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What: Press Conference Announcing Local Foods Initiative
between Mississippi Farmers and Mississippi Food Banks

When: Wednesday, November 16, 2022; 10:00 a.m.

Where: Mississippi Food Network
440 Beatty Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson to Announce Local Foods Initiative between Mississippi Farmers and Mississippi Food Banks

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites the media to attend a press conference announcing the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC). The press conference will be held tomorrow, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Food Network.

Through this agreement, MDAC is partnering with three Feeding America affiliated food banks to purchase locally grown, produced and processed food for distribution to underserved communities. Commissioner Gipson will be joined by representatives from the Mississippi Food Network, Mid-South Food Bank and Feeding the Gulf Coast.

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Media Note: Please park in front of the Food Network's Annex Building. The press conference will be held in the warehouse, which is not heated.