



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
LESTER SPELL, JR., D.V.M.
COMMISSIONER

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216
Phone: (601) 432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687
Fax: (601) 982-4292

Contact: Sandy Havard or Theresa Love

Small Town Mississippi Comes to Life at Harvest Festival

Step back in time at the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum on Lakeland Drive in Jackson. The annual Harvest Festival will take place on November 10-13, 2010, as Small Town Mississippi comes to life on the weekdays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm and on Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Live demonstrations throughout the museum grounds will give visitors a glimpse of Mississippi's past and show the impact agriculture has made on all our lives. Demonstrations will include the operation of the oldest operating cotton gin, a saw mill, cane mill, grist mill, blacksmith shop, and print shop. Complimentary biscuits will be given to everyone participating in the festivities.

The exhibits inside of the museum give visitors the opportunity to see how agriculture has changed throughout the years. Visitors can discover methods and equipment used in farming with horses and mules to the invention of tractors, and they can see the role that agriculture aviation has played in the agriculture industry at the National Agricultural Aviation Museum, which is housed inside the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum. The model train exhibit, featuring three gauges of model trains depicting life along the rails in Mississippi, is also a must see.

Train and hay rides will be available each day from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm for \$1 per rider. Stop by the General Store for snacks and souvenirs. Saturday only, see a special display of antique tractors and hit-and-miss engines. Admission is as follows: Adults: \$5; Senior Adults (ages 60 and over): \$4; Children ages 5-18: \$3; and Children ages 3-4: \$1. For more information, please contact the Museum at (601) 432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687 or visit our website at www.msagmuseum.org.

The Harvest Festival is supported in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and in part, from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

###