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Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson Visits Mitchell Farms as Part of Agritourism Month

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson visited Mitchell Farms in Collins, Mississippi, as part of Agritourism Month on Saturday, October 17. Mitchell Farms offers a pumpkin patch, corn maze, hayrides, farm animals, boiled peanuts and more to visitors. To view a video of Commissioner Gipson's visit to Mitchell Farms, visit https://youtu.be/C_jNR-l48Hw.

October marks Agritourism Month. Mississippi is home to 107 agritourism operations statewide. Registered agritourism operations such as Mitchell Farms offer a wide variety of experiences, including pumpkin patches, hayrides, corn mazes, children's activities, petting zoos, Christmas tree farms, u-picks and more.

With fall marking the peak season for many agritourism operations, October provides an opportunity for Mississippians and visitors to explore the state's farms and experience agriculture firsthand. Agritourism farms across Mississippi offer visitors an opportunity to experience the heart and soul of our state.

"Mississippi's agritourism farms offer visitors a variety of experiences, from family-friendly attractions with activities for all ages to opportunities for a closer, hands-on look at farm life," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. "These destinations showcase the best of our rural communities, highlighting the hard work of our farmers, the hospitality of our people and the rich agricultural heritage that makes Mississippi a special place to visit and explore."

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) administers the Mississippi Agritourism Limited Liability Program. To find registered agritourism operations and plan an agritourism adventure, visit www.msagritourism.org. For more information about the Mississippi Agritourism Program, contact Katie Sansing at katie@mdac.ms.gov.

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Photo Attached.



Commissioner of Agriculture Andy Gipson with Jo Lynn Mitchell of Mitchell Farms during his visit for Agritourism Month.