeast, Dec. 1-Feb. 16; most other sections of the state, Nov. 16-Feb. 16.

Mourning dove, North Zone, Sept. 1-Oct. 30; South Zone, Sept. 21-Nov. 3 and Jan. 4-19; exception are those counties with a whitewing season, fall segment closes Oct. 30.

White-winged dove, Sept. 1-2 and 7-8, in those counties along the Rio Grande.

Jacksnipe, Nov. 16-Jan. 19.

Teal ducks, Sept. 14-22.

Regular duck and goose seasons will be set by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission during their August meeting.

Complete listings of seasons and bag limits will soon be available in the department publication, "A Guide to Texas Hunting and Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations, 1974-75," to be found wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

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County 4-H Horse Show Set Aug. 10

The Colorado County 4-H Horse Club will sponsor their Tenth Annual Open Horse Show August 10 in Columbus.

Twenty-four classes of halter, showmanship and performance will be held.

Entry fee will be $2.00 per class for those who are pre-entered and $4.00 per class for those entering at the show.

Awards will consist of trophies for first through sixth places in all classes, with High Point and Reserve High Point receiving a Nelson-Silvia Buckle.

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July 25 and 26

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2 tsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. crushed ice

Place cantaloupe in blender and run until cantaloupe is pureed or mash cantaloupe and press through sieve. Add remaining ingredients. Whizz and shake vigorously until frothy. Serve garnished with a slice of lemon or lime or a sprig of fresh mint. Yield: 1 serving (about 1 cup).

STRAWBERRY WAKE-UP

1 pint fresh strawberries, washed and hulled or frozen strawberries
1 carton (8 ounces) plain yogurt
¾ cup milk
3 Tbsp. brown sugar (packed)
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. ground allspice
2 drops red food color

Measure all ingredients into blender. Cover and blend on high speed 10 seconds. Stop and start blender, blend 10 seconds. Pour into chilled glasses. Garnish with whole strawberries on straws. Yield: 4 servings (about 5 ounces each).

WATERMELON PUNCH

2 cups sugar
3 cups water
1½ cups fresh lemon or lime juice
4 cups fresh orange juice
6 cups fresh watermelon juice

Combine sugar, water and ¼ cup lemon or lime juice in saucepan, bring to boil 3 minutes. Cool. Add remaining juices. Extract juice from watermelon by pressing the pulp against sides of sieve. Pour over ice in a punch bowl or a chilled watermelon shell, notched or scalloped at the edges if desired. Float fruit slices over top and garnish each cup with fresh mints and berries in season. Yield: 1 gallon.