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Attention: Lower Brazos River Coalition

Time has shown us that no one uses better conservation practices than Texas rice farmers. Using every technological tool available through our production research programs, rice farmers are growing more rice on less land than ever before.

An impressive reduction of 32% in the use of water during the past 20 years is just one of a number of major findings in a recent industry commissioned study. Decreases in soil loss, energy impact and soil methane production all indicate farmer efforts to sustain production.

But rice farmers go further in benefiting the environment by protecting and preserving many species of birds and mammals by providing food and habitat resources. Wetland habitat provided by rice fields offer critical flyways, winter-flooded fields with vital resting and foraging habitat for waterfowl and water birds.

As a result, the Texas Rice Council and US Rice Producers Association, fully endorses and congratulates the efforts of the Lower Brazos River Coalition and their communities in the quest to protect the lower basin water supply of the Brazos River.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Stoesser".

Ray Stoesser, President
The Texas Rice Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight Roberts".

Dwight Roberts, President & CEO
The US Rice Producers Association

