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## Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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With plenty of warm weather, zinnias have been putting on a colorful display in the Trial Gardens. The bicolored flowers of zinnia 'Crouching Tiger' (also known as 'Macarenia') appear to be single blooms when they first start to open, then develop their fully double characteristic as the flowers develop. The flowers of zinnia 'Hidden Dragon' (also known as 'Mazurkia') show different blends of red and white as the flowers develop. Plants of 'Crouching Tiger' and 'Hidden Dragon' grow to about 2 feet in height, thus intermediate between mounding landscape-type zinnias and taller cutting-type zinnias. Both varieties received Fleuroselect Novelty awards in Europe in 2015 for their improved doubleness, flower color, and plant habit. With similarities to 'Crouching Tiger' and 'Hidden Dragon' in flower color, plants of zinnia 'Swizzle Scarlet & Yellow' and zinnia 'Swizzle Cherry & Ivory' grow to only about 10 to 12 inches, making them useful for the front of the flower bed or in containers. Seeds of all four varieties of zinnia are currently on the market. Stop by the Trial Gardens to see dozens of other zinnias in full bloom!





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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

