

Foreword  
North Mississippi Research and Extension Center  
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The North Mississippi Research and Extension Center (NMREC) is organized to support clientele in the North Mississippi area through research and Extension programs. The faculty and staff have worked hard to provide science based research and quality programs within the environment of budget cuts.

The present physical properties of NMREC and their primary mission are as follows:

- \* Central Office, Verona, MS-Department Headquarters, District Extension Offices, Extension Specialist Offices and MAFES faculty offices for Horticulture and Northeast Mississippi Branch Experiment Station.
- \* Horticulture Research Unit, Verona, MS-Ornamental, Turf, Vegetable and Medicinal Plant research
- \* North Mississippi Branch Experiment Station, Holly Springs, MS-Cotton, Forestry, Wildlife, and Erosion Control.
- \* Northeast Mississippi Branch Experiment Station, Verona, MS-Soybean, Cotton, Corn, and Conservation Tillage Production Systems.
- \* Pontotoc Ridge-Flatwoods Branch Experiment Station-Sweetpotatoes, Corn, Cotton, Fruits, Forestry and GPS Technology.
- \* Prairie Research Unit, Prairie, MS-Beef and Forages.
- \*Wiley L. Bean Swine Demonstration Unit, Pontotoc, MS-Swine production.

Budget reductions have become commonplace and decreasing budgets have resulted in changes in the programs which can be delivered. Because of budget constraints and after much debate, the dairy research unit at Holly Springs was eliminated along with seven positions. The emphasis of the Holly Springs Station will shift to forestry with limited emphasis on beef and forages. The USDA Sedimentation Lab will continue to utilize the facilities of the station.

The information published herein represents summaries of projects and programs suggested by producers and industry personnel at the annual Producer Advisory Council meeting and other meetings and events with clientele throughout the year. The contents of the following document provide only a brief overview of the activities at NMREC. If more information is desired on any

subject, feel free to contact the author or go to our website at [www.msucare.com/nmrec](http://www.msucare.com/nmrec). We welcome your comments.

The North Mississippi Research and Extension Center is organized to bring multidisciplinary teams together to develop solutions and provide timely and useful information to improve the quality of life for individuals in North Mississippi and throughout the state and nation. Thank you for your support and again we value your comments and suggestions to help us improve our service to our clientele.