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MDAC to Host Workshop for Farmers and Ranchers on Building High-Margin Livestock Systems

JACKSON, Miss. – Mississippi livestock producers are invited to join the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce for a day of practical, solutions-focused training designed to strengthen farm profitability and resilience in today's changing agricultural landscape.

The one-day workshop, Profitable & Resilient: Building High-Margin Livestock Systems for an Uncertain Future, will be held Monday, August 10, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Forestry Building at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson.

Nationally recognized livestock systems expert Dr. Allen Williams will share proven strategies for reducing dependence on costly inputs, improving pasture and soil health, increasing net profitability, and building more resilient farming operations.

“Whether you raise cattle, sheep, goats or other grazing livestock, you will leave with practical ideas you can begin implementing on your own farm,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “This workshop explores the principles and practices that drive long-term profitability through adaptive stewardship, soil health and low-input production systems.”

Participants will learn how to position their operations to take advantage of emerging market opportunities. They will discover how resilient ecosystems create resilient businesses, enabling producers to thrive through changing weather patterns, fluctuating cattle prices and evolving consumer demands.

“Those who attend will leave with practical strategies to help build livestock enterprises designed for long-term success,” added Gipson.

Workshop registration is required. Interested participants can register online at <https://forms.office.com/g/3BFYpX8tkk>.

For more information about the workshop, contact MaryJo Perry at info@barefootspringsfarm.net.

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Flyer attached.

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BUILDING HIGH-MARGIN LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

FEATURING DR. ALLEN WILLIAMS

**AUGUST 10, 2026
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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