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What: Ag Commissioner Gipson will recognize National Egg Month as Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. Donates 23,400 Dozen Eggs to Extra Table for Families Impacted by COVID-19

When: Tuesday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Mississippi Food Network
440 W Beatty Street, Jackson, MS
The donation will be livestreamed on the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce's Facebook page.

**Ag Commissioner Gipson Recognizes National Egg Month as
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JACKSON, Miss. – On Tuesday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m., Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson will be on hand as Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. will donate 23,400 dozen eggs to Extra Table at the warehouse of the Mississippi Food Network. The donation will be made to help Mississippi families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many Mississippi families are feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help those in need during this unprecedented time and in recognition of National Egg Month, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. together with Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson, will donate 23,400 dozen eggs to Extra

Table. Extra Table is a non-profit organization committed to ending hunger by providing food pantries and soup kitchens with the new and healthy food they need to feed the hungry in their community.

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. is the largest producer and marketer of shell eggs in the United States and is based in Jackson, Miss. Cal-Maine operates a total flock of approximately 36.2 million layers and 9.4 million pullets and breeders and is the largest in the U.S. In 2019, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. sold approximately 1,038.9 million dozen shell eggs.

Mississippi Food Network, whose mission is to relieve poverty-related hunger in the area by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products through a network of member churches and non-profit organizations, will facilitate the donation.

Visit IncredibleEgg.org for more information about eggs.

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Note to Media: The media is invited to attend. Commissioner Gipson and representatives from the Mississippi Food Network, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., and Extra Table will be available to speak to the media.