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## **Commissioner Gipson Presents the Commissioner's Cup at Neshoba County Fair**

**JACKSON, Miss.** — Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson presented the Commissioner's Cup for the Morris Therrell Invitational at the 2019 Neshoba County Fair.

“It was my pleasure to be a part of this long standing tradition at the Neshoba County Fair, and I applaud all the competitors from today's race,” said Commissioner Gipson.

The Neshoba County Fair started in 1889 as a two-day meeting of local farmers and their families. The race track was added in 1914 and sees both harness and running horse races throughout the entirety of the fair, including the Morris Therrell Invitational.

During the week, the Neshoba County Fair Station hosts several harness races leading up to the Morris Therrell Invitational. Today's final race featured the top six horses and their contenders. Immediately following, Commissioner Gipson presented this year's winner with the Commissioner's Cup. The 2019 harness racehorse champion is Western Memory, owned by Terrence Fortune of Walnut Grove, and driven by Jeremy Bobbitt.

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**Photos attached.**



**Today at the Neshoba County Fair, Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner Andy Gipson presented the 2019 Commissioner's Cup for the fastest race of the fair. The horse Western Memory, owned by Terrence Fortune, was driven by Jeremy Bobbitt.**



**The Commissioner's Cup is engraved with every winner of the Morris Therrell Invitational. Each year, the new champion horse, owner, and driver are all listed.**