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<u>Who:</u>	Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson
What:	Press Conference Recognizing Mississippi Agritourism Month
When:	Monday, October 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.
Where:	Moseley Meadows Farm 466 Yandell Rd, Canton, MS 39046

Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson Recognizes Mississippi Agritourism Month

JACKSON, Miss. – The public is invited to attend a press conference with Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson, recognizing Mississippi Agritourism Month on Monday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Moseley Meadows Farm in Canton. Commissioner Gipson will speak on the importance of Mississippi's agritourism industry and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce's Agritourism Program. Agritourism is an enterprise that combines tourism with agriculture to attract visitors to a farm, ranch or other agricultural business. Mississippi is home to 103 agritourism operations statewide.

Commissioner Gipson will be joined by Stanley Wise, President of the Mississippi Agritourism Association. Also, several farmers with MDAC's Agritourism Program and Centennial Farm Family Program will be recognized, including host Benton Moseley of Moseley Meadows Farm. Moseley Meadows Farm currently offers a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy including a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn pit, super slide, hayrides, games and more.

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Media Note: Media can turn at entrance with 'buses only' sign and park beside the concession stand. The Moseley family will offer tours of their farm following the press conference. Commissioner Gipson, Mississippi Agritourism Association President Wise and select farmers will be available for interviews.