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**What: New High Tunnel Exhibit Opening Ceremony**

**When: Thursday, November 5; 10:30 a.m.**

**Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum  
(1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson)**

## **Ribbon Cutting Marks Grand Opening of New High Tunnel Exhibit at Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum**

**JACKSON, Miss.** — Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson will officially cut the ribbon to the new high tunnel exhibit at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum tomorrow, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) partnered with the United States Agriculture Department's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to add this permanent exhibit to the Museum grounds, which features an unheated greenhouse displaying a variety of plants and crops.

Commissioner Gipson will be joined by Kurt Readus, USDA-NRCS state conservationist; Hayes Patrick, executive director of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum; as well as Jeff Wilson and Nicole Kitchens, project managers of the high tunnel exhibit.

High tunnels are unheated greenhouses that can help individuals and commercial farmers improve profitability and productivity of their farms for all types of crops. The Museum's high tunnel is one of three newly constructed greenhouses funded through a USDA special grant initiative, NCRS. One was recently featured at the Mississippi State Fair and the other is located at the Mississippi Farmers Market in Jackson.

The ribbon cutting will be held during the Museum's annual Harvest Festival which runs through Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information on the Harvest Fest, call 601-432-4500, visit [www.msagmuseum.org](http://www.msagmuseum.org) or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's page on Facebook.

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**Media Note:** Media is invited to attend. Media can enter through the back gate off Frontage Road and parking will be available behind the Main Exhibit Gallery.