

## Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

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- 8:00 – 9:00: Registration
- 9:00 – 12:00: Cover Crop Symposium
- Effect of Cover Crop Species on Soil Physical Properties  
*Dr. Darrin Dodds – Mississippi State University*
- How Cover Crops Have Improved Soil Productivity  
*Mr. Jesse Hall – Farmer – Grand Junction, TN*
- Cover Crops and Soil Health  
*Dr. Bill Robertson – University of Arkansas*
- Incorporating Cover Crops in East MS  
*Mr. Jack Huerkamp – Farmer – Macon, MS*
- Managing Cover Crop Biomass to Maximize Soil Benefits  
*Dr. Larry Steckel – University of Tennessee*
- Soil Improvements Using Cover Crops in Missouri  
*Mr. Johnny Hunter – Farmer – Essex, MO*
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center  
*Charlie Williams Catering*
- 1:00 – 1:30: Redbanded Stink Bug: Biology, Identification, & Pest History  
*Dr. Angus Catchot – Mississippi State University*
- 1:30 – 2:00: Damage Potential and Management of Redbanded Stink Bug  
*Dr. Gus Lorenz – University of Arkansas*
- 2:00 – 2:30: Effect of Cover Crops on Early Season Pest Management in Corn & Soybean  
*Dr. Don Cook – Mississippi State University*
- 2:30 – 2:45: Break
- 2:45 – 3:15: Thrips Management in Cotton: The Game Has Changed  
*Ms. Whitney Crow – Mississippi State University*
- 3:15 – 3:45: Agronomic Performance of *Lygus* Gene Cotton  
*Dr. Scott Stewart – University of Tennessee*
- 3:45 – 4:15: Bollworm Resistance in Bt Cotton  
*Dr. David Kerns – Texas A&M University*
- 4:15 – 5:00: Future of Auxin Crops: Looking Into the Crystal Ball  
*Dr. Larry Steckel – University of Tennessee*
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:00 – 10:00: Social Mixer with Heavy Hors D'oeuvres  
*Cotton Mill Conference Center*  
*Live Music: Ms. Mallory Everett*

## Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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- 8:00 – 8:30: Resistant Bollworms: Insecticides & New Traits  
*Dr. Jeff Gore – Mississippi State University*
- 8:30 – 9:00: Weed Control in a Mixed Trait World  
*Dr. Jason Bond – Mississippi State University*
- 9:00 – 9:30: Dicamba in Arkansas – What Happened & Why  
*Dr. Tom Barber – University of Arkansas*
- 9:30 – 10:00: Dicamba Volatility: Myth or Reality?  
*Dr. Dan Reynolds – Mississippi State University*
- 10:00 – 10:15: Break
- 10:15 - 10:40: Agricultural Policy Advocacy: An Update From Mississippi Farm Bureau  
*Mr. Mike McCormick – MS Farm Bureau Federation President*
- 10:40 – 11:30: Shark Farmer (@sf28430) from Twitter: How a Farmer Uses Social Media to Promote Agriculture  
*Mr. Rob Sharkey – Farmer – Bradford, IL*
- 11:30 – 12:00: Soybean Irrigation and Other Agronomic Considerations  
*Dr. Trent Irby – Mississippi State University*
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center  
*Charlie Williams Catering*
- 1:00 – 1:30: Nutrient Demands In High Yield Soybean Production Systems  
*Dr. Bobby Golden – Mississippi State University*
- 1:30 – 2:15: Approaches to Variable Rate Phosphorus Application  
*Dr. Brian Arnall – Oklahoma State University*
- 2:15 – 3:00: A New Look at Nitrogen Management in MidSouth Corn Production  
*Dr. Trent Roberts – University of Arkansas*
- 3:00 – 3:15: Break
- 3:15 – 3:45: Maximizing Irrigation Efficiency and Return on Investment  
*Dr. Wes Porter – University of Georgia*
- 3:45 – 4:15: Maximizing Water Use Efficiency of Irrigated and Dryland Cotton  
*Dr. Tyson Raper – University of Tennessee*
- 4:15 – 4:45: Water Relations and Effects on Record Corn Yield  
*Dr. Erick Larson – Mississippi State University*
- 4:45 – 5:00: Sponsor Updates
- 5:00: Adjourn
- 6:00 – 10:00: Steak and Shrimp Dinner and Social Event  
*Cotton Mill Conference Center*  
*Live Music: Ms. Mallory Everett*

## Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

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- 8:00 – 8:30: Managing Peanuts for Maximum Profit  
*Dr. Jason Sarver – Mississippi State University*
- 8:30 – 9:00: Target Spot in Cotton and Soybean: A Rising Threat?  
*Dr. Travis Faske – University of Arkansas*
- 9:00 – 9:30: Agri-Tourism: Expanding Income Potential for Your Operation  
*Mr. Stanley Wise – Wise Family Farm – Pontotoc, MS*
- 9:30 – 10:00: Food Plot Fertilization for Trophy Wildlife  
*Dr. Bronson Strickland – Mississippi State University*
- 10:00 – 10:15: Break
- 10:15 – 10:45: Mississippi Land Values, Cash Rents, and Farm Credit Conditions  
*Dr. Bryon Parman – Mississippi State University*
- 10:45 – 11:15: Economic Outlook for 2018: Mississippi Row Crops  
*Dr. Larry Falconer – Mississippi State University*
- 11:15 – 11:45: Management and Impact of Southern Corn Rust  
*Dr. Clayton Hollier – Louisiana State University*
- 11:45: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center  
*Charlie Williams Catering*

### Consultant's License Renewal For:

**Entomology**

**Plant Pathology**

**Weed Control**

### Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification for the Following:

**Category 1A – Agricultural Pest Control – Plant**

**Category 10 – Research and Demonstration Pest Cont.**

### Certified Crop Advisor CEU Availability (Applied For):

**Pest Management – 5.5**

**Crop Management – 4.0**

**Nutrient Management – 3.0**

**Soil and Water – 5.0**

**Professional Development - 1.0**