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May has been the month for petunias in the Trial Gardens! Congratulations to PanAmerican Seed whose eight new petunia introductions all scored 5 out of 5 in our May evaluation:

- 'Easy Wave Pink Passion'
- 'Easy Wave Silver'
- 'Easy Wave Yellow'
- 'Pretty Flora Purple Improved'
- 'Pretty Flora White Improved'
- 'Pretty Grand Violet'
- 'Shock Wave Yellow'
- 'Tidal Wave Red Velour' [also a 2015 All-American Selections (AAS) Winner]

The Success series of eight solid-colored petunias (Blue, Burgundy, Pink, Red, Rose, Salmon, Violet, and White) from Benary also performed well with scores of 4 or 5 out of 5 in the May evaluation.



Petunia 'Success Salmon' from Benary (above) was a favorite color from the Success series in our May evaluation.



Petunia 'Tidal Wave Silver' (above, foreground), an AAS Winner from 2002, is joined by 'Tidal Wave Red Velour' (above, center), an AAS Winner for 2015. Both varieties were developed by PanAmerican Seed, are easy from seed, and cover ground quickly to provide waves of color.



Petunia 'Pretty Grand Violet' (above), from PanAmerican Seed, shows good flower coverage with a mounding growth habit.



In the mood for some mellow yellow? Petunia 'Easy Wave Yellow' (above), new for 2016 from PanAmerican Seed, displays a mounding, controlled spreading growth habit with an abundance of yellow flowers.



Petunia 'Sun Spun Raspberry Star' (left), is a new, cutting-grown variety for 2016 from Ball FloraPlant. The bicolored flowers were a favorite in the Trial Gardens and, with its compact habit, should also perform well in containers and hanging baskets.



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.

