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Ag Commissioner Gipson Participates in Ribbon Cutting for Salad Days Expansion in Flora

FLORA, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson assisted in cutting the ribbon at the new Salad Days Hydroponic Farm facility in Flora. Salad Days recently completed a new 68,000-square-foot greenhouse facility, which will produce up to three million heads of lettuce annually.

“I want to congratulate Leigh Bailey and Jamie Redmond, along with the entire Salad Days team on their successful efforts to expand their operation,” said Commissioner Gipson. “I am proud to have supported this project through the Mississippi Land, Water and Timber Resources Program. Salad Days is a prime example of agriculture related economic development growing directly from a Mississippi farm. This expansion creates opportunities for grocery stores, schools, other institutions and consumers to buy healthy, local products grown right here in the metro area.”

Salad Days is a member of Genuine MS®, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce’s state branding program. The public can find out more about Salad Days and other products grown, raised, crafted and made in Mississippi at GenuineMS.com.

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Photos attached.



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