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What: 61st Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo

When: Monday, February 16, and Tuesday, February 17

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 61st Annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events Taking Place Tomorrow, Monday, February 16, and Tuesday, February 17

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites everyone to attend the 61st annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Monday, February 16, and Tuesday, February 17. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Open Livestock Shows featuring cattle will take place in Barns 14 on Monday. These shows are open to all ages with some competitors traveling to Mississippi to compete.

Rodeo fans can enjoy steer wrestling and tie down roping during the **Dixie National Rodeo Slack** on Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Rodeo Slack continues Tuesday during School Field Trip Day with barrel racing. These events are open to the public with no admission.

The annual **School Field Trip Day** at Dixie National will be held Tuesday, February 17. Over 3,000 children from schools around the state will be in attendance this year. These visiting students will be treated to a day of Rodeo Slack featuring elite barrel racers, Dusty the Rodeo Clown, rodeo queens and more.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, February 16, 2026:

- 8:00 a.m. – Open Brahman Show - Barn 14
- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart
- 2:00 p.m. – Dixie National Rodeo Slack - Coliseum

Scheduled Activities & Events for Tuesday, February 17, 2026:

- 9:00 a.m. – Dixie National Rodeo Slack – Coliseum
- 9:00 a.m. – Dixie National Cinch Breakaway Roping - Equine Center
- 9:30 a.m. – School Field Trip Day - Coliseum
- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart

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

Rodeo Entertainment:

- 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 online or the Coliseum Box Office in-person. 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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Photo attached.



The Dixie National Rodeo got off to a great start this weekend. Rodeo fans can enjoy more performances of the Rodeo February 18-21 in the Mississippi Coliseum.

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 or (662) 816-3230.