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## **Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Hosts 2023 Harvest Festival**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will host the 2023 Harvest Festival November 7-11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. Admission is \$8 per person for ages 3 and up.

“I encourage the public to take advantage of this beautiful fall weather and attend the annual Harvest Fest at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “This unique event teaches generations about the importance of agriculture and its historic relevance to our state. Visitors can experience the traditional operations of days gone by at the cotton gin, sawmill and blacksmith shop, as well as children’s activities, ag exhibitions and so much more.”

In addition to all the usual exhibits, live demonstrations throughout the museum grounds will give visitors a glimpse of Mississippi’s past and show the impact agriculture has made within our state. Displays inside the Heritage Center gallery allow visitors to see how agriculture has changed throughout the years from the methods and equipment used in farming with horses and mules to the invention of tractors. The model train exhibit, featuring three gauges of model trains depicting life along the rails in Mississippi, is a must see. And the Children’s Barnyard features cows, chickens, goats, sheep, pigs, turkeys and horses. Train, carousel and wagon rides will be available each day for \$1 per rider. Saturday only, see a special display of antique tractors and hit-and-miss engines.

Concessions will be available for purchase each day of the event and visitors are encouraged to stop by the General Store for snacks and souvenirs, along with many new items. Complimentary biscuits will be given to everyone participating in the festivities while supplies last. For more details on the annual Harvest Festival, visit [www.msagmuseum.org/harvest-fest](http://www.msagmuseum.org/harvest-fest).

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Museum, call 601-432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687, visit [www.msagmuseum.org](http://www.msagmuseum.org) or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook. The Ag Museum is a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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**Photo attached.**



**Students experience the cotton ginning process inside the oldest operating cotton gin in America during the annual Harvest Festival in Jackson. The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will host the 2023 Harvest Fest November 7-11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**