

## Triplett honored for no-till work



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Glover Triplett, left, and Dave Van Doren

MAFES scientist Glover Triplett has been honored by Ohio State University for his pioneering work in no-till research

More than 40 years ago, he and soil physicist Dave Van Doren established corn no-till research plots at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center near Wooster.

When Triplett, now a MAFES agronomist, and Van Doren began their research in 1962, few farmers were using the less-invasive production practice. Today, U.S. farmers use no-till on more than 50 million acres to reduce soil loss and increase organic material and moisture levels in soils.

Although Van Doren has since retired and Triplett also retired from Ohio State and began his second career at MSU, the Ohio project has continued and after more than four decades, the Ohio plots are the longest continuous no-till research plots in the world.

The OSU site of their research has been named the Triplett-Van Doren No-Tillage Experimental Plots in their honor.



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Nationally acclaimed artist Orren Mixer worked earlier this year to retouch his 1963 painting of MSU's South Farm. The 20-by-5-foot work originally hung in Ballew Hall. It was recently relocated to the fourth-floor lobby of the Wise Center, where it greets visitors to the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences. Mixer, an Oklahoma resident, was on hand for Sept. 11 ceremonies formally installing his artwork in its new home.

# Poplarville horticulture lab under construction



State Legislator Herb Frierson, left, Senator Joe Stogner and Vance Watson unveiled an artist's drawing of the new Southern Horticultural Laboratory.

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Construction of a new 30,000-square-foot horticulture laboratory/office complex began this fall at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station in Poplarville.

The \$10 million Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Pearl River County will house research laboratories and offices for U.S. Department of Agriculture and Mississippi State University personnel. The laboratories will be used for ornamental horticulture and small fruit research.

The Poplarville facility will be the only major horticultural research facility on the Interstate 10 corridor between Florida and California, said Vance Watson, MAFES director and Mississippi State University interim vice president of the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine.

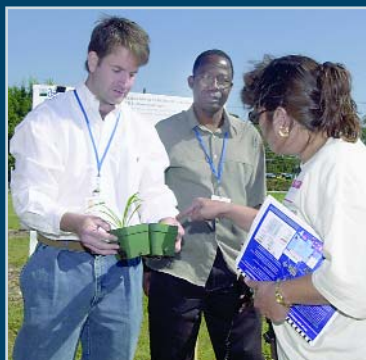
"Horticulture, including commercial nurseries and landscaping enterprises, is a billion dollar industry in Mississippi," he said. "It's important that we do whatever it takes to support that industry."

State Senator Joe Stogner of the 40th district, which includes parts of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River and Walthall counties, noted that the work conducted at the new facility will have long-term economic benefits for south Mississippi.

"The research we do today will impact our lives 10 years down the road," he said. "This type of investment is important in drawing industry to our state."



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