



Organic Vegetable Production Workshop
Location: **Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station, Crystal Springs, MS**
Date: **Friday, April 17th, 2026**
Time: **8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



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| 08:30 a.m. | Registration , Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station |
| 09:00 a.m. | Welcome <i>Dr. Jermaine Perier, Dr. Andre da Silva, Dr. Paulo Cremonex (Organizers)</i> <i>Dr. Curt Lacy (Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center, Head)</i> |
| 09:09 a.m. – 09:24 a.m. | Organic Crop Production Survey and Evaluation |
| 09:26 a.m. – 09:56 a.m. | Selecting Hardy Varieties for Organic Production <i>Dr. Shaun Broderick (TCBES, Mississippi State University)</i> |
| 09:58 a.m. – 10:28 a.m. | Organic Fertilizer Management in Watermelon Seedling and Onion Production <i>Dr. Qianwen (Megan) Zhang (TCBES, Mississippi State University)</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. | Break |
| 10:42 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. | Irrigation Management and Scheduling <i>Sara Paz & Dr. Andre da Silva (Auburn University)</i> |
| 10:54 a.m. – 11:04 p.m. | Certification and Challenges During Transition <i>Luan Alves & Dr. Andre da Silva (Auburn University)</i> |
| 11:06 p.m.– 11:16 p.m. | Food Safety in Vegetable Production <i>Sagar Pokhrel & Dr. Camila Rodrigues (Auburn University)</i> |
| 11:18 p.m. – 11:48 p.m. | Growing Organic Vegetables in Mississippi: Practical Strategies for Success <i>Dr. Timothy Ayankojo (NMREC, Mississippi State University)</i> |
| 11:50 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Organic IPM Resources for the Southeast US |
| 12:00 p.m. – 01:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 01:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m. | Weed Management Practices in Vegetables <i>Dr. Pawel Orlinski (Starkville, MSU Extension)</i> |
| 01:32 p.m. – 02:02 p.m. | Disease Management in Organic Vegetable Production <i>Dr. Rebecca Melanson (CMREC, MSU Extension)</i> |
| 02:04 p.m. – 02:14 p.m. | Break |
| 02:16 p.m. – 02:26 p.m. | Prevention is Better than the Cure for Organic Insect Management <i>Dr. Jermaine Perier (TCBES, CMREC, MSU Extension)</i> |
| 02:28 p.m. – 02:58 p.m. | Organic Vegetable Production Workshop Evaluation |
| 3:00 p.m. | Workshop Adjourned |

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