



 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION
Urban Entomology

Termite University Agenda

Clay Lyle Entomology Building, MSU Campus & Redd Termite Training Facility, MS Horse Park

Monday, August 11, 2025:

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Check in and Coffee** (Time to view lab samples)
09:30 – 10:00 **"Introduction and Overview"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:00 – 10:30 **"Wood-destroying Beetles"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:30 – 11:30 **"Termite Identification and Biology, Native Sub. Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
11:30 – Noon **"Pesticide Safety and Spill Control"** (Mr. Gene Merkl, MSU-ES)
Noon – 1:00 **CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle**
1:00 – 1:45 **"Termite Treatment Regulations"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
1:45 – 2:45 **"Tools and Methods for Prevention and Control"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
2:45 – 3:00 **BREAK** (Time to view lab samples)
3:00 – 3:15 ****Travel to Redd Termite Technician Training Facility****
3:15 – 5:15 **On Site Training - Redd Termite Training Facility** (Mr. Russell Kohler MDAC, BPI, Mr. Gene Merkl, MSU-ES, Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES, Mr. Young Bao, MSU-ES, MDAC Inspectors - TBD)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025:

- 07:30 – 08:00 **COFFEE** (Time to view lab samples)
08:00 – 09:00 **"Termite Math"** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES retired)
09:00 – 09:45 **"Record Keeping and Inspections"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
09:45 – 10:00 **BREAK** (Time to view lab samples)
10:00 – 10:40 **"Formosan Termites and Drywood Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:40 – 11:20 **"US Forest Service Termiticide Testing Program"** (Dr. Guy Shelton, USFS)
11:20 – 11:40 **"Termiticide Efficacy Review"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
11:40 – 12:45 **CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle**
12:45 – 1:15 **Outdoor Termite Measurement Demo and Exercise** (Dr. Portugal and Mr. Kohler)
1:15 – 2:00 **"WDIRs and Reporting"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
2:00 – 2:45 **"Control of Wood-destroying Fungi"** (Dr. Kevin Ragon, MSU-ES)
2:45 – 3:30 **"Inspection, Conducive Conditions, & Causes of Failure"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
3:30 – 4:00 **Evaluation and Recertification**

Have a safe trip home!

**Schedule subject to change*



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