

Pecan Education Workshop Agenda
Thursday, January 18, 2018
Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center; Raymond, MS

8:00-8:30 Registration/Check-in (\$35, pre-registration)

8:30-8:45 Welcome
Dr. Sherry Surrette, *Head, Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center (CMREC), Mississippi State University (MSU)*

Session I: Horticulture Session

Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Melanson, Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology (BCHEPP), MSU

8:45-9:15 **Establishing an Orchard**

Dr. Jeff Wilson, *Extension Horticulturist, North Mississippi Research and Extension Center (NMREC)/Department of Plant and Soil Sciences (PSS), MSU*

9:15-9:45 **Pecan Varieties**

Dr. Eric Stafne, *Research/Extension Horticulturist, Coastal Research and Extension Center (CREC)/PSS, MSU*

9:45-10:15 **Grafting**

Dr. Jeff Wilson, *Extension Horticulturist, NMREC/PSS, MSU*

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 **Water Management/Irrigation and Nutrition/Fertilization**

Dr. Eric Stafne, *Research/Extension Horticulturist, CREC/PSS, MSU*

11:00-11:45 **Maintaining an Orchard**

Dr. Eric Stafne, *Research/Extension Horticulturist, CREC/PSS, MSU*

11:45 – 12:00 **Question Session**

12:00-1:15 Lunch (included with registration)

Session II: Pest Management

Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Melanson, Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/BCHEPP, MSU

1:15-1:45 **Pesticide Regulation and Safety**

Mr. Gene Merkl, Jr., *Program Coordinator, Pesticide and Herbicide Application Recertification and Training, BCHEPP, MSU*

1:45-2:15 **Weed Management in Pecan Orchards**

Dr. John Byrd, *Extension/Research Weed Scientist, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, (PSS), MSU*

2:15-2:45 **Insect Management in Pecan Orchards**

Dr. Blake Layton, *Extension Entomologist, BCHEPP, MSU*

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-3:30 **Disease Management in Pecan Orchards**

Dr. Rebecca Melanson, *Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC/BCHEPP, MSU*

3:30-4:00 **Wildlife Management in Pecan Orchards**

Mr. Adam Rohnke, *Senior Extension Associate – Wildlife, CMREC/Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, MSU*

4:00-4:30 **Question Session and Program Evaluation**

Distributed by Dr. Rebecca Melanson, *Extension Plant Pathologist, CMREC, MSU*