

Monday, December 4th

- 8:00 – 9:00: Registration
- 9:00 – 12:00: Cover Crop Symposium
Effect of Cover Crop Species on Soil Physical Properties
Dr. Darrin Dodds – Mississippi State University
How Cover Crops Have Improved Soil Productivity
Mr. Jesse Hall – Farmer – Grand Junction, TN
Cover Crops and Soil Health
Dr. Bill Robertson – University of Arkansas
Incorporating Cover Crops in East MS
Mr. Jack Huerkamp – Farmer – Macon, MS
Managing Cover Crop Biomass to Maximize Soil Benefits
Dr. Larry Steckel – University of Tennessee
Soil Improvements Using Cover Crops in Missouri
Mr. Johnny Hunter – Farmer – Essex, MO
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center
Charlie Williams Catering
- 1:00 – 1:30: Redbanded Stink Bug: Biology, Identification, & Pest History
Dr. Angus Catchot – Mississippi State University
- 1:30 – 2:00: Damage Potential and Management of Redbanded Stink Bug
Dr. Gus Lorenz – University of Arkansas
- 2:00 – 2:30: Effect of Cover Crops on Early Season Pest Management in Corn & Soybean
Dr. Don Cook – Mississippi State University
- 2:30 – 2:45: Break
- 2:45 – 3:15: Thrips Management in Cotton: The Game Has Changed
Ms. Whitney Crow – Mississippi State University
- 3:15 – 3:45: Agronomic Performance of *Lygus* Gene Cotton
Dr. Scott Stewart – University of Tennessee
- 3:45 – 4:15: Bollworm Resistance in Bt Cotton
Dr. David Kerns – Texas A&M University
- 4:15 – 5:00: Future of Auxin Crops: Looking Into the Crystal Ball
Dr. Larry Steckel – University of Tennessee
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:00 – 10:00: Social Mixer with Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
Cotton Mill Conference Center
Live Music: Ms. Mallory Everett

Tuesday, December 5th

- 8:00 – 8:30: Resistant Bollworms: Insecticides & New Traits
Dr. Jeff Gore – Mississippi State University
- 8:30 – 9:00: Weed Control in a Mixed Trait World
Dr. Jason Bond – Mississippi State University
- 9:00 – 9:30: Dicamba in Arkansas – What Happened & Why
Dr. Tom Barber – University of Arkansas
- 9:30 – 10:00: Dicamba Volatility: Myth or Reality?
Dr. Dan Reynolds – Mississippi State University
- 10:00 – 10:15: Break
- 10:15 - 10:40: Agricultural Policy Advocacy: An Update From Mississippi Farm Bureau
Mr. Mike McCormick – MS Farm Bureau Federation President
- 10:40 – 11:30: Shark Farmer (@sf28430) from Twitter: How a Farmer Uses Social Media to Promote Agriculture
Mr. Rob Sharkey – Farmer – Bradford, IL
- 11:30 – 12:00: Soybean Irrigation and Agronomic Considerations
Dr. Trent Irby – Mississippi State University
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center
Charlie Williams Catering
Guest Speaker: The Honorable Bill Pigott – Chairman Agriculture Committee – Mississippi House of Representatives
- 1:00 – 1:30: Maximizing Irrigation Efficiency and Return on Investment
Dr. Wes Porter – University of Georgia
- 1:30 – 2:15: Approaches to Variable Rate Phosphorus Application
Dr. Brian Arnall – Oklahoma State University
- 2:15 – 3:00: A New Look at Nitrogen Management in MidSouth Corn Production
Dr. Trent Roberts – University of Arkansas
- 3:00 – 3:15: Break
- 3:15 – 3:45: Nutrient Demands In High Yield Soybean Production Systems
Dr. Bobby Golden – Mississippi State University
- 3:45 – 4:15: Maximizing Water Use Efficiency of Irrigated and Dryland Cotton
Dr. Tyson Raper – University of Tennessee
- 4:15 – 4:45: Water Relations and Effects on Record Corn Yield
Dr. Erick Larson – Mississippi State University
- 4:45 – 5:00: Sponsor Updates
- 5:00: Adjourn
- 6:00 – 10:00: Steak and Shrimp Dinner and Social Event
Cotton Mill Conference Center
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Wednesday, December 6th

- 8:00 – 8:30: Managing Peanuts for Maximum Profit
Dr. Jason Sarver – Mississippi State University
- 8:30 – 9:00: Target Spot in Cotton and Soybean: A Rising Threat?
Dr. Travis Faske – University of Arkansas
- 9:00 – 9:30: Agri-Tourism: Expanding Income Potential for Your Operation
Mr. Stanley Wise – Wise Family Farm – Pontotoc, MS
- 9:30 – 10:00: Management and Impact of Southern Corn Rust
Dr. Travis Faske – University of Arkansas
- 10:00 – 10:15: Break
- 10:15 – 10:45: Food Plot Fertilization for Trophy Wildlife
Dr. Bronson Strickland – Mississippi State University
- 10:45 – 11:15: Mississippi Land Values, Cash Rents, and Farm Credit Conditions
Dr. Bryon Parman – Mississippi State University
- 11:15 – 11:45: Economic Outlook for 2018: Mississippi Row Crops
Dr. Larry Falconer – Mississippi State University
- 11:45: Lunch – Cotton Mill Conference Center
Charlie Williams Catering

SPECIAL WORKSHOP:

Delta Plastics – Pipe Planner Implementation Workshops will be held throughout the Row Crop Short Course

Consultant's License Renewal For:

Entomology

Plant Pathology

Weed Control

Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification for the Following:

Category 1A – Agricultural Pest Control – Plant

Category 10 – Research and Demonstration Pest Cont.

Certified Crop Advisor CEU Availability:

Pest Management – 5.5

Crop Management – 4.0

Nutrient Management – 3.0

Soil and Water – 5.0

Professional Development – 1.0