



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE

CINDY HYDE-SMITH  
COMMISSIONER

## PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Paige Manning, Director of Marketing  
Office: (601) 359-1163  
E-mail: [paige@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:paige@mdac.ms.gov)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
FEBRUARY 6, 2013

### Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Showcases New Agriculture Magazine

**Jackson, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith showcased the premier issue of *Mississippi Agriculture*, a comprehensive guide to the states' farms, food, and commerce at the Capitol today.

Joined by several of those who contributed to the magazine, Commissioner Hyde-Smith said, "*Mississippi Agriculture* gives us the opportunity to show how food gets from the farm to the table from the perspective of those who are responsible for feeding the world's growing population." Hyde-Smith added, "The process of taking an agriculture product from the farm to the table is often complex and involves the work of many. From input suppliers to processors and transporters, numerous jobs exist because of agriculture. Twenty-nine percent of Mississippi's workforce is employed by jobs related to agriculture making it an economic driver across the state in communities, both large and small."

The annual publication, sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, utilizes a combination of original photography, reader-friendly graphics, and farmer profiles to tell the story of Mississippi agriculture from the perspective of those that live it each day. *Mississippi Agriculture* will serve as an educational tool to increase awareness of the important role that agriculture plays in the local, state, and global economy. The magazine will also promote the state's largest industry to a growing number of consumers concerned about their families' food source.

The digital version of Mississippi Agriculture is available online at [www.msagriculture.com](http://www.msagriculture.com). In addition to featuring the magazine, the website contains hundreds of farm-to-fork recipes, gardening ideas, farmers market guides, nutrition information, and agriculture stats and facts.

*Mississippi Agriculture* is available to the public at no charge. This magazine is supported through advertisements and at no cost to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. A copy of the magazine can be obtained at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the Mississippi Farmers Market, and the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

###

Photos and captions attached.

