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Ag Commissioner Gipson and F.A.R.M. Council Seeks Farmer and Ag Industry Input
Regional F.A.R.M. Meetings to be held in Hinds, Forrest, Lee, Lincoln and Washington Counties

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson and members of the Future of Agriculture Resiliency for Mississippi (F.A.R.M.) Council will host five stakeholder meetings in key regions of the state to obtain insights on critical issues facing farmers and the agriculture industry and to hear recommendations and ideas to move agriculture forward in Mississippi. Commissioner Gipson will be moderating each session.

Input gathered during the regional meetings will be utilized in the development of the F.A.R.M. Strategic Plan, which aims to keep Mississippi agriculture strong. “The F.A.R.M. Strategic Plan is about more than policy — it’s about keeping Mississippi agriculture strong and thriving for generations to come,” said Commissioner Andy Gipson. “By working together, we can ensure our farmers have the tools and resources they need to remain resilient in the face of challenges and opportunities ahead.”

Stakeholder meetings will be held at the following locations:

- ☐ December 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Capps Center at Delta Research & Extension Center
82 Stoneville Rd.
Stoneville, MS 38776
- ☐ January 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Pearl River Community College (Forrest Campus) – Woodall Center
906 Sullivan Dr.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- ☐ February 4, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
North MS Research & Ext. Center- Auditorium
5421 MS-145
Verona, MS 38879
- ☐ February 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Brookhaven (FEMA) Building

1154 Industrial Park Rd. NE
Brookhaven, MS 39601

- March 6, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Mississippi Trade Mart – Atrium
1207 Mississippi St.
Jackson, MS 39202

Farmers; industry stakeholders; policymakers; research, outreach and education representatives; and community members are encouraged to attend these regional meetings and share their insights. Those interested in participating can register to attend at <https://www.mdac.ms.gov/programs/FARM/>.

Following the regional meetings, the F.A.R.M. Council will prepare a plan of action for policy recommendations to aid and strengthen Mississippi's agriculture industry. The finalized Strategic Plan is expected to be presented to the Mississippi Legislature and Congressional delegation by the fourth quarter of 2026, with interim recommendations provided along the way.

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