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Mississippi State Fair Ranked 15th in Top 50 Fairs by Carnival Warehouse

JACKSON, Miss. – The 2021 Mississippi State Fair was named #15 of the Top 50 Fairs in North America by Carnival Warehouse. The annual list of fair rankings across the United States and Canada is based on attendance and is published by Carnival Warehouse Magazine, the carnival and fair industry's #1 source for news and resources.

“We were delighted by the turnout to this year’s Mississippi State Fair,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “We had an overwhelming response from vendors and visitors alike who were grateful to have an event like the State Fair to get out and enjoy again. In addition to all the usual livestock shows, live entertainment, rides and exhibits, we’re excited to be adding a brand-new attraction, the Great American Wild West Show, next year. So I want to encourage everyone to make plans now to join us for the 2022 Mississippi State Fair next October.”

“The Mississippi State Fairgrounds is proud to be recognized as the #15 Top Fair in North America,” said Michael Lasseter, director of the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. “Because of the safety protocols we already had in place from the previous fair held in 2020, our staff had a head start on planning for this year’s fair. That, along with our new, diverse attractions and beautiful weather, helped to exceed our expectations in attendance. We look forward to continuing this beloved tradition in our state for years to come.”

The Mississippi State Fair, a 12-day event, was held in partnership with North American Midway Entertainment (NAME). NAME was also recognized as #1 of the Top 20 Carnivals by Carnival Warehouse. Total attendance for the 2021 Mississippi State Fair was 600,000.

For more information and updates on events at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, visit www.mdac.ms.gov and follow the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Facebook.

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