

2008 Rice Growing Observation Report Sheet

Please return this sheet before the end of October to
Akaogi Farm, 27 Earthbridge Rd., Putney, VT, 05346

This observation report sheet has two purposes:

1. Using the results, we could assess the general performance of the selected variety of rice (Hayayuki) at various ares of New England.
2. By following the recording requests, growers will learn some important aspects of rice growing.

If your rice doesn't grow well, please describe what happened; both good reports and bad reports are equally important.

Please feel free to add additional pages, other information, pictures (printed or CD form), etc., to this report.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Location: Lat ____ °N; Long ____ °W; Alt. ____ ft.

** you can get this information from U.S. Geological Survey topographic map or GPS

Last Frost Date: _____ **First Frost Date:** _____

General Description of your site. Some examples: top of the hill, south facing, well proected by hill, very windy, steep, flat, gentle, How many hours of sunshine?

Variety Name: Hayayuki

This variety was developed in Hokkaido, Japan, and is very cold resistant and early maturing. We use this as a standard variety for comparison.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Stem Number Count</u> (at least first day of each month, once a week if you can)
Soaking	April 2	X
Sowing	April 15	X
Transplanting	_____	_____
	June 1	_____
	July 1	_____
	August 1	_____
1st heading	_____	_____
Harvest	_____	X

when 1/2 to 2/3 of pannicle changed from green to a brown or golden color

Panicle sterility _____%

after harvest and dry, estimate how many seed are not fertile

Other observations: Anything you see - insect problems, disease problems, lodging, wildlife activity, etc.

We will use this observation sheet next season. Please give us your comments, suggestions, and refinements of the sheet.

If you are interested in learning more about rice, the following resources would be a good start.

--The McCouch Rice Lab, Department of Plant Breeding Genetics at Cornell University:
<http://ricelab.plbr.cornell.edu/new/>

--The National Small Grain Collection: "an active germplasm collection (or genebank) that maintains collections representing global diversity of the small grains . . ." The repository maintains more than 18,000 accessions of rice.
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/docs.htm?docid=2884>

University of California/Davis: www.plantsciences.ucdavis.edu/ucrice/main.htm

Lundberg Family Farms: the leading American organic rice grower: www.lundberg.com/

--The International Rice Research Institute: www.irri.org. To order books: send an e-mail to irripub@CGIAR.ORG with book information, number of books and shipping address; they will send you an invoice; then mail a check in US\$ to IRRI: then they will ship the books.

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