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## **Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Announces 2026 Easter Coloring Contest Winners from Copiah and Rankin Counties**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Today, the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board announced the winners of its annual Easter Coloring Contest. Contestants submitted entries on Saturday, April 4, 2026, during the annual Easter festivities at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

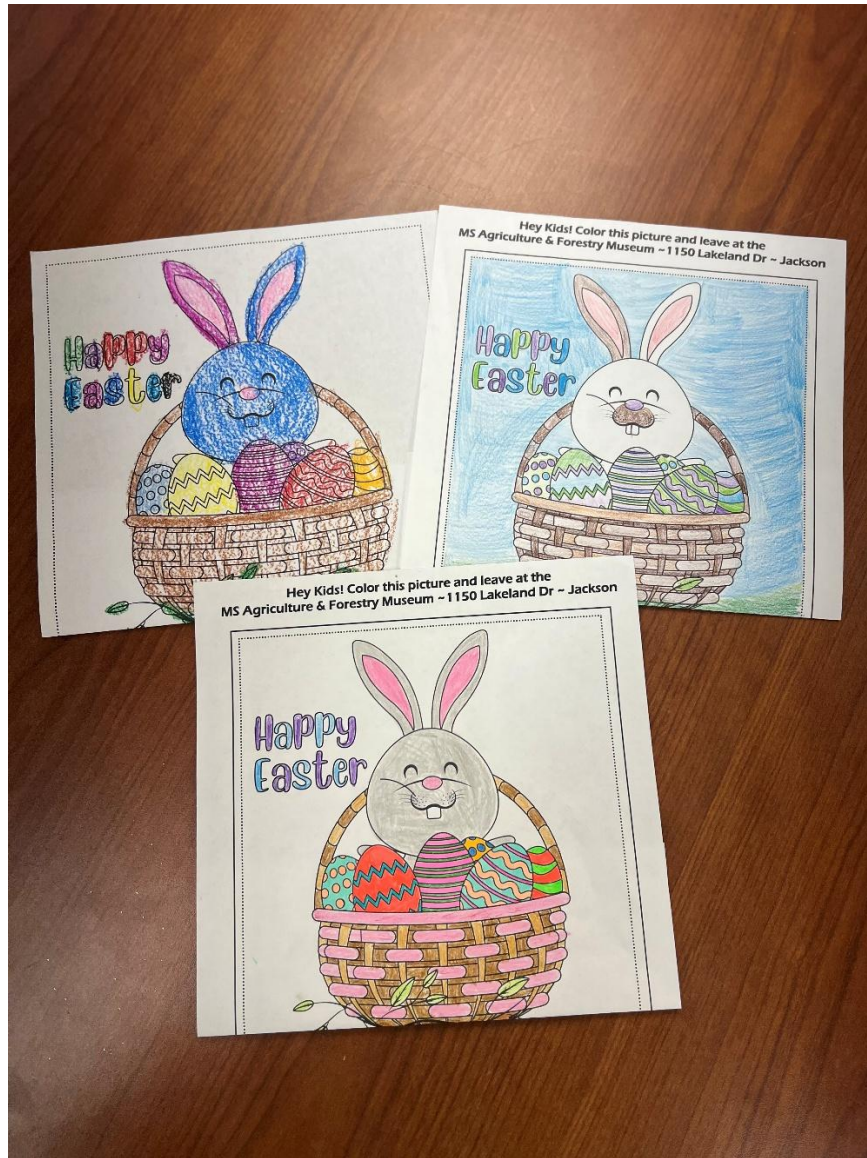
This year's winner of the 4-5 years old age division is Sophia Jimeno, the 5-year-old daughter of Jenna Jimeno of Flowood. Sophia is a kindergarten student at Northshore Elementary. The winner of the 6-7 years old division is Charlsie Johnson, the 7-year-old daughter of Lacey and Joe Johnson of Crystal Springs. Charlsie is a second grade homeschool student. This year's winner of the 8-9 years old age division is Kylyn Rushing, a third grade homeschool student. Kylyn is the 9-year-old daughter of Hope Rushing of Madison.

The 2026 Easter Coloring Contest was open to all Mississippi school children ages 4 to 9 years old. Over 100 Mississippi school children visiting the Ag Museum from around the state participated in the contest. The winner of each age division will receive a \$50 cash prize.

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**Photos attached.**



**The winning submissions of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board's annual Easter Coloring Contest included participants from Copiah and Rankin counties.**



**The Judges for the 2026 Easter Coloring Contest included Purvie Green, Coordinator of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC); Hattie Grace Ashmore, Public Relations Specialist at MDAC and the Fairgrounds; Kara Perkins, Public Relations Specialist at MDAC; and Michael Lasseter, Special Projects Manager at MDAC.**