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Mississippi Cool Season Vegetable Production and Marketing Meeting

The opportunity for Mississippi vegetable producers to learn more about growing a variety of different cool season crops and the capability to market these crops is being made available at two grower meetings held in Jackson and Poplarville. These two upcoming Cool Season Vegetable Production and Marketing Meetings will be sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi State University Extension Service and will be held at the Mississippi Farmers Market in Jackson on August 7 and at the Pearl River Community College in Poplarville on August 9. Each meeting will begin with a meal at 6:00 p.m.

The information presented will cover which crops to grow in the cooler months, when and how to plant, varieties that will perform well under Mississippi conditions, cultural requirements specific to the various crops, maintenance, and the harvest and marketing of these crops. Producers will also learn about the upcoming Market Maker Program which is a web-based list of food producers, processors, and retailers used in making connections around the world.

Those interested in attending the Tuesday, August 7 meeting at the Mississippi Farmers Market in Jackson should contact Paige Manning at paige@mdac.state.ms.us or 601-359-1163 by August 3. A catfish dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will cost \$5.00. There is no charge for attending the meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Paige Manning or Dr. John Braswell, braswell@ext.msstate.edu or 601-403-8939.

Those interested in attending the Thursday, August 9 meeting at the Pearl River Community College Cafeteria should contact Carolyn Smith at 601-403-8940 or carolynk@ext.msstate.edu. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will cost \$6.50. There is no charge for attending the meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. John Braswell, braswell@ext.msstate.edu or 601-403-8939.

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