



MISSISSIPPI WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE 2024

**JOIN US IN
JACKSON**
MARCH 21-22

Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum - Ethnic Heritage Building
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:30 AM** **MWA Board of Directors Meeting and Lunch**
Board of Directors only
- 12:00 PM** **Conference Registration**
All attendees
- 1:00 PM** **Conference Welcome**
- 1:15 PM** **On the Farm**
Dr. Mary Nelson Robertson, MSU Assistant Professor
- 1:45 PM** **Partnering with NRCS**
Laura Anderson, NRCS State Public Affairs Officer, NRCS
- 2:15 PM** **Networking Break/ - Ice Cream Social**
Sponsored by Dairy Alliance
- 2:45 PM** **Fighting the Epidemic of Hunger in Mississippi**
Dr. Ryn Laster, Cal-Maine Foods Director of Food Safety and Animal Welfare
- 3:15 PM** **Growing Edible Shiitake Mushrooms**
Donna Beliech, MSU Extension Service Area Horticulturist
- 5:30 PM** **Moseley Meadows Farm Tour & Social Hour**
Caravan to 466 Yandell Road, Canton
Sponsored by Mississippi Land Bank & Southern AgCredit
- 7:00 PM** **Dinner on your own**
Conference to reconvene Friday morning



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 8:00 AM** **Conference Registration**
All attendees
- 8:30 AM** **MWA Business Meeting**
MWA Members only
- 9:00 AM** **Coffee & Tea Tasting Break**
Sponsored by Coffee & Tea Producers
- 9:30 AM** **Real Colors Leadership Workshop**
Betsey Smith, Director of MSU Research and Curriculum Unit
- 10:30 AM** **Networking Break**
Sponsored by Crop to Pop
- 12:00 PM** **Taste of Mississippi Luncheon**
Sponsored by state commodity groups
- 12:30 PM** **Dianne Evans Lecture**
Karisha Devlin, Annie's Project CEO
- Scholarship Presentations**
MWA/Diane Evans Scholarship
Commissioner's Woman in Agriculture Scholarship
Alma Cherry/Pam Steele Memorial Scholarship
- 2:00 PM** **Conference Adjournment**

CONFERENCE DETAILS

- A block of rooms has been held at Home2 Suites in Flowood.
- Additional conference t-shirts will be available for sale on-site.
- If you are interested in sponsoring this year's conference, contact Julie White (j.white@msstate.edu).