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Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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New begonia varieties from Benary provided colorful displays in our container trials during the spring season. Begonia Nonstop® Mocca White Improved (below), a tuberous begonia, produced large, white flowers against the background of dark foliage (and the foliage is attractive on its own). Begonia Funky® Pink (right, top) is a compact, semi-trailing, hybrid begonia, well suited for use in baskets so the flowers may be viewed closer to eye level. White-flowered Begonia boliviensis Santa Barbara (right, bottom) is also good for raised planters and baskets.





In our area, these new begonias should be grown with some shade. With the arrival of hot, humid summer weather, avoidance of overwatering is critical.

All three of these new varieties are propagated by seed, but are also available to growers as plugs. Plants will be available on the retail market in 2017.





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.

