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### **Commissioner Andy Gipson Provides Updates on Mississippi State Fair Schedule Ahead of Potential Severe Weather**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson provided updates on the Mississippi State Fair in regards to potential severe weather expected due to Hurricane Delta. Commissioner Gipson was joined by Tony Diaz with North American Midway Entertainment, Ricky Davis with the Mississippi Department of Insurance, Steve Milner with the Tort Claims Board and Mike Malanado with State Capitol Police.

“Due to the inclement weather that is expected to accompany Hurricane Delta, we are planning schedule changes to events taking place Friday night and Saturday at the State Fair,” said Commissioner Gipson. “The safety of our fairgoers is our top priority, and we have made these changes with that purpose in mind. Our thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of Louisiana as well as our own folks along the coast and others in the storm’s path.”

Commissioner Gipson announced the State Fair will close early tonight, October 9, with the gates closing at 10:00 p.m. and the Midway closing at 11:00 p.m. In addition, the gates to the State Fair will reopen at noon tomorrow, October 10, instead of the previously scheduled 9:00 a.m. This closure will ensure guests and operators will not be present during the peak hours of the storm and allow time to safely secure the Fairgrounds.

The livestock shows and events will continue as scheduled Friday, October 9, through Saturday, October 10. The Coliseum will be available as a refuge station for anyone on the Fairgrounds if weather necessitates it. Masks and sanitizer will be in the Coliseum, along with law enforcement, to ensure their safety both from the storm and to mitigate COVID-19 concerns.

For updates, follow us on social media at @MSStateFair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or visit [www.MsStateFair.com](http://www.MsStateFair.com) online.

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**Revised Schedule attached.**

## **Revised Schedule: Mississippi State Fair Friday, October 9, 2020**

### **Gates Close at 10:00 p.m. / Midway Closes at 11:00 p.m.**

- The ride specials for this day are:
  - Kids' Day (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; one less coupon per ride required)
  - Ride-A-Thon (9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; \$25 wristband).
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- Shows and activities for this day include the following:
  - 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – The Farm Bureau Petting Zoo - Midway near Gate 1
  - 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
  - 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – The Ag Expo
  - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Genuine MS® Store - Trade Mart (Fairgoers can purchase a wide variety of items grown, raised, crafted and made in Mississippi.)
  - 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. – LOCALiQ Fetch-N-Fish - Trade Mart
  - 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. – The Clarion Ledger Great American Thrill Show
  - 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. – The Farm Bureau Pig Races - Midway near Gate 1
  - 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. – The Timberworks Lumberjack Shows
  - 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth
  - 5:00 p.m. – Open Simmental Show - Barn 14
  - 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. – Live Performances by TB Ledford & The Accumulators - Trustmark Stage
  - 7:30 p.m. – Live Performances by Epic Funk Brass Band - Budweiser Stage
  - 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

\*\*Showtimes tentative due to potential inclement weather.

## **Revised Schedule: Mississippi State Fair Saturday, October 10, 2020**

### **Gates and Midway Opens at 12:00 Noon.**

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Market Steer Show – Barn 14
  - 15 minutes following Junior Market Steer Show – Junior Commercial Beef Show - Barn 14*
- 12:00 p.m. – Gates Open
- 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Genuine MS® Store - Trade Mart (Fairgoers can purchase a wide variety of items grown, raised, crafted and made in Mississippi.)
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – The Farm Bureau Petting Zoo - Midway near Gate 1
- 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Ag Expo
- 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth
- 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. – The Clarion Ledger Great American Thrill Show
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. – LOCALiQ Fetch-N-Fish - Trade Mart

- 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Pig Races - Midway near Gate 1
- 1:00 p.m. – Junior Lamb Shows - Barn 8
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. - The Timberworks Lumberjack Shows
- 2:00 p.m. – Open Hereford Show - Barn 14
  - 30 minutes following Open Hereford Show* – Open Angus Show - Barn 14
- 7:30 p.m. – Live Performances by Dirt Road Cadillac - Budweiser Stage
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

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