

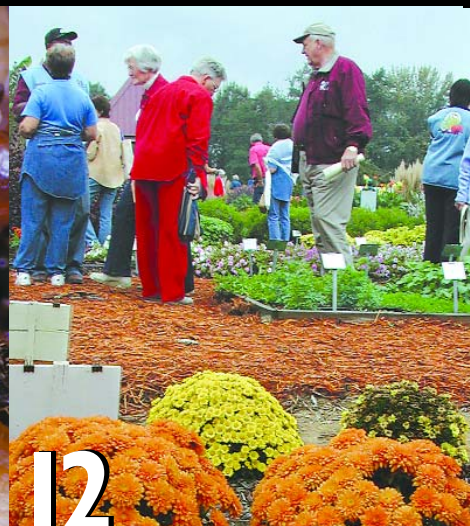
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Formica pallidefulva, one of more than 150 species of ants found in Mississippi. See page 8 for the story on how MAFES scientists are taking new approaches to dealing with some of the imported species. (Photo by R.E. Hutchins)

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Pinecote Pavilion at Crosby Arboretum in Picayune.

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MAFES agricultural economists are working with specialists in a variety of areas to find risk management tools for catfish and other aquacultural enterprises.

8 Researchers Examine Fire Ants from Different Angles

Imported fire ants are now a fact of life in the South, but a multi-discipline study may yield ways to better control the pests.

11 Project Brings Research to Desktops

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14 Poplarville Construction Under Way

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