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MDAC to Hold Listening Sessions for Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) will conduct four meetings and one webinar to educate the public about the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI). The purpose of the RFSI Program is to assist states in building resilience in the middle-of-the-supply-chain and strengthening local food systems by creating new revenue streams for producers. The goal of the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program is to create additional and better processing options for local producers across the state's food supply chain.

- Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bolivar County Extension Office, 406 N Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Cleveland, MS 38732
- Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center Office, 5421 MS-145, Verona, MS 38879
- Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum (Sparkman Auditorium), 1150 Lakeland Dr, Jackson, MS 39216
- Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Forest County Agriculture Extension Office, 952 Sullivan Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- Friday, February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at a virtual webinar session

To register for a listening session, click the following link: [register for a listening session](#). The deadline to apply for RFSI's Infrastructure Grant or Equipment-Only Grant is March 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. CST. All completed applications must be electronically submitted to rfsi@mdac.ms.gov. Visit <https://www.mdac.ms.gov/rfsi/> to view the Request for Applications, download applications and obtain additional information about the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program.

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