



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE  
MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MUSEUM**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Annual Easter Hunt and Celebrity Egg Toss a Success at Ag Museum**

The annual Mississippi Egg Marketing Board Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on April 19 was a success with an attendance of over 1,700. Participants of all ages enjoyed the main event, the Easter Egg Hunt. Additional activities and games, included pictures with the Easter Bunny, pony rides, egg roll, and egg dying. Sponsors included the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board, Mississippi Beef Council, Cal-Maine Foods, the Outlets of Vicksburg, and the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau.

New to the event this year was a celebrity egg toss. Participating celebrities included 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; 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 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](http://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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Picture and cutline attached.

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