

Neck Blast Of Rice Confirmed In Greene County, Ark.

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Infection caused rotten necks and bleached heads with blank grains.
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A disease that can prevent rice grains from filling out has been confirmed in a field in western Greene Co., prompting a warning to scout late rice fields. The warning is for “late-planted fields with blast-susceptible varieties in blast-prone areas,” said Yeshi Wamishe, extension plant pathologist.

“If you have rice fields at booting to early heading, the crop could still benefit from a fungicide application,” she said. “Timing is important. Once the head is completely out of the boot, a fungicide application has no benefit for prevention of neck or panicle blast.”

Read more about the blast finding at www.arkansas-crops.com/2013/08/25/blast-alert-in-ne-arkansas/ . Δ