

Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center
25th Anniversary of Innovative Rice Research



August 2, 2023

DBNRRC OPEN HOUSE AND GENERAL PROGRAM

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| 7:00:00 am | REGISTRATION |
| 7:30-9:30 am | DBNRRC Lab tour |

Topics- Presenters

1) Greenhouses- Laduska Sells; 2) Rice germplasm collection- Trevis Huggins; 3) Genomic core facility- Jeremy Edwards, Melissa Jia, Aaron Jackson; 4) Plant pathology- Yulin Jia and team; 5) Diverse rice species- Georgia Eizenga; 6) Abiotic stress tolerance- Jai Rohila; 7) Rice grain quality, new traits and markets- Shannon Pinson

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| 9:30-10:00 am (DBNRRC conference room) | VIP light breakfast |
| 9:30-10:00 am (DBNRRC Lobby) | Coffee Break |

General Program (10 am - 12 pm, DBNRRC auditorium)

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| National Anthem (Misti Coker) | Yulin Jia (DBNRRC Acting Research Leader/Center Director) |
| Welcome | Sanah Baig (USDA REE Deputy Under Secretary) |
| Staff and facilities | Archie Tucker (ARS Southeast Area Director) |
| Remarks | US Senator John Boozman (recorded) |
| Remarks | Wes Ward (Arkansas Sectary of Agriculture) |
| Mission of ARS Research | Nora Lapitan (ARS Deputy Administrator) |
| Industry to USA economy | Betsy Ward (Pres. & CEO, USA Rice) |
| Needs of producers | Keith Glover (Pres. & CEO, Producers Rice Mill, Inc.) |
| Vision of rice industry | Jason Brancel (Pres. & CEO, Riceland Foods, Inc.) |
| Vision of rice science | Jan Leach (Distinguished Professor, Associate Dean for Research, College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University) |
| Remarks by farmer | Tim Ralston (Ralston Family Farms, Atkins, AR) |
| Reflection on DBNRRC | Yulin Jia |
| Program at DBNRRC | Jack Okamuro (ARS National Program Leader) |

EVENT AGENDA

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| Host perspectives | Deacue Fields III (Vice President for Agriculture, University of Arkansas System) |
| UA collaboration | Jean-Francios Meullenet (Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Research & Director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station) |
| Closing remarks | Archie Tucker |
| Closing general program | Yulin Jia |
| 12:00 pm (noon) | Adjourn |

12:00-12:15 pm

Cake/Group Photo

12:15-12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45-1:00 pm

Award Ceremony

Prasanna Gowda (ARS Southeast Area Associate Director)

1:00-1:30 pm

Speakers at award ceremony

- Victor Ford (Associate Vice President - Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service)
- Kenneth McNally (Head of Bioinformatics and Genomics, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines)

1:30-2:00 pm

Coffee Break

2:00-4:20 pm

Round table discussion

Moderator, Jeremy Edwards (DBNRRC Project Lead Scientist)

How DBNRRC should address short- term and long-term needs for the US rice industry

2:00-2:40 pm

Short-term needs

2:40-3:00 pm

Break

3:00-3:40 pm

Long-term needs

3:40-4:20 pm

Responses of DBNRRC

4:30 pm

Adjourn

5:20-7:20pm

Registration & Reception: Salon A , Grand Prairie Center– Philips Community College of the University of Arkansas, 2709 HWY 165 South, Stuttgart, AR.

Speakers

- Rod Wing (Bud Antle Endowed Chair, Regents Professor, University of Arizona)
- Jim Thompson (Regulatory and Industry Relations Consultant, RiceTec, Inc.)

August 3, 2023

University of Arkansas Annual Rice Field Day (7:00 am – 1:00 pm)

USDA Field Tour B (7:30 am & 9:30 am): Germplasm Evaluation & Disease Resistance

USDA-ARS posters:

1. Hidden treasures, USDA Rice Germplasm Collection;
2. Pre-breeding