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What: Great American Mississippi State Fair
When: Sunday, October 12, through Monday, October 13, 2025
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

**Schedule of 166th Mississippi State Fair Events for Sunday, October 12, through Monday,
October 13, 2025**

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 166th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Sunday, October 12, through Monday, October 13, 2025. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The final day of the State Fair is Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, and it will be the grand finale of all patriotic celebrations. That day is also Military Monday where all active military members and veterans will receive free admission to the State Fair with presentation of ID.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the first-ever Great American Parade will kick things off with a procession of horses and wagons, decorative floats, car clubs, military groups, marching bands and more. This unique event is free to the public. The parade will encompass the State Fairgrounds Complex; both parking and the best viewing areas will be available on the Fairgrounds. Spectators are encouraged to enter through the main entrance, Gate 10, off High Street to park and watch the parade along Monroe Street. See a map of the parade route attached. This unique event is open and free to the public.

Then, after the Taste of the Dixie National Rodeo show, legendary artist Lee Greenwood will perform live at the arena inside Patriot Village at 8:00 p.m. A massive fireworks display will follow the concert performance. General admission to the State Fair includes this special, patriotic performance and fireworks show.

The 166th Mississippi State Fair, which runs through October 13, is participating in the Great American State Fair initiative as part of the nationwide America250 celebrations. Fairgoers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue, and special, patriotic events will be held throughout the duration of the fair. Find the

complete schedule of fair events at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information and updates, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 12, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Judging Arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – MS State Fair Marketplace Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Chess Tournament – Trade Mart
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close
- 10:00 p.m. – Fair Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 13, 2025

Monday, October 13, is Military Monday at the State Fair. All active military and veterans will be given free admission. Identification will be required at the gate.

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 12:00 p.m. to close.

- 9:30 a.m. – Great American Parade – Fairgrounds, Main Entrance Drive (Monroe Street)
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – MS State Fair Marketplace Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 8:00 p.m. – Lee Greenwood Performance – Patriot Village
 - Fireworks show immediately following performance
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close
- 10:00 p.m. – Fair Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$10.00 per person, and parking is free. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase admission tickets, concert tickets and ride wristbands online at www.msstatefair.com, or purchase admission and concert tickets in-person at the Coliseum Box Office.

- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 13, Columbus Day.
- **Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until close and all day Friday and Saturday, any guest under the age of 18 seeking admission to the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by an adult (21 or older). Any guest may be asked to show official proof of age. Guests are encouraged to bring identification.**
- When entering the Midway, all guests will proceed through one of several security points utilizing a metal detector, and/or be subject to magnetic wand.
- **Only clear bags will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during the State Fair and must not exceed 12"x12"x6". Diaper bags and medically necessary bags and items are allowed after proper inspection and tagging. All bags are subject to search.**
- **No outside food or beverage allowed.**
- No marketing, soliciting, political or vending items allowed unless and as authorized under Fairground regulations.
- No animals (other than service animals or as authorized by Fair management for Fair activities), banners, fireworks/explosives or laser pointers allowed.
- Jefferson Street will be closed between Pearl Street and Amite Street. Greymont Street will be open for Fair traffic only.

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Media Note: Media advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days. Photos and Great American Parade map attached.



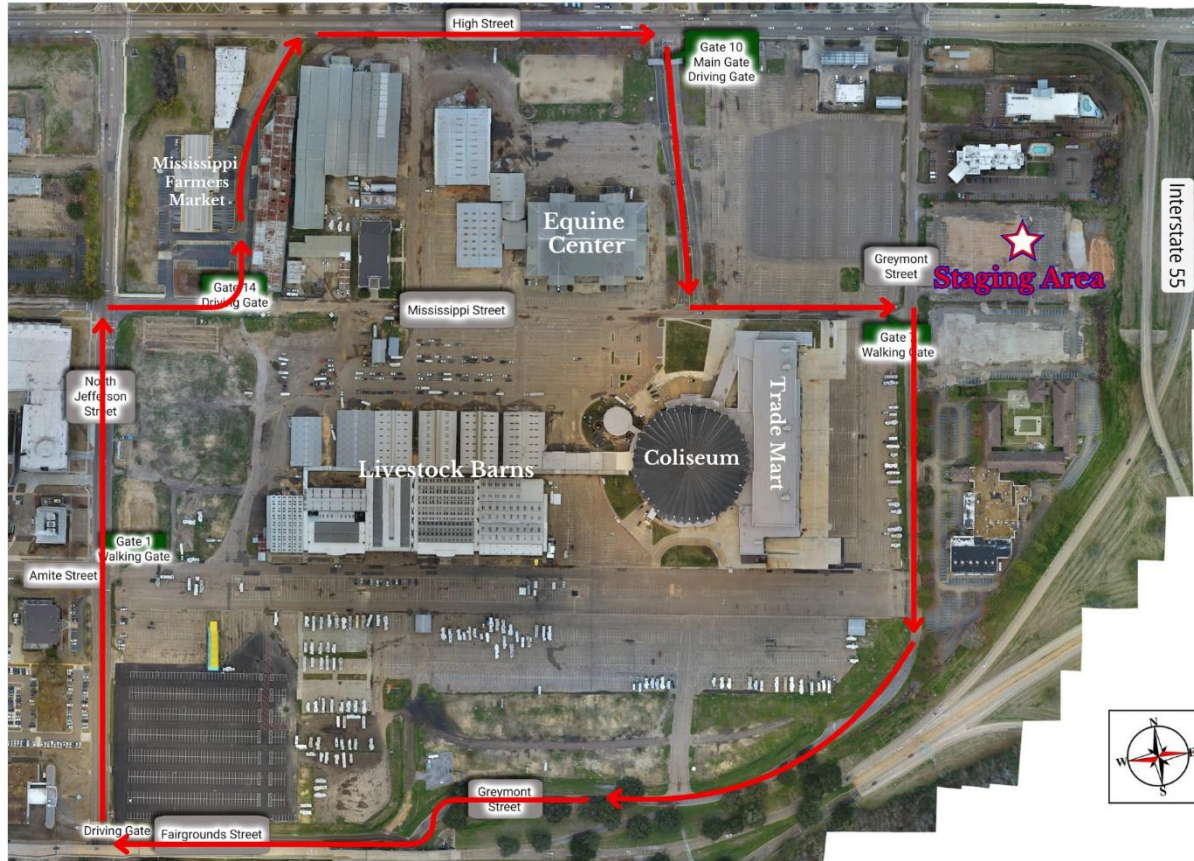
The annual Pretty Cow Contest took place last night and was evaluated by a panel of local celebrity judges including WAPT-16 Meteorologist Christana Kay, Miss Rodeo Mississippi Sierra Greene and Brandi Ratliff, Professional Development Specialist with the Mississippi Community College Board. This year's winners showcased their creativity by dressing in costume, decorating their dairy cow, TJF Clue Stella 1695, and incorporating themed props inspired by the "Wheel of Fortune." Pictured L-R: Christana Kay, Sierra Greene, Langston Moorman, Susan Babb, Lauren Bryant, Anaston Stevens, Holden Taylor and Brandi, Ratliff.



Carl Taylor of Booneville took home the 2025 Commissioner's Production Cup. The Commissioner's Production Cup goes to the exhibitor whose dairy cow is producing the most milk, and Taylor's Jersey cow, TJF Miami Kate 1718, produced 25,045 pounds of energy corrected milk in her last lactation! Pictured L-R: Carl Taylor and Brian Perry, Chief of Staff for the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

GREAT AMERICAN PARADE

★ Monday, October 13, 2025 ★



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