

## HighLights 😭



Trial Gardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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We wanted to take this golden opportunity to share some of our favorite gold-flowering plants from the 2017 Trials Gardens:

Melampodium paludosum Million Gold™ (right, top) and Jackpot Gold™ (right, bottom), both currently on the market from American Takii, are easily grown from seed (or may be purchased as bedding plants) and thrive in our warm, humid, and rainy summers. Both flower profusely on short, mounded plants. The flowers of Jackpot Gold<sup>™</sup> are a little larger than flowers of Million Gold<sup>™</sup>.

Helenium amarum 'Dakota Gold' (right, center) is currently on the market from PanAmerican Seed. This improved cultivar of a Texas native may be lesser known, but has become a favorite in our Trial Gardens for its fine textured foliage and bright golden-yellow flowers.

A perennial plant, Rudbeckia fulgida var. sullivantii 'Goldsturm' (which translates as "gold storm") (below) has been available on the market as plants for many years. Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm' was the Perennial Plant Association's 1999 Perennial Plant of the Year™.











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.

