



2016 Pontotoc Ridge-Flatwoods Branch Sweetpotato Field Day

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

8:00-8:30 A.M. Registration (pastries, fruit, and coffee available)

8:30-8:40 Welcome and opening remarks.

Stop 1 Updates

8:40-9:20 Mississippi Crop Update (5 min)

-*Stephen Meyers, Sweetpotato Extension Specialist, MSU-NMREC/PSS*

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Update (5 min)

-*Samantha Laird, Sweetpotato Commodity Coordinator, MS Farm Bureau Federation*

Mississippi Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Plant Industries Update (5 min)

-*Austin Roebuck, MDAC-PBI*

USDA-ARS-Southern Insect Management Research Unit Update (5 min)

-*Randy Luttrell, Research Leader, USDA-ARS-SIMRU*

Blueberry/Sweetpotato Flash Freezing Facility Update (10 minutes)

-*Juan Silva, Research Professor, MSU-Food Science, Nutrition, Health Promotion*

Sweetpotato Storage Root Initiation (10 min)

-*K. Raja Reddy, Research Professor, MSU-Plant and Soil Sciences*

Stop 2 Sweetpotato Variety Trials

9:30-10:15 National Sweetpotato Collaborator Variety Trials

Foundation Heirloom and Limited Acreage Varieties

Purple-fleshed Varieties

-*Jeff Main, Research Associate, MSU-NMREC*

Leadoff and Sharpen Plant Back Interval

-*Mark Shankle, Research Professor, MSU-NMREC/PSS*

Stop 3 Weed Management and Crop Health Research (Stephen Meyers and Mark Shankle)

10:30-11:15 Evaluation of “New” and “Old” Herbicides in Sweetpotato

Ag1000, TimacAgro, and Delta Ag Fertility Program Evaluation

Stop 4 Nematicide and Sulfur Trials (Jeff Main, Stephen Meyers, Mark Shankle)

11:15-11:45

Lunch Catfish lunch prepared by Seafood Junction- supported by industry sponsors.

12:00 P.M.