

# 2009 FRC SWEET RICE PRODUCTION PROGRAM

## I. Sweet Rice Supply Objectives

- A. Appropriate quantity to meet FRC's marketing requirements
- B. Premium quality

## II. Quality Requirements

- A. U.S. #1 short grain rough rice - glutinous
- B. Special FRC specifications (FRC grade+)
- C. Identity preserved
- D. Approved variety - Cal Mochi-101
- E. *Deliveries not meeting specifications will be paid a lower value based on prevailing market conditions.*

## III. Financial Considerations

- A. Advances
  - 1. Calrose advance plus \$2.25
- B. Settlement values meeting FRC quality requirements
  - 1. Guaranteed = \$4.50/cwt over the Calrose return
  - 2. Progress payments may occur at different times than other marketing pools.
- C. Freight
  - 1. Total Sweet Rice freight will be paid by FRC
    - a) Freight charges (plus any surcharges) **exceeding** Valley Farm Transport's rate tariff and fuel surcharge will be charged to your account at harvest.

## IV. Production Requirements

- A. Field Isolation
  - 1. Eligible fields must be clearly separated from other rice fields by a ditch, roadway levee, or barren strip **at least 50 feet wide**.
  - 2. To insure varietal purity, to the extent possible adjacent fields should be air seeded parallel to the FRC sweet rice fields.
- B. Planting
  - 1. Certified seed will be purchased from FRC or other approved supplier to be delivered to FRC approved soaking facilities.
  - 2. Grower is responsible for inspection of planting equipment including aircraft, loaders, etc. prior to planting.

- C. Field Inspection
  - 1. Fields will be inspected by FRC personnel after heading but prior to harvest for contamination of other types of rice.
  - 2. Fields (or portions thereof) considered not suitable for the FRC Sweet Rice Program because of excessive contamination from other types will be harvested and stored on an identity-preserved basis.
    - a) FRC will make determination which will be final and conclusive.
    - b) Grower may receive a lesser value on contaminated fields based on prevailing market conditions.
- D. Harvesting
  - 1. Harvesting equipment must be thoroughly cleaned prior to harvest.
  - 2. Grower is responsible to assure cleanliness of all hauling equipment.

## V. Contracts Allocation

- A. Enrollees will be pre-screened by FRC to determine production eligibility for the FRC Sweet Rice Program.
- B. Initial allocations to 2008 crop producers.
- C. Contracted acreage may *not* be transferred among fields or to other members without FRC permission.

## VI. Warehousing Requirements

- A. FRC will pre-approve drying/storage in specified facilities.

## VII. Enrollment

- A. Indicate interest by March 20, 2009 along with **map** of eligible fields.
- B. Enrollments should be made on a field-by-field basis.
- C. Separate enrollments *need not be made* for landlord acreage. Landlord's crop share, when applicable, will be split prior to harvest.
- D. **Enrollments** must include a **map**, last year's cropping history, and the adjoining fields' planting intentions for each field intended to be planted to Japonica short grain.
- E. Enrollments will be pre-screened by FRC to determine production eligibility prior to contract allocations.

## **VIII. FRC Allocation Procedure**

- A. Production allocated over specific geographic regions.
- B. Grower profile qualified FRC members for participation.
- C. FRC staff will make final determinations of eligibility.
- D. When qualified growers exceed acreage available, FRC Staff will make Determination of allocations.
- E. Contract allocations are not transferable without FRC permission.
- F. **2009 participation may be utilized in future programs.**

## **IX. Other**

- A. Program is available only to FRC members.
- B. Landlords receiving a crop share must be FRC member.
- C. Program is expected to be continuing.
- D. Program may be modified or discontinued in the future.
- E. If grower applies and is subsequently allocated contract acreage but fails to plant the acreage, grower may be ineligible to participate in the FRC Sweet Rice Program in succeeding years.
- F. Cooperation between FRC member and FRC staff is considered an integral component of program.
- G. Information and practices developed under this program are considered proprietary to FRC.