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## **Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces Release of First-Ever Book on the Unique and Meaningful History of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) is releasing the first-ever book on the unique and meaningful history of the state agency.

The history of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is as rich as Mississippi's soil and as important as the state's leading industry itself – agriculture. Now, for the first time in its 116 years of serving the state of Mississippi and the public, MDAC is proud to release a book on the complete history of the state agency.

“It's interesting to look back over the years and see how our predecessors were facing the same problems back then as we find ourselves facing today,” said Commissioner Gipson. “As our agency touches the daily lives of Mississippians through our various services, there is something educational and interesting for everyone to learn in this book. We currently have a limited number of books available, so I would encourage everyone that is interested in learning how the agency and agriculture has changed over the years to check out this one-of-a-kind publication.”

Special paperback editions signed by Commissioner Andy Gipson are available for purchase for \$25.00 including shipping in the continental U.S. Find order forms and more information online at [www.mdac.ms.gov/history/](http://www.mdac.ms.gov/history/).

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**Photo attached.**



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