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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Ag Museum Foundation and Southern AgCredit Announce June 12 “Raising the Barn” Outdoor Benefit Concert**

**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation and Southern AgCredit present the popular, Knoxville-based, Americana band, *The Black Lillies*, at the inaugural “Raising the Barn” outdoor benefit concert on June 12 with local band *Southern Grass* performing as the opening act. The concert will be held on the museum’s grounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. with gates opening at 5:00 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for an evening of family entertainment. Local food trucks including LurnyD’s Grille, MS Authentic Street Taco, and Hog Heaven BBQ will be on hand offering everything from hamburgers to nachos.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Ag Museum Foundation’s rebuilding efforts following last November’s fire and future museum improvements. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate, and only \$1 for children 12 and under. Purchase advance tickets now at [ardenland.net](http://ardenland.net) or at the Ag Museum.

The “Raising the Barn” outdoor benefit concert is made possible by sponsors including Southern AgCredit, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Mississippi Ag, iHeart Media, Southern Beverage, Mississippi Poultry Association, Mississippi Beef Council, Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, Gotta Go, ESCO Corporation, Cannon Motors, and Jackson Free Press.

For more information about the concert, “like” the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum on Facebook or go to [ardenland.net](http://ardenland.net). Anyone who wishes to make contributions and donations to assist with rebuilding efforts and future improvements needs to make checks payable to the Ag Museum Foundation, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216 or call 601-432-4500 for more information.

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**Concert poster attached.**

the  
**BLACK  
LILLIES**

at the  
*Mississippi Ag & Forestry Museum*



**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

*Gates open at 5:00 P.M.*

Outdoor concert benefitting the MS Ag Museum  
Foundation following last November's fire  
*with opening act "SOUTHERN GRASS"*

**= Food Trucks and Beer Garden =**

**Tickets on sale NOW at ardenland.net**

Presale \$10  
Gate \$15  
Children (12 & under) \$1



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601-432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687

**\*B.Y.O.C. - Bring your own  
lawn chair or blanket!\***



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