

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 56th annual report to the California Rice Growers. In this year's report, we will update you on grower funded research from the various 2024 projects. Some of the most prominent projects that were funded include the ongoing rice breeding program at the Rice Experiment Station, statewide variety trials, weed and disease management including weedy red rice, cover crop studies, invertebrate pest management and practices, as well as several others.

The 2024 season saw a shorter than normal crop in planted acres, and yields were below average on the early and late planted rice acres, but the middle planting dates which make up 70% of the acres planted were above normal. The Rice Research Board was able to fund a full slate of projects for the 2024 crop year. We are hopeful that with the rainfall and snowpack from this winter's storms that planting will continue to stay in the 500,000-acre range, and as of this writing it looks like the crop size will increase over last year's crop which was 465,000 to around 510,000. It seems every year is different with the weather seemingly dictating what acreage we are planting. Let's hope for a rebound in paddy rice prices for the 2025 crop as 2024 crop has been very disappointing to say the least, as expenses still seem to be on the rise.



Chairman Bert Manuel

Below is a list of the projects in this report. I hope that you will look through the areas that interest you and read the full reports for further information. Complete technical reports as submitted by the researchers can be found by clicking on the individual project titles.



the budget goes toward research. Many thanks to all of you; I wish you the best for another safe and productive year in rice country.

In spite of the challenges of the weather and prices that we've faced over the last few years, I'm enthusiastic to report that we are continuing to make great progress in the various projects funded by the Rice Research Board. None of that happens without you, the California rice grower, through your support of the Rice Research Board. At this time, I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of my board; with your expertise the California grower knows his funds are being well spent. The board realizes that they have a fiduciary duty to the grower and ensure that every dime is accounted for and that 93% of

2024 California Rice Research Board Projects

- ❖ [Protection of Rice from Invertebrate Pests \(Ian Grettenberger, UC Davis\)](#)
- ❖ [Improving Fertilizer Guidelines for California's Changing Rice Climate \(Bruce Linquist, UC Davis\)](#)
- ❖ [Variety Adaptation and Cultural Practice Research \(Bruce Linquist, UC Davis\)](#)
- ❖ [Rice Disease Research and Management \(Luis Espino, UC Cooperative Extension\)](#)
- ❖ [Weed Management in Rice \(Kassim Al-Khatib, UC Davis\)](#)
- ❖ [Weedy Red Rice Control in Rice \(Whitney Brim-DeForest, UC Cooperative Extension\)](#)
- ❖ [Emerging Weed Issues in Rice \(Whitney Brim-DeForest, UC Cooperative Extension\)](#)
- ❖ [Cover Crop Variety Trial in Rice \(Whitney Brim-DeForest, UC Cooperative Extension\)](#)
- ❖ [Rice Experiment Station \(Dustin Harrell, Teresa DeLeon, Nirmal Sharma, Frank Maulana, Gretchen Zaunbrecher\)](#)
- ❖ [Application of Forward and Reverse Genetics for Rice Improvement \(Tom Tai, USDA-ARS\)](#)
- ❖ [Green and Economical Rice Straw Pulping Using a Recyclable Medium \(Mark Mascall, UC Davis\)](#)
- ❖ [Sensory Profiling by Descriptive Analysis and Instrumental Measurements, and Consumer Liking for California Rice \(Jean-Xavier Guinard, UC Davis\)](#)



Audited Financial Statement

Combined Statement of Activities for the Year Ended August 31, 2024

Condensed financial statements were derived from audited financial statements and a full copy of the audited financial statements can be obtained by contacting the Rice Research Board.

		General Fund	Reserve Fund	Totals
REVENUE				
	Assessments	\$ 3,054,987	\$ -	\$ 3,054,987
	Interest Income	-	420,189	\$ 420,189
	United Tariff-Rate Quota Management Funds	-	746,789	\$ 746,789
	Dividends	-	828	\$ 828
	Gain on Redemption	-	5,163	\$ 5,163
	Miscellaneous	21,845	-	\$ 21,845
Total Revenues without Donor Restrictions		3,076,832	1,172,969	\$ 4,249,801
EXPENDITURES				
	Administrative			
	Administrative Benefits	2,500	-	2,500
	Administrative Services	102,500	-	102,500
	Administrative Tax and Insurance	7,939	-	7,939
	Audits	13,929	-	13,929
	Insurance	4,104	-	4,104
	Newsletter	11,112	-	11,112
	Office Facilities	710	-	710
	Office Services	5,975	-	5,975
	Office Supplies	1,636	-	1,636
	Postage	701	-	701
	Telephone	65	-	65
	Travel and Mileage	5,826	-	5,826
		156,997	-	156,997
	Program:			
	Research	2,589,627	738,000	3,327,627
	Rice Research Trust Grant	-	-	-
		2,589,627	738,000	3,327,627
	Departmental:			
	Marketing Branch	42,392	-	42,392
	Enforcement	11,850	-	11,850
		54,242		54,242
Total Expenditures		2,800,866	738,000	3,538,866
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		275,966	434,969	710,935
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		371,489	9,445,750	9,817,239
Net Assets at End of Year		647,455	9,880,719	10,528,174

*2023-2024 assessment rate was \$0.07 per cwt

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