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A late crop of sunflowers has brightened the Trials Gardens with an assortment of flower forms and colors. Seed of all varieties is currently on the market for both home gardeners and commercial cut flower growers. Flowers may be harvested for floral arrangements or left on the plants to produce seed for birds.



'Apricot Daisy' sunflower (above) displays multiple apricot yellow flowers with wide petals on shorter plants. 'Moulin Rouge' sunflower (below) produces dark red flowers on taller plants.





'Ring of Fire' sunflower (above), an All-America Selections Winner for 2001, produces showy flowers with bicolored petals and dark, central disks on mid-height plants. 'Helios Flame' sunflower (below) shows an abundance of flowers with golden yellow petals and mahogany tones at the base, all produced on shorter plants.





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.

