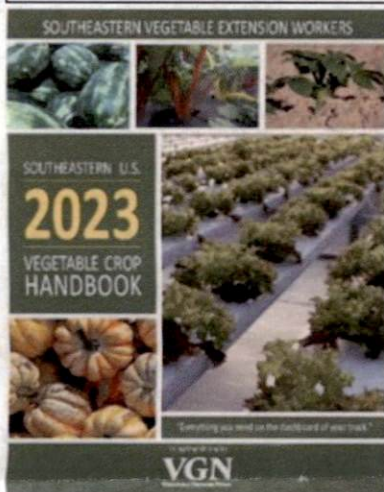




Growing a vegetable garden is a favorite hobby for many Mississippi gardeners. The joy of planting, growing, harvesting, and eating the very food that you grew has an appeal for many people. Knowing which crops and varieties to select is an important step to gardening successfully. This publication will help vegetable gardeners select proper varieties to grow in Mississippi. Varieties recommended here are not the only ones available for each crop, so check with your local provider or favorite seed source to find plants or seeds.



Commercial vegetable producers in Mississippi can request a FREE print copy of the book by sending an email request to vegcrophandbook@ext.msstate.edu or calling the Central MS Research & Extension Center at (601) 857-2284.

Home gardeners can find information on home garden vegetable production in MSU Extension publications "Mississippi Vegetable Gardener's Guide" (P3616) and "Variety Recommendations for Mississippi Vegetable Gardens" (P3744), which can be picked up at the Neshoba County Extension Office or scan the QR codes below to access both publications.



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Variety Recommendations for Mississippi
Vegetable Gardens



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Mississippi Vegetable
Gardener's Guide

Grow Your Own Vegetables

Growing a vegetable garden in Mississippi can be highly rewarding. Gardeners can enjoy the freshest produce ripened in their own garden. Sometimes only minutes elapse between harvest, preparation, and consumption. Even if you don't consume the food on the day of harvest, it typically lasts longer in storage than store-bought produce. That's because most fresh vegetables at the grocery store travel about 1,600 miles between producer and consumer, and it often takes several days to be received. Additionally, gardeners have more variety available to them and are not limited to what is stocked at the stores.

Vegetable gardens have a long history in Mississippi. In the past, a family's food often came right from their own garden. Today, gardening is typically much more recreational. Regardless of the motives, gardeners want a successful harvest from what they plant.

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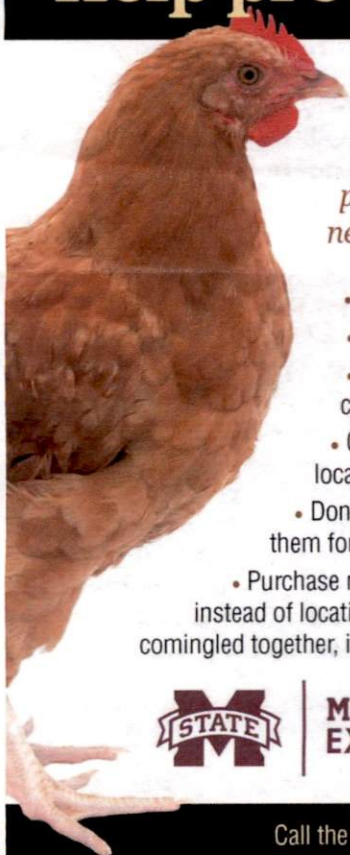
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Upcoming Events:

- Green House/ High Tunnel Workshop from 9 a.m. -10 a.m. - March 2, 2023
- Day Light Savings- March 11th
- Youth Charcuterie Board Workshop - April 10th @ 2 p.m.
- Neshoba County Forestry Association Meeting - April 11th at 6: 00 p.m.
- Southeast District Shooting Sports Competition - May 5th - May 6th
- NRCS/Extension Field Day - May 6th
- 4-H Walk-a-Weigh Program - May 30th - July 12th
- 4-H Kitchen Science Program - May 31st - July 17th
- Southeast 4-H District Horse Show - June 8th - June 10th
- Southeast 4-H Project Achievement Day - June 13th
- State Horse Show - June 21st - June 24th
- Neshoba County Fair - July 21st - July 28th

Call the office at 601-656-4011 for further
information regarding the events listed above.

Help prevent avian influenza in Mississippi



Currently, avian influenza (AI) is not a threat to human health or food safety in Mississippi, but wild birds (especially migrating waterfowl) pose a risk to backyard flocks and the state's nearly \$3 billion commercial poultry industry.

- Biosecurity is the key to preventing the spread of the disease.
- Wash hands before entering and when leaving chicken areas.
- Wear dedicated footwear or plastic boots when working with chickens.
- Change clothes before caring for chickens after trips to any location where other poultry workers could have been.
- Don't mix new birds with existing flocks without quarantining them for 30 days.
- Purchase new birds only from known NPIP-certified healthy flocks instead of locations where different bird species of unknown origins are comingled together, increasing the disease risk.



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Watch for the following symptoms in flocks:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Coughing
- Nasal discharge
- Watery or green diarrhea
- Swelling around the head and neck
- Lethargy
- Purple discoloration of wattles, combs and legs
- Decreased egg production
- Misshapen eggs
- Twisted neck
- >10% of flock showing disease symptoms all at once

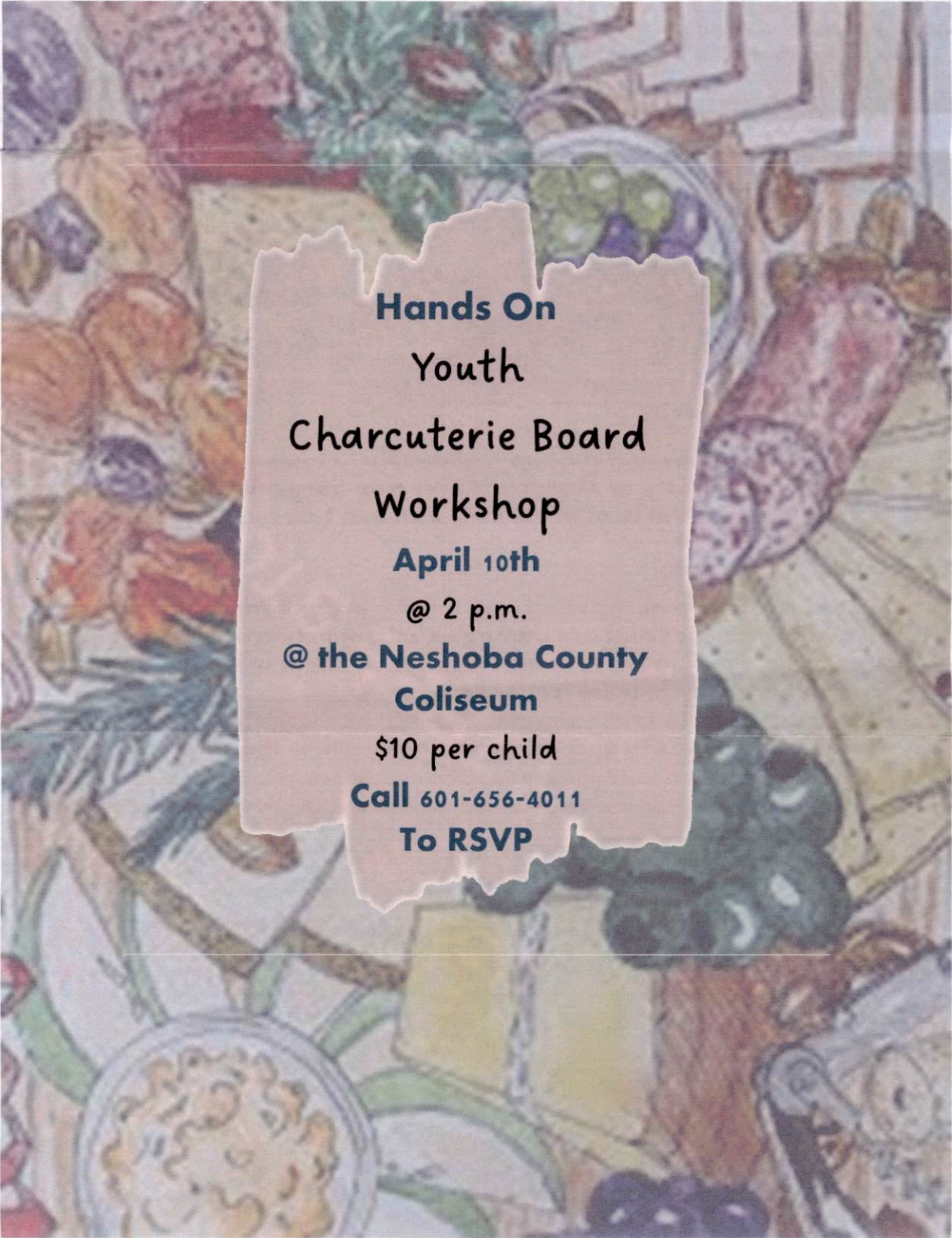


Call the toll-free hotline with questions and concerns or to report suspected cases in Mississippi.

888.722.3106 • <http://www.extension.msstate.edu/avian-flu>

Looking for something fun for your kids to do on April 10th, the Monday following Easter? The Neshoba County 4-H will be hosting a Hands-on YOUTH Charcuterie Board Workshop on April 10th at 2:00 p.m. located in the Multipurpose room at the Neshoba County Coliseum. The cost is \$10 per child. Please call

601-656-4011 to RSVP.



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Put down the chainsaw and pick up the hand-held loppers. Tending to your crape myrtle in February or March will give you gorgeous blooms through the heat of summer and into fall.

Top tips:

- 1. Cut off sucker stems growing up from the base of the main trunks.**
- 2. Look for branches that are damaged, misshapen, crossing the main trunks, or touching a house or structure. Cut them off at the branch base where they join the larger limb.**
- 3. Use sharp tools to make clean cuts.**
- 4. Cut off seed heads to encourage more growth in the spring.**