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# garden events

## Provide Landscaping Gardening Answers



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### GARDEN EXPO

This year's North Mississippi Garden Expo was held Sept. 29 at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona.

Plant enthusiasts were given an opportunity to learn more about daylilies, irises, roses and native plants and to find answers to composting, pesticide safety and pest control questions from university and community experts. Visitors toured NMREC vegetable plots, ornamental and vegetable greenhouses, demonstration beds, the Magnolia Botanical Gardens and the Pizza Farm.

In addition to the field tours, MAFES and MSU

Extension personnel spoke at seminars held throughout the morning and early afternoon. Some seminar topics included home landscaping design, tree care, irrigation management, spring and fall gardening tips and adding color to the garden.



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### FALL FLOWER & GARDEN FEST

By Ned Browning

Despite a tornado warning that cancelled the second day of the Fall Flower and Garden Fest, nearly 2,000 visitors saw the latest horticulture, nutrition and health information available from MAFES.



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The Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station, south of Crystal Springs, hosted the 23rd annual event on Oct. 12.

The educational centerpiece was a three-acre garden full of vegetables, herbs, annual and perennial plants, and landscape ideas.

The field day featured 15 seminars and 10 educational exhibits conducted by MSU Extension specialists and MAFES scientists. Commercial exhibitors rounded out the day with demonstrations of equipment and gardening products.

In the following days, Kids' Week served about 1,800 area school children. Five workshops and a corn maze taught the children about Mississippi's basic industry.

Teachers accompanying the school groups were treated to a model outdoor classroom where they learned how to use horticulture in their science courses.

## Annual LIVESTOCK Production Sale

The 19th annual MSU-MAFES production sale brought 450 people to the Mississippi Horse Park, AgriCenter and Fairgrounds. Altogether, 125 animals were sold at the Nov. 15 auction.

"Sales at this event have been up for the last two years, with bulls and bred heifers showing the most improvement in price," said MAFES animal scientist Mike Boyd.

Animals at the 2001 sale brought a total of \$121,240, which will go back into MAFES livestock research programs.



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