

## **RICE PROGRAM**

**SEED TREATMENT:** Because rice is planted at a high seeding rate, and sometimes planted by aircraft, and sometimes planted with ground equipment it poses different challenges for treatment.

Usually talc is not an option for treating rice seed but it can be done.

In some areas such as Southern Louisiana rice seed will be pre soaked before planting. Some producers will put super bags of seed into drainage or irrigation canals to pre soak them. <u>In this</u> volume of water it is not possible to treat the seed, not to mention that this water may be moving.

Some producers will pre-soak rice seed in open tanks. Even though this is on significant amount of water the seed can be treated with **Rapide de Riz**, by adding it to the water. The rate of inclusion is 4-6 fl. Oz. per 100 lbs. of seed, added to the water and dispersed prior to the addition of the seed.

Most rice seed are not pre-soaked and fall into two categories.

- 1. Those seeds saved by the farmer. These offer potential to be treated with liquid **Rapide de Riz**.
- 2. Seed purchased from a seed supplier. These may or may not be treated with a fungicide. Possibilities here are;
  - a. Get the farmer to request that the supplier treat the seed with **Rapid de Riz**.
  - b. Sell the **Rapide de Riz** directly to the seed supplier.

Best bet is to go through the farmer.

**FOLIAR:** Early in the growth and development period the seed head begins to form in the sheath or stalk. The number of grains per head and the number of heads per plant, (from tillering), is being determined.

At this stage there will be a visible green ring that will be a visible plant about 1-2 inches above the soil line. Early in this stage is when you must apply your biostimulant.

• Apply Farm Pro or Crop Power-47.

**NOTE:** We will probably offer a specific rice product even more ideal for the crop than the other two.

**NOTE:** Your foliar application may well coincide with early herbicide applications which will be made by air. We are tank mix compatible with Propanil and Ordram and all other that we know of.

This is also a good time to apply zinc. (ZinPro-6)