

## **NORTH CENTRAL REGION**

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(North Louisiana)

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## **Serving North Central Louisiana Through Horticultural Education**

**Program Highlights  
Spring Semester 2003**

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- Showcased horticulture with an educational booth at AgExpo 2003, which had 9,000 plus visitors.
- Served as invited horticulturist and Guest-host on Four Seasons Garden Show (radio).
- Gave a presentation on value added horticultural/agricultural products.
- Worked with Master Gardeners at AgExpo 2003.
- Responded to horticultural inquires from Louisiana citizens.
- Served as Secretary of the North Louisiana Agri-business Council.
- Gave a horticultural presentation to a senior citizens group.
- Served as representative on the Agricultural Commodities Committee of the North Louisiana Agri-business Council.
- Served as President of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences.
- Arranged horticultural educational tours.
- Judged Science Fair, which had horticultural projects.
- Gave a presentation on breeding ornamental okra to the Louisiana Academy of Sciences.
- Served as Editor of HortScience.

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- Established a Pecan Educational Display and answered pecan questions of show attendees at AgExpo in Monroe.
- Wrote articles for “Pecan South”, “The Pecan Grower” and “Louisiana Pecan Producers’ Newsletter”.
- Consultations and visits with AgCenter personnel and growers concerning questions and problems in producing fruit and pecans.
- Presented pruning programs in Monroe, Benton and Folsom.
- Presented Fruit and pecan training programs to Master Gardeners at Monroe, Benton and New Iberia.
- Presented grafting programs at Monroe, Newellton, Collinston and New Iberia.
- Assist in Organizing the North Louisiana Fruit Growers Conference, Louisiana Mayhaw Conference and Louisiana Pecan Growers’ Annual Conference.
- Make appearances on KNOE television station in Monroe in support of the LSU AgCenter and fruit and pecan growers.
- Participated on talk radio in answering fruit and pecan questions in Monroe.
- Produce a pecan newsletter, “In A NutShell”.
- Wrote fruit pruning and thinning articles for News You Can Use.

Support Staff:

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