

# 2022 Nett Lake Wild Rice Status Update

**8/18/2022**

As of 8/18/2022, BFDNR estimates that Nett Lake wild rice is still approximately one month from maturity for harvest. Much of the rice is still in flower stage. Rice hulls now formed on some plants are still empty. Much of the rice is also still in floating leaf stage.

Much of this year's rice area coverage is short stalks with low stalk density. Rice continues to develop and conditions will change by September, but late seed germination due to poor spring growing conditions has resulted in slowed plant development.

BFDNR currently anticipates that rice will be ready to harvest in the second week of September. That timing may change, depending on weather conditions. BFDNR reports rice conditions and status to the Bois Forte Conservation Committee. The Bois Forte Conservation Committee will set harvesting dates and times.

Several rice bed areas currently do show advanced plant development and should have good kernel production, weather conditions permitting. BFDNR will create a map showing those rice areas and will post that coverage map soon.