

Western Rice Belt Conference and Texas Rice Council Annual Meeting
Rescheduled to Wednesday - January 24, 2018

The annual Western Rice Belt Production Conference was originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 but was cancelled due to the recent winter weather event. The 2018 Western Rice Belt Conference has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 24, 2018 and will be held at the El Campo, Texas Civic Center. Registration for the conference will begin at 7:45 a.m., with the main program to begin at 8:10 a.m. After a catered lunch, provided by area agribusiness sponsors, the program will conclude at 2:15 p.m.

This joint effort of our Western Rice Belt planning committee, The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, U.S. Rice Producers Association, and Texas A&M AgriLife Research will offer growers and others the opportunity to hear presentations from the top Extension and Research scientists from Texas as well as respected individuals from the rice industry. Topics and speakers will include: Association updates from U.S. Rice Producers and USA Rice; Rice Boards in Texas; The Outlook for Rice in 2018”, Dennis Delaughter; Rice Disease Management Update, Dr. Shane Zhou; Weed Management Update, *speaker TBD*; Insect Management in Rice, Dr. Mo Way; Pesticide Laws and Regs Update, Greg Baker; and a 2018 Farm Bill Update from Dr. Joe Outlaw. The Texas Rice Council will also conduct their Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 2018 Western Rice Belt Conference. The Texas Rice Council will conduct their producer elections during the lunch hour, following the announcement of the Rice Poster Contest results.

For more information, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension office in Colorado County at 979-732-2082; or Wharton County at 979-532-3310; or go to <http://wharton.agrilife.org> and click on Events to view a flyer for the Rice Conference. 2 CEU's (1 L&R and 1 IPM) for TDA Pesticide Applicators will be awarded at this event. CCA hours have been applied for and will be offered pending approval. Pesticide Applicators are reminded to provide their Pesticide Applicator License number at registration.

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