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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**What: Mississippi Ag and Forestry Expo**

**When: 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; June 12, 2015**

**Where: MS Ag Museum, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS**

### **First Annual Mississippi Ag and Forestry Expo to be Held at MS Ag Museum**

**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation and Southern AgCredit will host the first annual Mississippi Ag and Forestry Expo on Friday, June 12. The Expo will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Ag Museum.

During the expo, Mississippi State University Extension Service will present a number of landowner and producer seminars including:

- “*MS Medallion Program Plants & Your Garden*” by Dr. Gary Bachman
- “*Poultry House Efficiencies and Economies of Scale*” by Dr. Morgan Farnell & Dr. Tom Tabler
- “*Natural Resource & Conservation Land Management*” by Dr. Daryl Jones
- “*Effective Wild Hog Control & Deer Management Nutrition*” by Dr. Bronson Strickland
- “*Hardwood Timber Management for Recreation and Income*” by Dr. Andy Ezell
- “*Farm Bill Program Overviews for Landowners*” by Sam Franklin with Delta Wildlife

Other expo activities include exhibitor booths throughout the day in addition to a pop-up farmers market and catfish lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Farm safety demonstrations will be performed by Mississippi Farm Bureau, and Mississippi Ag will be on hand performing live tractor demonstrations and displaying state-of-the art farm equipment.

The Mississippi Ag and Forestry Expo 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, Jackson Free Press, Butler Snow, and Mississippi State Extension Service.

The expo is free to the public. For more information, “like” the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum on Facebook or call 601-432-4500. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 12, there will be an outdoor concert benefitting the Ag Museum Foundation following last November’s fire featuring the popular, Knoxville-based band, *The Black Lillies*. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate, and only \$1 for children 12 and under. Purchase advance tickets now at ardenland.net or at the Ag Museum.

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**MISSISSIPPI  
AG & FORESTRY  
EXPO** Sponsored by  SOUTHERN AGCREDIT

• **June 12, 2015 @ the MS Ag & Forestry Museum** •

**MISSISSIPPI LANDOWNER AND  
PRODUCER SEMINARS**  
presented by Mississippi State Extension Service

**Time: 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)**  
**Location: Ag Museum Forestry Building**

**Seminars Include:** (Each seminar is one hour in length beginning at 8:00 a.m. with an hour lunch)

- Home Landscaping- “MS Medallion Program Plants & Your Garden” - Dr. Gary Bachman
- Poultry- “House Efficiencies and Economies of Scale” - Dr. Morgan Farnell & Dr. Tom Tabler
- Land Diversification- “Natural Resource & Conservation Land Management” - Dr. Daryl Jones
- Wildlife- “Effective Wild Hog Control & Deer Management Nutrition” - Dr. Bronson Strickland
- Timber- “Hardwood Management for Recreation and Income” - Dr. Andy Ezell
- Farm Bill Programs- “Program Overviews for Landowners” - Sam Franklin, Delta Wildlife

**EXPO EXTRAS**

Farmer’s Market & Exhibitor Booths on Main Street in *Small Town, Mississippi*

Live tractor demonstrations provided by Mississippi Ag

Farm safety demonstrations provided by Farm Bureau

“*Raising the Barn*” Benefit Concert beginning at 6:00 p.m. to support the Ag and Forestry Museum Foundation

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