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What: Mississippi Vegetable Production Season Extension Educational Workshops

**When and Where: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 14
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson**

**6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21
Forrest County Multipurpose Center in Hattiesburg**

Mississippi Vegetable Production Season Extension Meetings

The opportunity for Mississippi vegetable producers to learn more about extending their growing season by using a variety of production methods is being made available at two grower meetings held in Jackson and Hattiesburg. These two upcoming Vegetable Production Season Extension Meetings is being sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi Farmers Market, Mississippi State University Extension Service, and the Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. The meetings will be held at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson on October 14 and at the Forrest County Multipurpose Center in Hattiesburg on October 21. Each meeting will begin with a meal at 6:00 p.m.

The information presented will cover a variety of production methods for extending the vegetable growing season including crop scheduling, high tunnel production, and greenhouse production. Presentations will be made by Dr. Wayne Porter, Horticulture Specialist; Dr. John Braswell, Horticulture Specialist; and Dr. Rick Snyder, Professor and Vegetable Specialist, with the MSU Extension Service.

Each workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend the workshops. A meal will be served at each workshop at the cost of \$5.00 per person. Pre-registration is required. The registration deadline for the workshop in Jackson is October 9. The registration deadline for the workshop in Hattiesburg is October 16. Pre-registration forms can be found on the following websites: <http://www.mdac.state.ms.us> and <http://www.msfruitandveg.com>. For additional information or to obtain a registration form, contact Paige Manning at (601) 359-1163 or paige@mdac.state.ms.us, Richard Butler at (601) 354-6573 or richardbu@mdac.state.ms.us, or John Braswell at (601) 403-8939 or braswell@ext.msstate.edu.

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