

North Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Newsletter

January/February 2016



Dr. Jeff Wilson, Regional Horticulture Specialist

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a relaxing holiday and are ready to begin the next growing season. In this newsletter, there are a few upcoming events listed and then the rest is dedicated to the Fruit & Vegetable Conference in February. The tentative agenda and a registration form are included. Please pre-register if you can and invite anyone who you think may be interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 North MS Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference

February 11-12 at Lee County Agri-Center, Magnolia Building. Information included here. If you plan to attend the conference, PLEASE fill out the registration form and return it ahead of time with your payment.

MDAC will be at this event and will sign up anyone interested in receiving EBT Payment from their customers. If you are interested you will need to bring your ID, SS card, and other business information. For more info on this, contact Mr. Purvie Green at 601-359-1100.

MS Blueberry Education Workshop – January 14th, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., MSU Forrest Co. Extension Office, 952 Sullivan Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Cost is \$10. **For more information contact Dr. Eric Stafne, 601-403-8939 (office) or eric.stafne@msstate.edu**

Producer Advisory Council – February 18th. Magnolia Building of Lee County Agri-Center.

Grafting Classes – Hands-on grafting! March 10th (Starkville 1:00-4:00) & 11th (Oxford 10:00-1:00). You must email or call me if you plan to attend. Only 25 people per class. Contact me soon.

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Thursday, February 11th

- 8:00-8:30** Registration
8:30-8:40 Intro and Welcome, Dr. Jeff Wilson & Dr. Reuben Moore, Interim Head, NMREC
8:40-9:20 Cover Crops, Dr. Barickman
9:25-10:05 Soil Health & Productivity, Dr. Varco
10:10-10:30 EBT Update & Sign-up Requirements, Mr. Green
10:30-10:50 Break
10:50-11:30 TBD
11:35-12:15 Sweet Corn, Sweet Pepper, Sweet Mama & other Squash, Dr. Nagel
- 12:15-1:00** **Lunch provided** - Vendor Talk Time
- 1:00 – 1:10** MS Farm to School Video

Vegetables

- 1:10-1:55** Basic Tomatoes, Mr. Richardson
2:00-2:45 Watermelon Insects, Dr. Layton
2:45-3:05 Break
3:05-3:50 Sustainable High Tunnels, Dr. Evans
3:55-4:40 Cole Crops, Dr. Barickman

Fruits

- Update on Small Fruits in MS, Dr. Stringer
Fruit: Taste good & good for you, Dr. Marshall
Break
Small Fruits Programs, Mr. Wimbish
Small Fruit Diseases, Dr. Melanson

Friday, February 12th

- 8:00-8:45** Sweet Potato Production, Dr. Meyers
8:50-9:35 Pea Production, Mr. Hudson
9:40-10:00 Break
10:00-10:45 Starting Transplants from Seed, Dr. Snyder
10:50-12:00 Seeding/Transplanting Demo, Dr. Snyder & Dr. Evans
OR
10:00-10:45 Fruit Tree Grafting, Dr. Wilson
10:50-12:00 Fruit Tree Grafting Demo, Dr. Wilson
12:00 Conference Adjourned

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Additional Guest: _____

Conference fees are \$15.00 per person. Please send in your fees with your registration.

Mail to: Mississippi State University
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MSU-ES Contact info:

Below are the contact names and numbers that are directly related to the association and your production issues. Please start with your local county Extension agent to help find answers to your questions. They are capable of handling your request and have access to all of our resources

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