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Ag Commissioner Applauds the Ban of Cell-Cultured Food Products in Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson released a statement regarding the passage House Bill 1006, which bans the manufacturing, selling and distribution of items from cultured animal cells in Mississippi. This bill has been approved by Governor Reeves and becomes effective July 1, 2025.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Mississippi Legislature for enacting House Bill 1006 that prohibits cell-cultured food products in Mississippi. The State of Mississippi joins other states that have taken similar action. So-called “lab grown meat” products have begun to creep into markets globally and even nationally, presenting a serious concern to consumers and to our agricultural producers. Mississippi consumers deserve to know the beef, poultry and pork purchased and served to their families is real farm-raised meat, not something cultivated in a petri-dish. Unlike the radical globalists pushing artificial man-made “foods,” I stand with Mississippians who support our farmers and farm-raised meat. We at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce look forward to enforcing this new law.

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