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## Mississippi Farmers Market Hosts Spring Kick-Off on Saturday, March 26

**JACKSON, Miss.** – In conjunction with National Agriculture Week, the Mississippi Farmers Market is hosting its Spring Kick-Off on Saturday, March 26, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In addition to the usual farm fresh foods and unique, handcrafted items, shoppers will be treated to complimentary popcorn, kid's activities, gardening demonstrations in the new high tunnel exhibit and more.

"Spring Kick-Off at the Mississippi Farmers Market coincides with National Agriculture Week and planting season for our farmers across the state," said Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. "This year's theme for Ag Week is 'Growing a Climate for Tomorrow' and we're excited to offer several informational items and opportunities for the public to learn more about agriculture and see how the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is helping to grow the future of farming."

Shoppers can also shop the Genuine MS® Store, located inside the market, for a variety of products grown, raised, crafted and made in Mississippi. The Genuine MS® Store offers a range of commodities from culinary stock and specialty foods to handmade soap products and crafted leather goods, and everything in between. The Genuine MS® Store is open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday.

The Mississippi Farmers Market, a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Mississippi Farmers Market, visit <a href="https://www.msfarmersmarket.com">www.msfarmersmarket.com</a> or follow the Mississippi Farmers Market on Facebook.

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