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PONTOTOC TOUR COVERS MAJOR AREA CROPS

Research with northeast Mississippi's major row crops was in the spotlight at the Pontotoc Ridge-Flatwoods Branch Experiment Station's annual Agronomic Research and Demonstration Tour.

The Aug. 7 event featured tours of corn, soybean and cotton research plots, as well as a program for area sweetpotato growers.

Agronomist Erick Larson gave tour participants an update on the state's 2003 corn crop and agronomist Mark Shankle discussed signal grass control treatments in the corn plots at the station.

Representatives of seed companies with soybean and cotton plots at the station discussed currently available varieties and ongoing work with variety development.

The cotton tour conducted by MAFES agronomist Joe Johnson and USDA-ARS agronomist Haile Tewode included research plots where chicken litter is being applied to no-till cotton.

The research project, Tewode noted, is the only one of its kind and is showing positive results.



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