



Rice Notes

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Tips on an Emerging Rice Straw Market High-Value Straw is Headed to Dairies



When: Thursday, March 6, 2008, 10:00 am

Where: Colusa County UCCE office, 100 Sunrise Boulevard, Colusa, California

Agenda

SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE DAIRY MARKET – *Peter Robinson, UCD Dairy Nutrition Specialist*

DAIRY HEIFER FEEDING OVERVIEW – *Peter Robinson, UCD Dairy Nutrition Specialist*

DAIRY DEFINED STRAW – *Ken Collins, Biggs Farming*

2006 AND 2007 DEMONSTRATION SURVEY AND RESULTS – *Marta Santos, UCD Grad Student*

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT RICE STRAW PRODUCER'S PUBLICATION – *Glenn Nader, UC Livestock Advisor*

CONFERENCE CALL WITH DAIRYMEN, NUTRITIONIST, AND MANAGERS

LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION

The combination of the drought, increases in feed costs, and increasing numbers of dairy cows in California presents a market for rice straw to dairies. The past two years of demonstration funded by the Rice Research Board have allowed for definition of the field treatment to make “ready-to-feed” rice straw for dairy heifer rations. The objective of the meeting is to inform rice producers what was learned about production of a product that the dairies can use. Please join us to learn how to participate in this value-added rice straw market.

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Cooperative Extension Rice Farm Advisors
California Certified Rice Seed Applicants and Growers:

Now is the time to plan for requests of Rice Experiment Station (RES) Foundation Rice Seed for the 2008 production year. Varieties released from the California Cooperative Rice Research Foundation (CCRRF) are available to California rice seed growers who plan to produce registered seed this year.

The allocation of Foundation Rice Seed from CCRRF is through the Foundation Seed Program (FSP) at UC Davis. Requests for Foundation Seed will be due in the FSP office by February 29, 2008. Hopefully we can make allocations in the first week of March.

All requests should be submitted on the "Foundation Seed Request and Memorandum of Agreement" form. This year there are two ways to submit the form:

1. Submission by web site may be done by going to the CCIA home page at <http://ccia.ucdavis.edu>. Click on the link to **Foundation Rice Seed Request Form**. After you submit the form you will be able to print out a page with all the information for your records. Submit a separate form for each variety requested.
OR
2. Complete and mail the enclosed form. I have included two of the forms; you may also make additional copies or go online to http://fsp.ucdavis.edu/Rice_Request_Form.pdf for additional forms. Submit a separate form for each variety requested.

CCRRF will have the following varieties of Foundation rice seed available for allocation in 2008:

L-205	L-206	M-104	M-202	M-205	M-206
M-208	M-401	M-402	S-102	Calamylow-201	Calhikari-201
Calmati-201	Calmati-202	Calmochi-101			

This year's price for Foundation seed will be \$30.00 per hundredweight. By the end of February, we may have the amounts available for each variety or the statistics that help in the allocations. For any additional information, call Robert Stewart at 530-752-9826 or email fstewart@ucdavis.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. STEWART".

Robert Stewart