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Ag Commissioner Gipson Announces Events for the Second Weekend of the Dixie National Rodeo

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson highlighted the successes of the first weekend of the Dixie National Rodeo and provided details of upcoming events as the second weekend of the Rodeo gets kicked off. Commissioner Gipson was joined by Rorey Lemmel, Owner of Harper & Morgan Rodeo Company, and the Dixie National Rodeo Announcers Andy Stewart and Garrett Yerigan.

The **Dixie National Rodeo**, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, continues with fast-action bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum with a performance from Clay Walker, whose hits include “Live Until I Die,” “If I Could Make a Living” and “Then What.” Thursday and Friday night rodeo performances featuring Zach Top and Ella Langley are sold out, but a limited number of concert-only tickets for Ella Langley are available for purchase at the box office. The professional rodeo concludes on Saturday, February 15, with two performances featuring Gretchen Wilson, whose hits include “Redneck Woman” and “Here for the Party,” at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gipson encourages the public to attend the **Dixie National High School Rodeo** on Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. “We are proud to host, for the very first time, the Dixie National High School Rodeo. Having a high school rodeo is one of the great ways we can support our young rodeo competitors. They will have the opportunity to compete on the floor of the historic Dixie National, where world champions are currently competing. I encourage the public to come out and fill the stands in the Coliseum on Sunday to support our youth as we close out another great year of the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo,” said Commissioner Gipson.

Mississippi high school rodeo contestants will earn points toward the rodeo nationals during the Dixie National High School Rodeo. This rodeo is one of only 10 high school rodeos that count towards points to get to nationals. Tickets are \$20.

In addition to the Dixie National Rodeo, many other events will be taking place on the Mississippi Fairgrounds including the Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo, Cowboy Corner, Dixie National Quarter Horse Show and open livestock shows through Sunday, February 16.

Dixie National Rodeo Entertainment:

- Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. – Clay Walker
- Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Zach Top (**All tickets SOLD OUT**)
- Friday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. – Ella Langley (**Concert-only tickets available**)
- Saturday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Gretchen Wilson
- Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. – Dixie National High School Rodeo

Dixie National Livestock and Rodeo Events:

- **Dixie National Rodeo** – February 12-15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Saturday also includes a 2:00 p.m. performance.
- **Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo** – February 14-16 - The Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo will return with the largest display of everything for the outdoors this spring. Shoppers will find boats, rods, reels, UTVs, tractors, the Genuine MS Store and much more. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for kids 12 & under; and free for kids 5 and under.
 - Friday, February 14, 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Cowboy Corner** – February 14-15 - Cowboy Corner is the ultimate hangout with free haircuts and hat shaping by Parker Thomas in the Atrium of the Trade Mart.
- **Open Livestock Shows** – February 14-16 – Multiple beef cattle shows will be taking place in Barn 14. These shows are open to all ages with some competitors traveling to Mississippi to compete.
- **Dixie National Quarter Horse Show** – Continues through February 16 in the Equine Center. The show starts at 8:00 a.m. daily. Multiple Quarter Horse equine events will be taking place daily, and the Dixie National Quarter Horse Expo will be in the upper level of the Equine Center.
- **Dixie National High School Rodeo** – February 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coliseum.

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit www.ticketmaster.com/search?q=dixie+national+rodeo. For more information on the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit www.dixienational.org and follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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Photos Attached.



Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced the upcoming Dixie National events as the second weekend of the Dixie National Rodeo gets underway Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. The Dixie National Rodeo runs through Saturday, February 15, and the first-ever Dixie National High School Rodeo takes place on Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m.



Round Two of the Dixie National Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, continues with fast-action bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum. The Rodeo will continue through Saturday, February 15.