

UCCE Rice Yield Contest



2015 Pilot study

Outline

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- Our question
- How it works
 - The field
 - Signing up
 - The harvest form
 - Harvesting
 - Weighing, moisture and dockage
 - Prize/recognition
 - Use of data
- Key contacts

Objective

- Provide an opportunity for rice producers and researchers to share information about intensive rice production in California
- Encourage the development of sustainable new and innovative practices resulting in higher yields
- Publically recognize individuals and who have achieved the highest yields in the state

What is our question?

- What are the highest rice yields possible in California?
- Why only over 10 acres and not field?
 - Need to be able to maintain rigor of contest.
 - Fields have levees and roads, cold water areas, etc that can reduce yields

Pilot Study

- In 2015 we are conducting pilot study to see how it works and iron out details
- Pilot study will be limited to Butte County

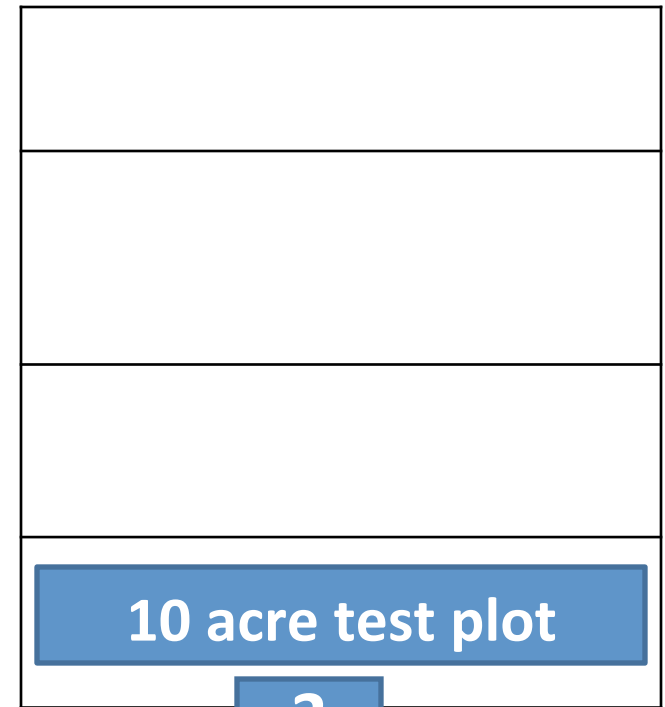
Forms

- Three forms
 - Rules
 - Entry form
 - Harvest form
- Forms available
 - In the back
 - At RES
 - From UCCE rice advisors and specialists
 - On-line <http://ucanr.edu/sites/UCRiceProject/>

Rules: Entrant and Contest field

- 18 yrs old
- Must farm the field being entered
- Can have multiple entries but will only receive one award
- Field must be at least 20 acres
- Field must be in a commercially available medium grain variety
- Field must all be within Butte County

Minimum 20 ac field



10 acre test plot

3

ac

Rules: Supervisor

- This person supervises the harvest and ensures integrity of contest
- The supervisor will be UCCE approved
 - See rules for who can and cannot be a supervisor
- Supervisor will be present during the entire harvest, trip to warehouse and weighing operations

Rules: Before harvest

- Send in Entry Form by Aug 1
- Approximately 1 week before harvest contact supervisor
- Contact again the day before (or earlier) to arrange time
 - Harvest of test plot should begin early in day to make sure of completion in one day.
- Fill out first half of harvest form (questions 1-17)
 - Can be done with help of PCA
- Identify a 10 acre continuous portion in field to be harvested.
 - Needs to all be in same check
 - Needs to be harvested in straight rows
- Need to have identified a certified warehouse to take grain for weighing and moisture sampling.
- Need to establish with warehouse a lot# for contest trailer and a separate one for the field.

Rules: Day of harvest

- Harvest around the 10 ac portion
 - head rows straight
- Before harvesting test area, supervisor will ensure that combine, transfer augers, bankouts, wagons, and trailers/trucks are all empty.

Concerns

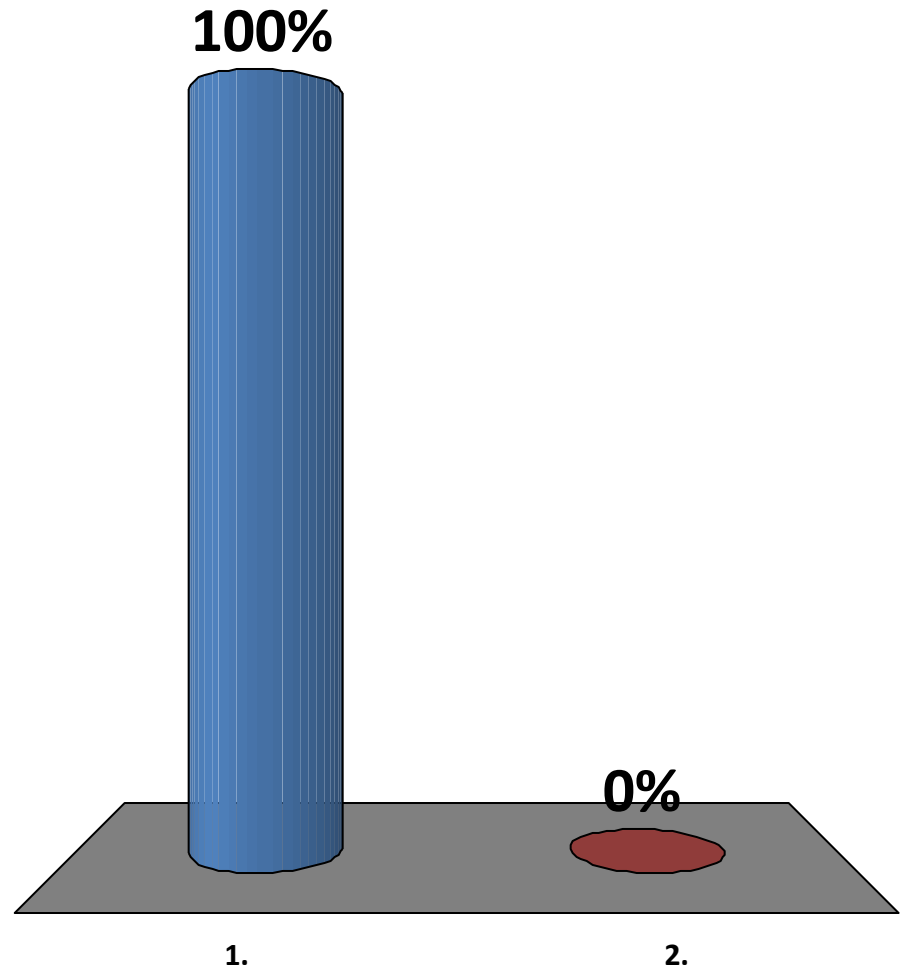
- Why 3 acres?
 - Want to make sure we can mostly fill two trailers but not overflow.
 - If growers are concerned about empty trailers they can harvest more.
- Final yield will account for dockage reported on CalAgri grade certificate
- Goal is to have all of this completed in a single day (including recheck if necessary).

Awards

- For pilot study awards will be given to top three contestants.
- Awards will be a high quality engraved hunting or pocket knife.

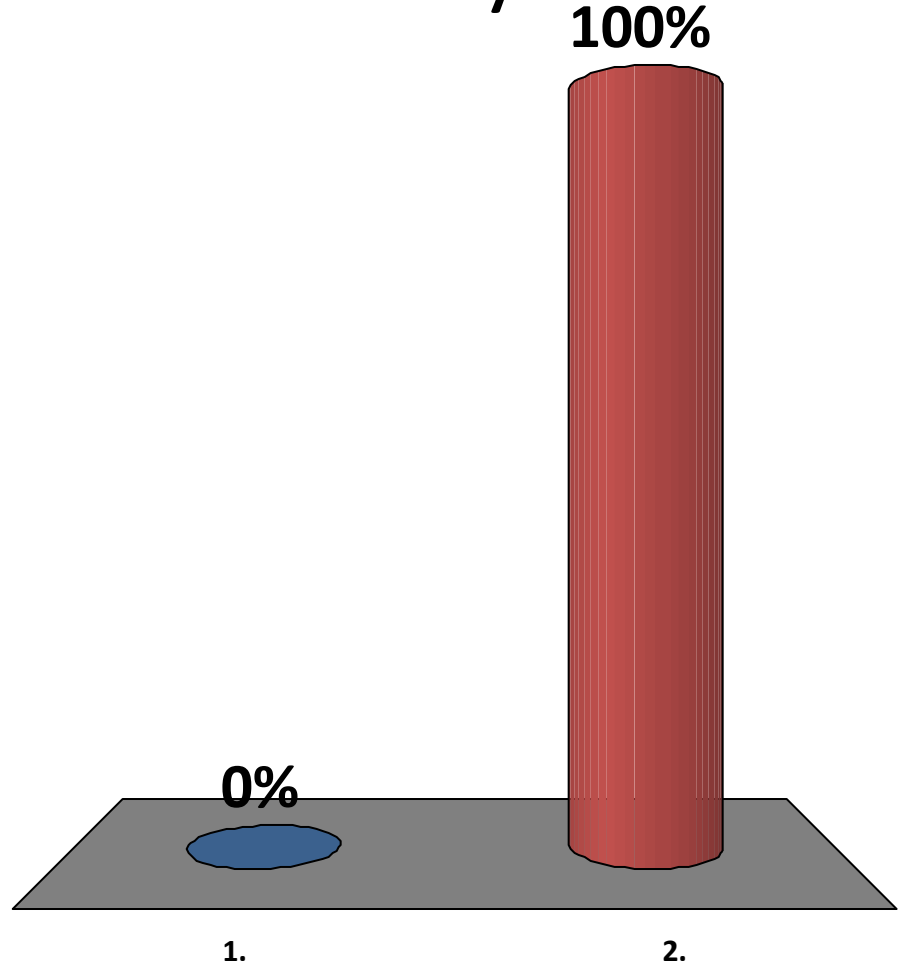
Do you produce rice in Butte County?

1. Yes
2. No



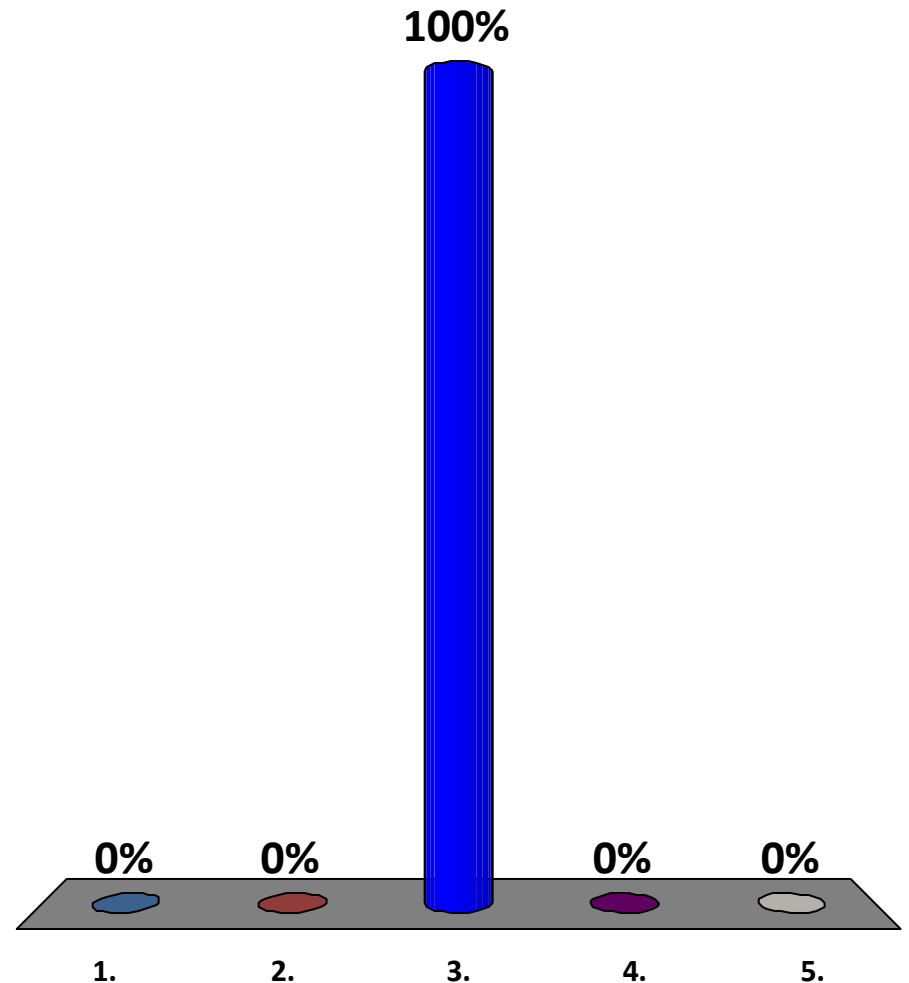
Have we given you have enough information to make a decision on whether or not you would like to enter the yield contest?

1. Yes
2. No



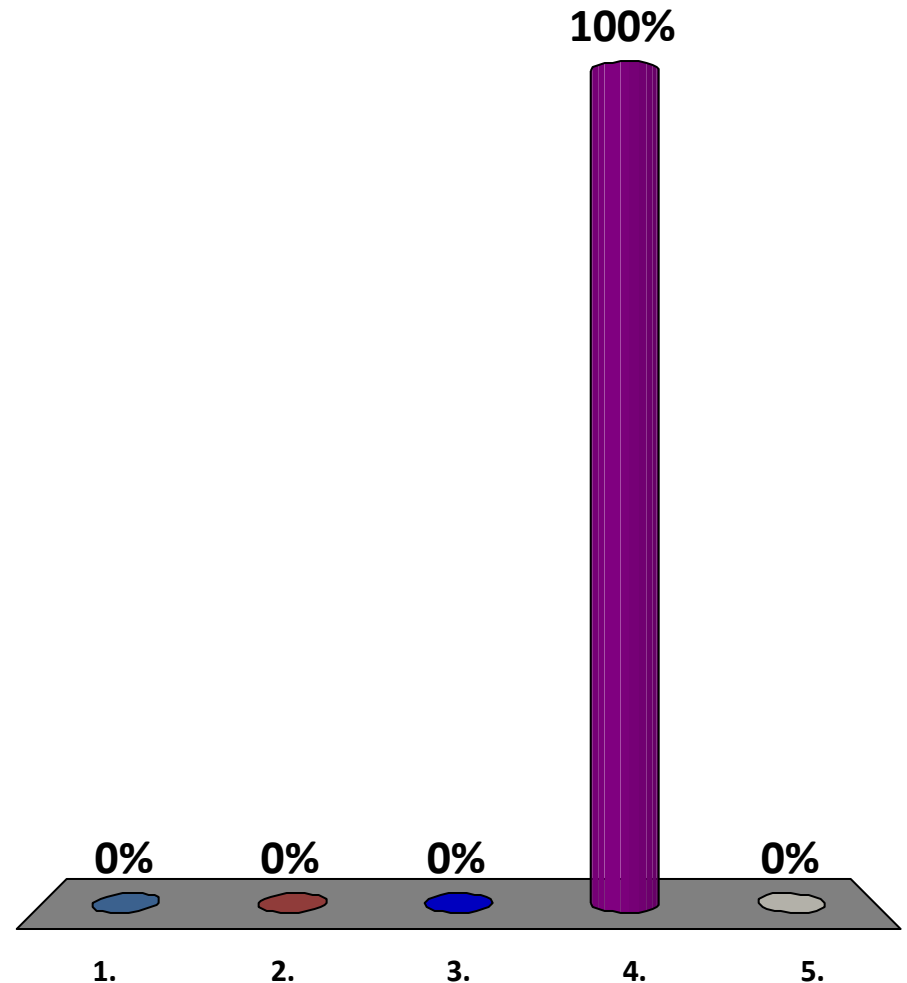
What is the likelihood of you entering the Rice Yield Contest?

1. Definitely
2. Most likely
3. Maybe
4. Unlikely
5. Definitely not



What is your main relationship to the rice industry?

1. Grower
2. PCA
3. Supplier (fertilizers, pesticides, seed, machinery, etc)
4. Regulation/policy
5. Other



Thank you



Questions?