

Biography

Dr. J. Raymond Kessler, Jr. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture at Auburn University specializing in greenhouse management and production of herbaceous ornamental plants. He joined the Department of Horticulture faculty in May 1995. His current areas of responsibility include teaching (55%), extension (40%), and research (5%) in Commercial Floriculture (Greenhouse Production). He currently teaches class in Greenhouse Management Science and Herbaceous Ornamental Plants. His areas of research include plant growth control on bedding plants and herbaceous perennials, landscape performance of bedding plant cultivars, and cultural aspects of bedding plant production such as watering and fertility. Dr. Kessler received his B.S. degree from Auburn University (1978), M.S. degree from Mississippi State University (1980), and Ph.D. from The University of Georgia (1989). Before accepting the faculty position at Auburn, he gained commercial experience working for over eight years with several wholesale and retail firms. Dr. Kessler is a native of Clayton, AL.