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What: 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo
When: Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 58th Annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events Taking Place Today, Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites everyone to attend the 58th annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and announces the schedule of events taking place today, Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

A special “spring edition” of the Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo will officially open to the public tomorrow, beginning at 12 noon inside the Trade Mart. This expo will feature rods, reels, bows, UTVs and ATVs, tractors, farm equipment, power equipment, the Genuine MS® Store and much more. Admission to the Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo will be \$13 per adult and \$7 per child, for ages 6-12; children 5 years old and under will receive free admission.

Tonight’s rodeo performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. inside the Mississippi Coliseum, featuring music artist Diamond Rio. In addition, the Mississippi State Fairgrounds will host Forrie Smith, "Lloyd" from the hit television show Yellowstone, at the Dixie National Rodeo tomorrow, February 16, and Friday, February 17! Forrie will be signing autographs and meeting fans, starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Red Room inside the Coliseum each day. Guests will line up and enter from the North side of the Coliseum.

The Dixie National Quarter Horse Show also continues today, starting at 8:00 a.m. inside the Kirk Fordice Equine Center. Exhibitors from 22 states across the country, as well as Brazil, and over 400 American quarter horses will participate in this multi-day event which showcases the versatility of the American quarter horse breed. Competitions for the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show include roping, barrels, ranch classes, English classes and traditional western classes. This event is free to the public.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Thursday, February 16, 2023:

- 8:00 a.m. – Dixie National Quarter Horse Show - Equine Center
- 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart
- 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Rodeo with entertainment by Diamond Rio - Coliseum

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, February 17, 2023:

- 8:00 a.m. – Dixie National Quarter Horse Show - Equine Center
- 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart
- 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi Ag & Outdoor Expo - Trade Mart
- 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Rodeo with entertainment by Diamond Rio - Coliseum

Events of the 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo run through Sunday, February 19, 2023. The Dixie National Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, takes place Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12, and again Wednesday, February 15, through Saturday, February 18, inside the Mississippi Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

Rodeo Entertainment:

Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. – Diamond Rio

Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. – Casey Donahew

Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Chris Lane

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit <https://www.ticketmaster.com/dixie-national-rodeo-tickets/artist/848320>. For more information, visit www.dixienational.org, follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook or call 601-961-4000.

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