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58th National Sweet
Potato Convention at
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Special Note:

A new root knot nematode, Peach Root Knot Nematode *Meloidogyne floridensis*, was found in Atwater in 2018 that may be able to overcome the genetic resistance in our current varieties. Resistance testing was done at UC Riverside by Prof. Antoon Ploeg on 5 varieties.

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FIELD MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2019, WITH LSU PLANT BREEDER DR. DON LaBONTE

Please join me on Wednesday, October 23 for a brief field day to see examples of the Advanced Line Trial (ALT). There are about 40 entries from NCSU and LSU. Samples will be on display at the field. The trial emphasizes red-skin varieties, but there are also sweets, Japanese, and even some purple/purples. Other discussion items: new root knot nematodes and possible CDFA quarantine on sweetpotatoes from North Carolina, Lorsban and Telone updates, southern blight management. Lunch provided.

Sweetpotato ALT Harvest Field Day

Wednesday, Oct 23, 11:30 - 2:00 pm

Field location: NW corner Bell and Bert Crane Rd.

Lunch for the first 30 attendees

Special Guest: Dr. Don LaBonte, LSU

General Notes:

Mississippi will host the annual sweet potato convention in Nashville, TN, January 26-28, 2020. This is the second time that Mississippi has held the convention "out of state", due to its popularity and praise 5 years ago. It won't be at Opryland, but right downtown at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. Registration and room reservations information can be found at <https://sweetpotatousa.org/convention/>

Harvest-to-date suggests we have good quality this year, but reduced size due to a good set and very few jumbos. Overall yields are down slightly as a result. Unlike last year, wireworm damage has not been that extensive. More important is the significant increase in southern blight that occurred last spring in the beds.

CDFA is working on establishing a quarantine for all seed roots coming from North Carolina in response to the Guava Root Knot Nematode that has infested at least 25% of their production fields. However, this will likely not be implemented until 2020.

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