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Governor's Task Force to Host Irrigation and Water Conservation Summit

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The Governor's Delta Sustainable Water Resources Task Force will host an Irrigation and Water Conservation Summit at the Capps Center in Stoneville, MS, on Tuesday, December 15th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The event will begin with a General Session followed by four Breakout Sessions, each with five concurrent presentations. Producers, landowners, consultants, natural resource professionals and other interested parties may choose which presentation to attend during each Breakout Session. After the second Breakout Session, another General Session will be held as lunch is served before resuming Breakout Sessions at 1:00 p.m.

The presentations will focus on irrigation water management best practices and potential alternative water supplies. Breakout Session speakers will include professionals from Mississippi State University, USDA Agricultural Research Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, YMD Joint Water Management District, Delta Plastics, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, U. S. Geological Survey, and the Louisiana NRCS office. Farmers will also be coupled with several speakers to share their experiences related to the subject matter being discussed. All Breakout Sessions will be offered twice during the day.

<u>Lunch will be provided</u> to those attending the event, but no registration is required. All producers, landowners, consultants, natural resource professionals and other interested parties are welcome to attend.