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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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- What:** "Next Great Mississippi Home-Grown Recipe" Contest
- When:** Register to enter contest April 15, 2008 – May 10, 2008
- Where:** Register online at [www.mississippihomegrown.com](http://www.mississippihomegrown.com)

### Public Invited to Enter "Next Great Mississippi Home-Grown Recipe" Contest

Do you think you have the recipe for the best casserole ever made? Now is the time to put your bragging to the test. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi Farmers Market will crown the "Next Great Mississippi Home-Grown Recipe" on Saturday, June 14, at the Farmers Market located on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. On the Mississippi Farmers Market's Third Anniversary, twelve chosen Mississippians will accept the challenge to compete for a chance to win great prizes, receive statewide radio recognition, and most importantly, obtain undisputed bragging rights. This competition will give contestants the opportunity to show off their cooking skills and recipes by preparing their favorite dishes in one of the following four categories: appetizer, sandwich, casserole, and dessert.

The public is invited to submit recipe ideas for a chance to be one of the twelve contestants contending for the title "Next Great Mississippi Home-Grown Recipe" on June 14. Recipe entries must incorporate at least 25 percent Mississippi grown fruits and/or vegetables. On the day of the competition, judges will score prepared dishes based on originality, taste, presentation, and utilization of Mississippi grown produce. Recipe entry forms and a complete list of competition guidelines can be found online at [www.mississippihomegrown.com](http://www.mississippihomegrown.com). Entries will be accepted until midnight on May 10. For additional information call (601) 359-1159 or email [mshomegrown@mdac.state.ms.us](mailto:mshomegrown@mdac.state.ms.us).

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