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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

General Purpose Financial Statements
As of and for the Two Years Ended June 30, 1999
With Supplemental Information Schedule

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Louisiana Rice Research Board
Department of Agriculture
State of Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Louisiana Rice Research Board, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the two years ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Louisiana Rice Research Board management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Louisiana Governmental Auditing Guide. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the component unit financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the component unit financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall component unit financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Louisiana Rice Research Board as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated September 1, 1999 on our consideration of Louisiana Rice Research Board internal control structure and a report dated September 1, 1999, on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The "schedule" listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Louisiana Rice Research Board. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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September 1, 1988

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE OF LOUISIANA
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
 June 30, 1968

	Governmental Fund Type General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$703,805
Revenues Receivable:	
Assessments from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture	113,616
TOTAL ASSETS	\$817,421
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	200
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200
FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balance:	
Unreserved-Undesign.	816,421
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	816,421
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$817,421

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (ORAP) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1959**

June 30, 1959

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE
			UNFAVORABLE
REVENUES			
Assessments	\$1,524,483	\$1,344,466	\$180,017
Interest Income	13,761	11,800	1,961
Total Revenues	<u>1,538,244</u>	<u>1,356,266</u>	<u>181,978</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Research	1,273,646	1,303,366	29,720
Legal and accounting	800	800	
Printing	120	800	680
Contribution to U S Rice Producers Group	18,838	18,800	38
Rice Foundation Grant	2,560	2,500	
Bank charges			
Travel			
Total Expenditures	<u>1,295,164</u>	<u>1,325,466</u>	<u>30,302</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$243,080	0	243,080
Fund Balance, Beginning as Previously Reported	<u>\$878,421</u>	<u>\$878,421</u>	
FUND BALANCE, END	<u>\$1,121,501</u>	<u>\$878,421</u>	<u>243,080</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

June 30, 1998

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE
REVENUES			
Assessments	\$1,193,780	\$1,325,895	\$132,114
Interest Income	10,654	10,880	654
Total Revenues	<u>1,204,434</u>	<u>1,336,775</u>	<u>132,341</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Research	810,061	1,307,395	497,334
Legal and accounting	2,055	2,880	745
Printing	1,000	1,000	—
Contributions to W R Rice Producers Group	28,920	20,900	10,920
Rice Foundation Grant	2,500	2,500	—
Bank charges	0	200	200
Travel	500	0	500
Total Expenditures	<u>845,036</u>	<u>1,335,875</u>	<u>294,120</u>
Excess, (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$359,398	0	\$359,398
Fund Balance, Beginning as previously reported	<u>\$434,400</u>	<u>434,400</u>	<u>—</u>
FUND BALANCE, END	<u>\$793,800</u>	<u>868,800</u>	<u>79,000</u>

**LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting entity:

The Louisiana Rice Research Board (the Board) is a component unit of the State of Louisiana created within the Louisiana Department of Agriculture, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 55:79-77. The Board is composed of thirteen members. All members of the board are required to be rice producers. Six members of the board are appointed from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Incorporated; two members are appointed from nominations submitted by the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association; and five members are appointed from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Rice Growers Association. The members serve terms of four years and are eligible for reappointment. The Board is charged with the responsibility to promote rice research. Operations of the Board are funded entirely through self generated revenues.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. In June of 1987, the GASB issued a revised codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. The codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local government.

The Louisiana Rice Research Board prepares its financial statements in accordance with the standards established by the GASB. GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying statements present only transactions of the Louisiana Rice Research Board, a component unit of the State of Louisiana.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Annually the State of Louisiana issues general purpose financial statements which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. The General purpose financial statements are issued by the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, and audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

A. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Board are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that is comprised of its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

General Fund:

The General Fund is the principal fund and is used to account for the general operations of the board. The various fees and charges due the Board are accounted for in this fund. Generally operations expenditures are paid from this fund. The Board has no other funds.

B. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. The board does not have any fixed assets.

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Long-term obligation expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Obligation Account Group, not in the governmental funds.

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of results of operations.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The Board's records are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

D. BUDGET PRACTICES

The budget for the general fund is proposed by the chairman to the board for formal adoption.

The budget is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. All operations are financed with self-generated revenue. Therefore, the budget is known as a reappropriated budget.

The Board normally does not use encumbrance accounting, so the budget was not integrated in the accounting records. In addition, the budget was not employed by the Board as a management control device, by comparing budgeted expenditures with actual expenditures.

All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

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E. ENCUMBRANCES

The Board does not follow the encumbrances method of accounting.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, time deposits and certificates of deposit.

The Board had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$763,086 at June 30, 1999. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the state treasurer.

The deposits at June 30, 1999 were secured as follows:

	Cash	Certificates of Deposits	
Bank Balances:			
1. Insured (FDIC) or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name	\$180,000		\$180,000
2. Collateralized with securities held by pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name	683,086		683,086
3. Uncollateralized, including any securities held for the entity but not in the entity's name			
Total Bank Balances	\$763,086	\$	\$763,086

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4. INVESTMENTS

The Board does not maintain investment accounts.

5. INVENTORIES

Inventories are considered immaterial and are recorded at cost and recognized as an expenditure when purchased.

7. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

The Board does not have any employees.

8. TOTAL COLUMN IN STATEMENTS

The total column on the statements is captioned Memorandum only to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

9. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

At June 30, 1988, the board did not own any fixed assets.

3. PENSION PLAN

At June 30, 1988 the board did not have any employees.

4. POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Board has no employees.

5. OPERATING LEASES

The Board does not have any leases.

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6. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

There were no long-term obligations during the period.

7. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There were no unasserted claims or assessments as of June 30, 1999.

8. YEAR 2000 DISCLOSURES

As June 30, 1999 the Board had completed updating its computers and electronic equipment to be in compliance.

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE OF LOUISIANA
 SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID BOARD MEMBERS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

*. Schedule of per diem paid to Board Members

Board members do not receive a per diem.

NAME	AMT PAID	AMT ACCURED	TOTAL
E. M. Girouard	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-
Steve Neenan	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Deshaies	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bobby Miller	-0-	-0-	-0-
Paul Lowerre	-0-	-0-	-0-
Johnny Benegene	-0-	-0-	-0-
Kennel Leeberry	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mike Mikel	-0-	-0-	-0-
Neal Millory	-0-	-0-	-0-
John Broadbent	-0-	-0-	-0-
Ed Patrick	-0-	-0-	-0-
Randy Jamison	-0-	-0-	-0-
Wayne Wild	-0-	-0-	-0-
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TOTAL	\$ -0-	-0-	\$ -0-

**OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The following pages contain reports on internal control structure and compliance with laws and regulations required by Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The report on internal control structure is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any reportable conditions and/or material weaknesses. The report on compliance with laws and regulations is, likewise, based solely on the audit of the presented financial statements and presents, where applicable, compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE AND COMPLIANCE BASED SOLELY ON AN AUDIT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Board of Directors
Louisiana Rice Research Board
State of Louisiana
Crowley, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Louisiana Rice Research Board, Crowley, Louisiana, as of and for the two years ended June 30, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated September 3, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Louisiana Rice Research Board general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of Louisiana Rice Research Board, Crowley, Louisiana for the two years ended June 30, 1999, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be a material weakness.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation

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to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and can be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the board of commissioners, management, and legislative Auditor's office. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

McRae & Associates

September 1, 2008