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**What: Mississippi Cool Season Fruit and Vegetable Production Workshops**

**When and Where: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27  
North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona**

**6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3  
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson**

**6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10  
Forrest County Extension Office in Hattiesburg**

### **MS Department of Agriculture announces upcoming Cool Season Fruit and Vegetable Production Meetings**

The opportunity for Mississippi fruit and vegetable producers to learn more about cool season production and the extension of their growing seasons through the use of high tunnels is being made available at three grower meetings which will be held in Verona, Jackson, and Hattiesburg. These Cool Season Fruit and Vegetable Production Meetings are funded by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and co-sponsored by the Mississippi Farmers Market, Mississippi State University Extension Service, and the Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. The meetings will be held August 27 at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona, September 3 at the Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, and September 10 at the Forrest County Extension Office in Hattiesburg. Each meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

During this workshop, participants will learn planting and scheduling dates for cool season fruit and vegetable crops along with the basics of high tunnel production. Presentations will be made by Dr. Wayne Porter, Horticulture Specialist; Dr. John Braswell, Horticulture Specialist; and Dr. Mengmeng Gu, Ornamental Horticulture Specialist, with the MSU Extension Service.

Each workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend the workshops. Pre-registration is required. The registration deadlines for the workshops are: August 24 for the Verona meeting, August 31 for the Jackson meeting, and September 7 for the Hattiesburg meeting. 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 Andy Prosser at (601) 359-1158 or [andy@mdac.state.ms.us](mailto:andy@mdac.state.ms.us) or John Braswell at (601) 403-8939 or [braswell@ext.msstate.edu](mailto:braswell@ext.msstate.edu).

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