

**General Pest Management Workshop Agenda**  
**Thursday, March 29, 2018**  
**Central MS Research and Extension Center; Raymond, MS**

- 8:15-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome  
Dr. Sherry Surette, *Head, Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center (CMREC), Mississippi State University (MSU)*  
Dr. Jeffrey Dean, *Department Head, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology (BCHEPP), MSU*
- Moderator:* Dr. Rebecca Melanson, *Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/BCHEPP, MSU*
- 9:15-9:45 **Disease Management Updates in Fruits and Vegetables**  
Dr. Rebecca Melanson, *Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/BCHEPP, MSU*
- 9:45-10:30 **Weed Control Update for Forage, Forestry, Turf, and Rights of Way**  
Dr. John Byrd, *Extension/Research Weed Scientist, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, (PSS), MSU*
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:15 **Turf Weeds**  
Dr. Jay McCurdy, *Turfgrass Extension Specialist, PSS, MSU*
- 11:15-12:00 **Pesticide Safety and Regulatory Update**  
Mr. Gene Merkl, Jr., *Program Coordinator, Pesticide and Herbicide Application Recertification and Training, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00-1:30 **Managing Turfgrass Diseases**  
Dr. Maria Tomaso-Peterson, *Research Plant Pathologist, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 1:30-2:00 **Current View of Honey Bee Health in the U.S. Commercial Beekeeping Industry**  
Dr. Jeffrey Harris, *Extension/Research Entomologist, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 2:00-2:30 **Insecticides for Commercial Vegetable Production**  
Dr. Blake Layton, *Extension Entomologist, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:15 **Evergreen and Conifer Disease Identification and Management**  
Ms. Clarissa Balbalian, *MSU Extension Plant Disease Diagnostician, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 3:15-3:45 **Insect Pests in Commercial Landscapes and Turf**  
Dr. Blake Layton, *Extension Entomologist, BCHEPP, MSU*
- 3:45-4:00 **Program Survey/Evaluation**  
Distributed by Dr. Rebecca Melanson, *Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/BCHEPP, MSU*  
**Consultant Recertification – Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Weed Control**  
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