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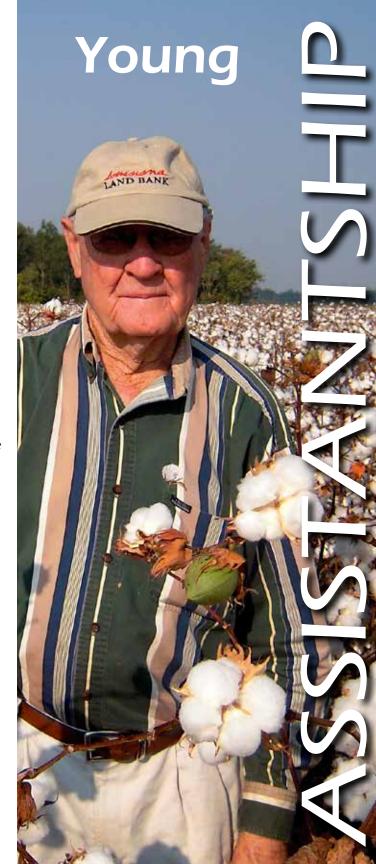
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Ray and Dorothy Young Endowed Assistantship in Louisiana Row Crop Integrated Pest Management

For over half a century, Ray Young has quietly gone about his business, of contributing in his way to the success of agriculture. His efforts to improve the lives of farmers and their families across the U.S. have been done without ever seeking acknowledgement or accolades. Although many people personally are aware of his dedication, it is important to his friends and family that future generations of farmers, consultants, agricultural industry personnel, and students share in his legacy. His wife, Ms. Dorothy, has been with him every step of the way as an active participant in his career accomplishments. In an effort to pay tribute to a friend of Louisiana agriculture, the LSU College of Agriculture, LSU AgCenter, and Louisiana Agricultural Consultant's Association are guiding a program to establish an endowed assistantship to honor Mr. Ray and Ms. Dorothy Young.

As both a farmer and consultant, Mr. Ray has distinguished himself as a knowledgeable and skilled cotton scout when the field of crop consulting was still in its infancy. Through a family business, Mr. Ray trained and nurtured dozens of young "cotton scouts," many of whom went on to successful careers as crop consultants. It is quite possible that Mr. Ray has mentored more agricultural professionals (both academia and private) than anyone currently active in this field. His willingness to share information, offer encouragement, and promote the efforts of the consulting industry is unparalleled among the groups he has served.

To preserve their contributions for future generations, it is very appropriate that a process has been initiated to fund the "Ray and Dorothy Young Endowed Assistantship in Louisiana Row Crop IPM." It is the sincere hope from a committee of family and friends that this assistantship will be used to support the education of the next agricultural consultants who will follow in their footsteps. This assistantship in IPM will focus on training full-time graduate students with a concentration in weed science, entomology, or plant pathology enrolled in the LSU College of Agriculture. These assistantships offer the prestige of recognition, and the supplementary funds provide tangible reward for merit.

The goal is to fully fund one or more assistantships. The endowed funds will not be used for support; only the interest generated on this account will be available. To accomplish this goal, the challenge is to raise at least \$300,000. This is a very unique assistantship, and when fully funded, would currently represent the only one of its kind in the College of Agriculture. Residents of Louisiana will always receive preference for this award. We ask your assistance in making this award a reality for Agricultural Consulting in Louisiana by creating a legacy of the Young's devotion and life's work to the success of agriculture in Louisiana. The College of Agriculture became an administrative unit at LSU in 1908. But our roots go back to the first graduating class which had as one of its five graduates, a planter. While the mission of the college has changed and evolved over the last century, the commitment to agricultural production in the state of Louisiana remains the common thread that binds the College's past and future.

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