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**What:** **61<sup>st</sup> Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo**

**When:** **Sunday, February 8, and Monday, February 9**

**Where:** **Mississippi State Fairgrounds**

**Schedule of 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events Taking Place  
Tomorrow, Sunday, February 8, and Monday, February 9**

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites everyone to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Sunday, February 8, and Monday, February 9. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Over 1,000 4-H and FFA exhibitors from across the state are competing in this year's Dixie National Junior Round-Up as they vie for Grand and Reserve Champion in their respective fields, and the chance to participate in the Sale of Junior Champions. The annual **Legislative Livestock Showdown** will be held Monday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m. This unique show is a competition of skill and showmanship between Mississippi legislators, who team up with the junior livestock exhibitors from their respective districts. The legislators are divided into two groups between representatives and senators, with a winner being determined for each group, as well as an overall champion.

**Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, February 8, 2026:**

- 9:30 a.m. – Fire It Up Productions Team Roping - Kirk Fordice Equine Center
- 10:00 a.m. – Market Steer Show - Coliseum
- 2:30 p.m. – Commercial Beef Heifer Show - Coliseum

**Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, February 9, 2026:**

- 7:30 a.m. – Angus Showmanship - Coliseum
- 8:00 a.m. – Beef Showmanship - Coliseum
- 1:30 p.m. – Beef Breeding Bull Show - Coliseum
- 6:00 p.m. – Legislative Livestock Showdown - Coliseum

In conjunction with the nationwide America250 celebrations, this year's Dixie National will take on a special patriotic focus. Events of the 61<sup>st</sup> Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo run through Sunday, February 22, 2026. The Dixie National Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, takes place Friday, February 13, through Saturday, February 21, inside the Mississippi Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

**Rodeo Entertainment:**

- Friday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Ole 60
- Saturday, February 14, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Bayker Blankenship
- Sunday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. – Joe Nichols
- Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. – Tanya Tucker
- Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. – Waylon Wyatt
- Friday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. – Muscadine Bloodline
- Saturday, February 21, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Mark Chesnutt

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit [www.ticketmaster.com/search?q=dixie+national+rodeo](http://www.ticketmaster.com/search?q=dixie+national+rodeo) online or the Coliseum Box Office in-person. For more information on the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit [www.dixienational.org](http://www.dixienational.org) and follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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**Photo attached.**



**Yesterday, three talented livestock exhibitors were named the winners of the first-ever Dixie National Jr. Round-Up Ag Olympics! James Farr of Hinds County took home gold, Sarah Brinkley Fulgham won silver, and Britton Kirkland won bronze.**

**MEDIA NOTE:**

**A designated Media Room will be available to local/state newspapers, tv stations and print and broadcasting media for the Dixie National Rodeo, which takes place February 13-15 and 18-21. Media will have access to live updates/stats from each rodeo performance, current leaderboard information**

and exclusive one-on-one interviews with rodeo competitors and entertainers. The media room, or Gray Room, is located on the south side of the Coliseum. To enter the Coliseum, simply show your work ID badge at the doors. Enter the Coliseum through the glass doors on the south side and take an immediate right. The media room will be on your right. The room is easily visible and will be labeled MEDIA ROOM.

Media passes will be distributed in the Media Room for those who want to get b-roll footage inside the Coliseum arena. You will be directed to the reserved section designated for your camera crews. We will bring cowboys/clowns/queens/etc. to the media room for interviews. If there are specific people that you would like to interview for a story, let us know ahead of time and we will work to make those happen.

Immediately following each rodeo performance, a rodeo announcer will be in the Media Room to provide a Rodeo Recap to the media.

If members of the media would like to request interviews regarding Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo events, please contact Hannah East at [hannahe@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:hannahe@mdac.ms.gov) or (662) 816-3230.