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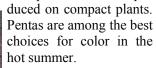
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With plenty of warm weather (and certainly plenty of rain), numerous plants brought an early Fourth of July explosion of color to late spring in the 2017 Trial Gardens.

In our container trials, new colors in the Intensia® series of hybrid *Phlox* from Proven Winners were showstoppers. 'Red Hot' (photo at right/top) set off sirens with its fire engine red flowers, 'White Improved' (right/middle) provided a cool blast of snow white flowers, and 'Blueberry' (right/bottom) made a bang with its purple/blue flowers. (Plants of *Phlox* Intensia<sup>®</sup> 'Red Hot' will be available in garden centers in 2018; 'White Improved' and 'Blueberry' are currently on the market.)

New for 2018 from PanAmerican Seed is *Pentas* Lucky Star™ White (below/top). The white, star-shaped flowers are pro-



Ornamental corn 'Field













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.

