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### **Ag Commissioner Gipson Announces New Staff at MDAC**

**JACKSON, Miss.** — Commissioner Andy Gipson announced two new staff members of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) this week. Hayes Patrick was named director of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. In this position, Patrick will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations as well as establishing the direction of the museum.

“We are proud to have Hayes Patrick on board and look forward to sharing in his vision for the Ag Museum,” Gipson said. “This is an exciting time at the museum; we’ve recently rebuilt the Exhibit Barn and are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new Children’s Barn this fall. Patrick’s background in education will serve the museum, the agency’s educational arm, well.”

Hayes earned his Master’s Degree in Secondary Education from Mississippi College and his B.A. from Mississippi College in Christian Studies and Philosophy. He has experience in the education field as well as business management and development. Hayes resides in Puckett with his wife, Lindsey, and their five children.

Commissioner Gipson also named Lisa Rippy as the new manager of the Mississippi Farmers Market. She will be responsible for managing the operations of the farmers market as well as coordinating and assisting with additional market development programming.

Rippy earned her B.S. from Mississippi College in Elementary Education and has worked in education, ministry and business. She is the founder and CEO of a professional home improvements business, Interior Inspirations. Rippy resides in Madison with her husband, Randy.

“I am thrilled to welcome Lisa Rippy to the team,” Gipson said. “The Mississippi Farmers Market is an important part of the department as well as the community, and we’re excited to add Lisa’s enthusiasm and skill set to the farmers market as well as our other marketing programs.”

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**Photos attached.**



**Hayes Patrick**



**Lisa Rippy**