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Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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Four dozen viola (Viola cornuta) and pansy (Viola wittrockiana) varieties were evaluated for flowering performance over 6 months during our 2016-2017 cool season trials. Plants were planted in the ground in early October and evaluated nine times through the end of March. Today we feature the top five varieties that performed with flying colors.

For the second year in a row, Viola Admire® Marina (from Benary) scored in First Place, receiving top ratings of 4 or 5 (out of 5) at each evaluation. In Second Place was Viola Sorbet® XP Blue Blotch Improved (from PanAmerican Seed), also receiving top scores throughout the trial.

Rounding out the top five were Viola Admire® Yellow Improved, Viola Admire® Yellow Purple Wing (both placed in last year's top five as well), and Pansy Inspire® Plus Lemon Blotch (all from Benary).













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.

