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Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson Promotes Mississippi Christmas Trees

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson encourages those celebrating the holiday season to make this year a “Genuine Mississippi” Christmas by purchasing a Mississippi grown Christmas tree.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce has made it easy for shoppers to find the perfect Mississippi Christmas tree this holiday season at MSChristmasTrees.com. Here you can locate one of the state’s 32 Christmas tree farms; learn about the types of Christmas trees grown in the state; and how to care for a fresh tree in order to make it last throughout the holiday season.

“Visiting one of Mississippi’s Christmas tree farms is an experience the whole family will enjoy,” said Commissioner Gipson. “It is a great way to support Mississippi farmers, as well as the local and state economies.”

Many farms will open for the holiday season on Thanksgiving Day or throughout the weekend. Some farms offer pre-tagging services for families interested in reserving a tree to pick up at a later date. Contact information and social media links for each farm are included on the MSChristmasTrees.com website.

The holiday season is the perfect time to support other local Mississippi businesses through the Genuine MS® program for products Grown, Raised, Crafted and Made in Mississippi. Visit GenuineMS.com or stop by the Genuine MS® Store located inside the Mississippi Farmers Market for great gift ideas. The store is open Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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