

History of the Expo

The first Delta Ag Expo was held in 1974 as the first regional farm show in Mississippi. It was established to meet specific objectives:

- Improving lines of communication between industry, research, extension, and farmers
- Providing a setting for production seminars on the various crops
- Demonstrating the latest technology in machinery, chemicals, and production practices

50 years later, the Expo is still designed with these core principles in mind. Technologies, companies, chemicals, machinery, and practices may have all changed, but the goal has always remained the same. Thank you for joining us to celebrate 50 years of excellence and 50 years of improving Mississippi Delta Agriculture.

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50th Annual **DELTA AG EXPO**

Thursday January 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



at the Bolivar County Expo Center in Cleveland, MS

"Agriculture: Mississippi's #1 Industry"

Program Times and Topics

8:30 am.....Early Growing Season Practices
Panel Group: Dr. Trent Irby, Dr. Jason Bond, Dr. Corey Bryant, Dr. Tom Allen, Dr. Erick Larson, Dr. Brian Pieralisi, Dr. Hunter Bowman
Moderator: Alex Deason, Sunflower County Agent

10:30 am.....Pesticide Application Update
Speaker: Dr. Gene Merkl
Moderator: Steve Winters, Grenada County Agent

11:00 am.....H-2A Labor
Speaker: Justin Ferguson, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Moderator: Preston Aust, Humphreys County Agent

12:00 pm.....Break (Programs will Resume at 1:00)

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1:00 pm.....UAV Technology and Practices
Speaker: Madison Dixon, Associate Director Ag Autonomy Institute
Moderator: Michael Pruden, Coahoma County Agent

2:00 pm.....Common Entomology Issues and Practices
Panel Group: Dr. Don Cook, Dr. Whitney Crow, Dr. Tyler Towles
Moderator: Drew Wilson, Panola County Agent

3:00 pm.....Late Growing Season Practices
Panel Group: Dr. Drew Gholson, Dr. Hunter Bowman, Dr. Tom Allen, Dr. Trent Irby, Dr. Erick Larson, Dr. Brian Pieralisi
Moderator: Lou Adams, Leflore County Agent

5:00 pm.....Closing