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Commissioner Gipson Announces Brian Perry as Chief of Staff

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced Brian Perry as chief of staff for the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. In this position, Perry will be responsible for developing and directing the strategic policy plan of the department.

“We are excited to welcome Brian to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce,” Gipson said. “Having known him for years, I look forward to working with Brian as he brings many years of experience in policy development on a variety of federal issues including agriculture, Mississippi’s largest industry. He will be an asset to the agency as we continue working to move our industry forward.”

“The leadership and knowledge of agriculture policy and governmental affairs that Brian brings to the table will enhance the interests of Mississippi’s agriculture industry,” added Julie McLemore, Deputy Administrator at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Perry resides in the Jackson area and most recently served as field director for U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. In that role, he managed a team of field representatives who represented Senator Hyde-Smith at functions across the state and who met with local officials and community leaders on the Senator’s behalf. Prior to that position, he served as director of special projects for the late U.S. Senator Thad Cochran. He also served as the communication director for Congressman Chip Pickering for five years.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to advance Commissioner Gipson’s vision for the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. We have a tremendous staff committed to serving the taxpayers, farmers, and all the people of Mississippi. I look forward to working with these dedicated professionals in that service to our state,” said Perry.

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Brian Perry