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Press Release

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What: Ag Museum Spring Farm Days and Lane of Lanterns

**When: Spring Farm Days: April 28 - 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lane of Lanterns: April 30, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

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

MS Ag Museum Comes to Life at Spring Farm Days and Farm-to-Table Event

Jackson, Miss. – Unplug and rediscover 1920's small town life at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's Spring Farm Days. The museum will come to life April 28 through 30 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Guests are invited to learn about farmstead life and gardening through live demonstrations throughout Small Town, Miss. The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board will be on hand to present cooking demonstrations. Guests will also have the opportunity to see baby chicks and chickens and milk Cloverbelle, the dairy cow, at the 4-H Museum. Additionally, on Saturday, April 30, the much anticipated Antique Tractor Games will take place. Antique tractor drivers will showcase their skills and handling of these beautifully restored machines in friendly competition from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

This event is perfect for educational and exciting field trips or family outings. Reservations are recommended for groups but not required. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 3-18). For more information or to make a reservation, call 601-432-4500 or email msagmuseum@mdac.ms.gov.

Spring Farm Days will conclude with Lane of Lanterns, a farm-to-table fundraising event, on Saturday, April 30, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation has partnered with Jeff Good to bring local chefs to Small Town, Miss. The chefs will prepare dishes with local farm products and be paired with the farmers who grew or raised the product to tell their story. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Jackson All-Stars.

Tickets are \$50 per person. To purchase tickets, text LANE to 91999 or visit the Ag Museum. For more information, contact Kathy Williams at 662-473-8600 or foundation@msagmuseumfoundation.org. All proceeds from Lane of Lanterns will benefit the Ag Museum Foundation's rebuilding efforts following November 2014's fire and future museum improvements. For up-to-date information on the museum, its progress or events, "like" the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum on Facebook, visit msagmuseum.org, or call 601-432-4500.

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