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Who: Andy Gipson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce

What: Press Conference Announcing the Launch of the Wild Hog Control Program Youth Trapping Corps

When: Friday, July 28, 2023; 10:00 a.m.

Where: Mississippi Trade Mart Atrium
1207 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39202

Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson to Announce the Launch of the Wild Hog Control Program Youth Trapping Corps

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites the media to attend a press conference announcing the launch of the Wild Hog Control Youth Trapping Corps. The press conference will be held inside the Atrium at the Mississippi Trade Mart on Friday, July 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Created in 2020, MDAC's Wild Hog Control Program provides "smart" wild hog traps to landowners and managers for the control of wild hogs on private agricultural and forestry lands in Mississippi. The Youth Trapping Corps is an expansion of WHCP and is designed to educate and professionally develop student members of agriculture-based organizations, such as FFA, on the impact of nuisance animals on agriculture and the importance of wild hog management. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce awarded grants to 25 high school FFA chapters to participate in the Youth Trapping Corps.

This event is open to the public and will kick-off the fall edition of the 2023 Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo, which runs Friday, July 28, through Sunday, July 30, at the Mississippi Trade Mart.

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Media Note: Commissioner Andy Gipson and press conference participants will be available for interviews. Following the press conference, the media is invited into the Ag and Outdoor Expo.