

# 2011 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 \$.75
- B. Settlement values meeting FRC quality requirements
  1. Guaranteed = \$1.25/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 2010 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 18, 2011 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. FRC staff will make final determinations of eligibility.
- C. When qualified growers exceed acreage available, FRC Staff will make Determination of allocations.
- D. Contract allocations are not transferable without FRC permission.
- E. 2011 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.