

Local Field Trials Preview Potential Releases



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Field trials are established across the Mid-south and Gulf Coast regions displaying hybrid rice products. RiceTec conducts over 60 large scale yield trials annually to develop and evaluate, existing and experimental, hybrid seed lines. These trials are located on farms reaching from Missouri to the Gulf Coast. You may have noticed the field signs while driving through rice growing areas. This is the final stage of testing in a multi-year development process for releasing new commercial products. Growers are generally very interested in these trials as the data collected helps them make decisions about which hybrids fit best in their particular situations as well as

getting to look at potential new products.

There are two new products that may be available in limited quantities for 2014 planting: conventional hybrids XP760 and XP757. XP760 is a conventional hybrid that compares with RiceTec's XL723 in yield and maturity, but with vastly improved grain retention and improved resistance to Bacterial Panicle Blight. XP757 will be the first smooth leaf hybrid ever commercially available. This means that it lacks the pubescence on the leaf and grain that creates the "itchiness" that hybrids are known for.

If you would like to view any of these trials contact your local Technical Services Representative. Be sure to check out information on upcoming field days, products and services on our website: www.ricetec.com. Δ

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