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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Who:** Andy Gipson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce  
**What:** 163<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi State Fair Opening Ceremony  
**When:** Thursday, October 6, 2022; 11:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Gate 1 of the Mississippi State Fairgrounds  
(Located at the intersection of Amite and Jefferson Streets)

### Ribbon Cutting to Mark Grand Opening of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi State Fair

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites the public to attend the ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially open the gates to the 2022 Mississippi State Fair at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, at Gate 1 of the State Fairgrounds, located at the intersection of Amite and Jefferson Streets.

Mississippi Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons, National Guard Major General Janson Boyles, Mississippi's Miss Hospitality Hannah Grace Crain, Little Miss Hospitality Callie Scruggs, Danny Huston with North American Midway Entertainment, Mississippi Fairgrounds Director Michael Lasseter and others, including the Mississippi Highway Patrol Mounted Patrol, will join Commissioner Gipson in kicking off the State Fair. The Mississippi State Fire Academy Elite Honor Guard will present the colors and the 41<sup>st</sup> Army Band will perform a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Following the ribbon cutting, Commissioner Gipson will make his way down the Midway to the Biscuit Booth.

The 163<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi State Fair will run through October 16. All food and rides vendors, as well as the State Fair Ag Expo, will be in operation, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on October 6. Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 10, Columbus Day. For more information, visit [msstatefair.com](http://msstatefair.com).

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**Media Note:** Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Commissioner Andy Gipson will be available for interviews.