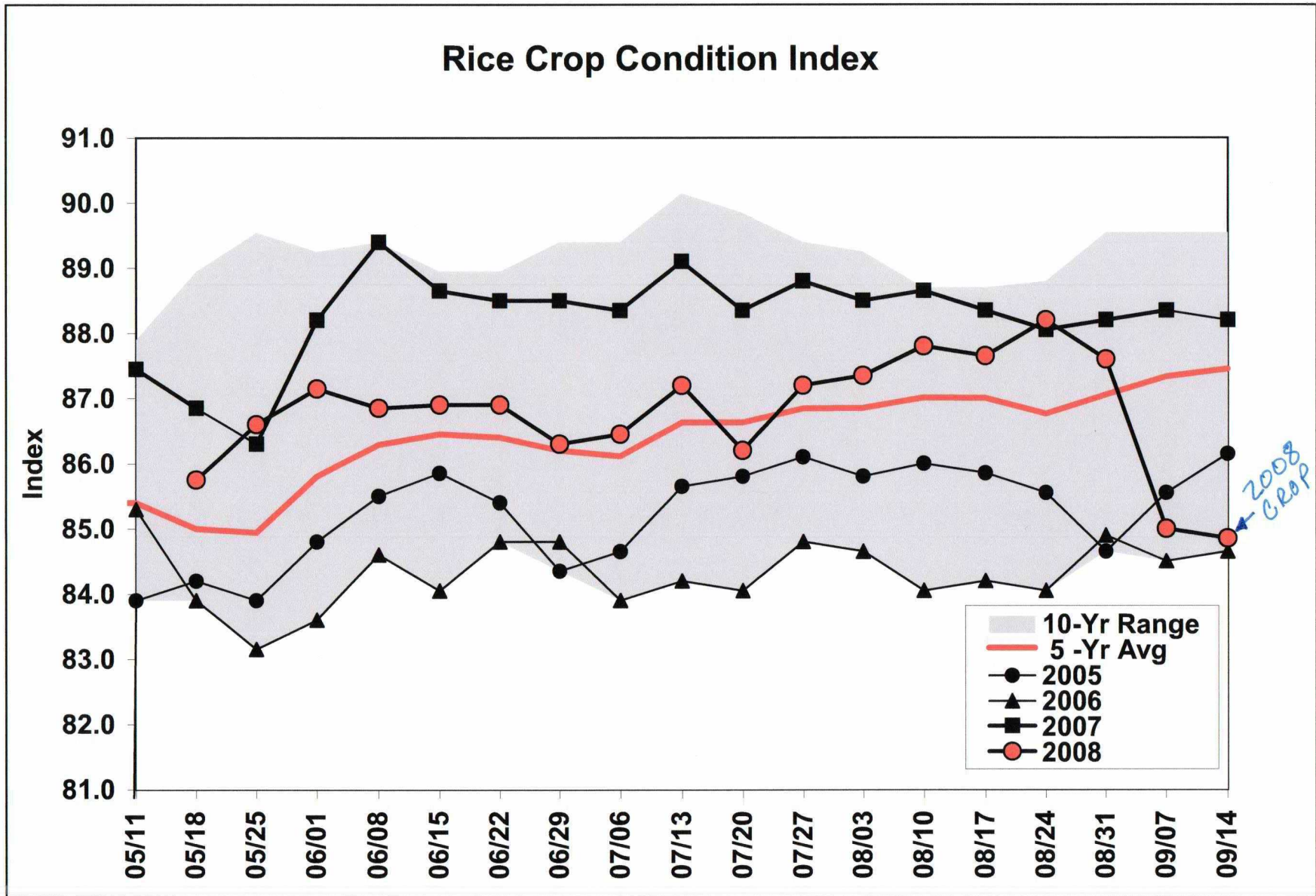


According to research done in early September, 2008 crop long grain rice crop condition was worse than 2007 crop and the running 5 year average. Since this research was published, the new crop long grain rice conditions further deteriorated due to the high wind damage caused by hurricane Ike and shattering.



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