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Zinnias have been garden favorites for so long, summer would not be the same without them. For modern, low maintenance gardens, plant breeders continue to develop improved forms and new colors of this popular, warm-weather annual, providing even more versatility for zinnias in the full-sun landscape.



Zinnia 'Double Zahara Fire' (above), a 2010 AAS winner, is definitely a standard for comparison in the Trial Gardens, producing an abundance of fully double, bright orange flowers on mounding plants. 'Zahara Cherry Improved' (below), a single-flowered zinnia, will be new for 2016. Both varieties were developed by PanAmerican Seed.



Currently flowering in our All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden are 'Profusion Double Hot Cherry' zinnia (above) and 'Profusion Double Deep Salmon' zinnia (below). Both varieties were AAS winners in 2013 and were developed by Sakata Seed. These two varieties are disease resistant and self-cleaning, so removal of old flowers is not required. Flower colors hold well in the heat.



The South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station is located at 711 W. North St., Poplarville, MS 39470 (across from Pearl River Community College). From the intersection of Highways 11 and 26, go ½ mile north on Hwy. 11 and one block west on W. North Street. The Trial Gardens are open daily during daylight hours. Removal of plant materials is prohibited. For questions about the gardens, call 601-795-4525.

