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What: Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Celebrity Egg Toss

**Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS**

When: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; April 19, 2014

Celebrity Egg Toss to be Part of Egg Hunt Activities at Ag Museum

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum is hosting the annual Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. Festivities will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. New to the event this year is a celebrity egg toss. The celebrity egg toss will take place at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn between the Heritage Center and the Masonic Lodge. Participating celebrities include Cindy Hyde-Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce; Rita Martinson, Mississippi State Representative; Cheryl Lasseter, Anchor for WDBD/FOX Morning News; Julia Weiden, Fox Morning Weather Anchor; Hailey Thomas, Mississippi Miss Hospitality; Taylor McNair, Miss Dixie National; Amanda De'Ann Calhoun, 2014 Jackson Miss Hospitality; Ieshia Hubbard, 2013 Jackson Miss Hospitality; Billy Orr, Director Mississippi State Fairgrounds; Randy Knight, President Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; and Clara Bilbo, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator.

The main event, the Egg Hunt, will begin at 12:00 p.m. Additional activities and games, including pictures with the Easter Bunny, pony rides, egg roll, and egg dying, will all take place on the Museum grounds. While at the Ag Museum, visitors can also see the resident bunnies in the barnyard which are representative of typical livestock that may have been found on a small farm in the 1920's. Sausage and biscuits will be served compliments of the Mississippi Beef Council. Additional sponsors include the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, Cal-Maine Foods, the Outlets of Vicksburg, and the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 3 – 18.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition to the gallery and exhibit spaces, the Ag Museum also has room for events, whether it's a meeting, a wedding, or other special event. For more information about the Museum, call (601) 432-4500, visit www.msagmuseum.org, or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook. The Ag Museum is a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum is gearing up for the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. The festivities will last from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with the Celebrity Egg Toss at 11:00 a.m. and the Egg Hunt at 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 3 – 18. The event drew a record attendance of 2,335 last year.