

HighLights



Trial Bardens and HortResearch at the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station

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It has been an unusually cold winter in the Trial Gardens. Thus far, we have seen 28 nights with temperatures below freezing, the lowest being 9°F. Snow in both December and January, along with periods of rain, snow, and wind, provided challenging conditions for cool season annuals.

Varieties of ornamental cabbage and kale (including kale also grown as edibles) made up the majority of this year's cool season annuals in the Trial Gardens. Although many of these contenders met with defeat under these weather conditions, several kale varieties performed admirably and came through as winners, especially the medal-worthy varieties shown in the photos.











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.

