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The old rule may be "Don't wear white after Labor Day", but white-flowered plants in the Trial Gardens are not hesitant to put on a late-summer show.



Zinnia 'Profusion White' (above), from Sakata Seed and an All-America Selections (AAS) Gold Medal Winner for 2001, stands out against the darker colors of its companion plants in a mixed container.



Ruellia simplex 'Mayan White' (above), a non-seed-forming variety from the University of Florida, readily produces bright white flowers during the hottest part of the year. 'Mayan Purple' (featured in the August 24 issue of HighLights) is in the background.



Vinca 'Mediterranean White XP' (close-up, above), on the market from PanAmerican Seed, is still going strong with pure white flowers on trailing plants. The trailing habit of the Mediterranean series makes these vincas useful as a summer ground cover or for trailing over the side of a mixed container. Plants perform best with some heat.



After being cut back for harvest earlier in the season, plants of basil 'Dolce Fresca' (from PanAmerican Seed and an AAS Winner for 2015) have grown back with a well-rounded form and are attracting pollinators to the garden with an abundance of small, white flowers.



At left, activities of honey bees receive a close-up examination at the Southern Horticultural Laboratory. Be sure to join us at our Field Day on October 1, 2015, to learn more about the current honey bee research projects being carried out under the direction of Dr. John Adamczyk of the USDA-ARS. (See last week's HighLights for more Field Day details.)

[Photo by John Adamczyk]

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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.

