

Mississippi Farm Bureau® Federation

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WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH MSU WILD HOG STUDY: Mississippi State University (MSU) wants to determine the economic impact of wild hog damage to agriculture in Mississippi. This research study has the support of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Service Agency, Delta Wildlife, and many others. The information from this study will benefit farmers, foresters, and other agricultural producers by shedding light on the true extent of the damage done to your land, crops, equipment, and, ultimately, your bottom line. Armed with this data, researchers and industry representatives can approach state and federal legislators for increased funding and enhanced enforcement of laws to help eradicate wild hogs in Mississippi. But in order to make this happen successfully, **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Over the next few months, you may be contacted – via letter and/or phone – by researchers from MSU. These researchers need to interview farmers around the state about how wild hog damage is affecting their operations. They will also conduct field surveys on a select number of farmers' properties to determine the physical extent of wild hog damage and identify surrounding landscape features that may promote or hinder wild hog access to fields. In the long run, this will help lawmakers, land managers, and agricultural producers develop tools to accurately evaluate wild hog damage and mitigate losses through better management practices. Agriculture is the life blood of Mississippi, and Mississippi farmers and foresters are leaders of agricultural production in the South. Please consider participating in this very important study. If you have any questions, contact Marina Denny with the MSU Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture at (662) 325-4722 or mdenny@cfr.msstate.edu.

RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR BEEF PRODUCERS: Mississippi Farm Bureau, People's Bank, and Mississippi State University Extension Service will be hosting a risk management workshop for beef producers. Our goal is to educate beef producers about products offered by RMA as well as other forms of protection. "People's Bank wants to help our customers manage the risk and cattle market. What is good for our customers is good for us. We need our customers as much as they need us," said People's Bank Vice President Doug Rogers. The meeting will be held on Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. in Collins at Miss Ida's restaurant on Main Street. Please RSVP to Jon Kilgore at (601) 278-3809.

FARM BUREAU FORMS ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES COMMITTEE: In June, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Board of Directors approved the appointment of an MFBF Animal Welfare Committee to work with other state Farm Bureaus that have been successful in passing legislation favorable to agriculture and to thoroughly investigate all available options to put before the Mississippi Legislature to better protect Mississippi livestock producers from challenges to best management practices in livestock production in the state. The Animal Welfare Committee members, as approved by the MFBF Board of Directors, are as follows: Jody Wagner, Beef Advisory Committee Chair; Mike Ferguson, Dairy Advisory Committee Chair; Betty Mills, Equine Advisory Committee Chair; Bob Power, Swine Advisory Committee Chair; Kirby Mauldin, Poultry Advisory Committee Chair; J.B. Brown, MFBF Board of Directors; and Dr. Jim Perkins, MFBF Board of Directors.

MFBF CONGRATULATES KEENUM ON APPOINTMENT: The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on July 24 that Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum will serve on the 15-member Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR) Board of Directors. The new foundation will leverage public and private resources to increase the scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships critical to boosting America's agricultural economy. MFBF President Randy Knight stated, "We congratulate Dr. Keenum on this prestigious appointment. We certainly cannot think of a better professional to serve in this key position. Dr. Keenum's first-hand knowledge of agricultural issues and experience working on the Hill, at USDA, and within the land-grant system will bring a tremendous level of influence to this foundation." Authorized by Congress as part of the 2014 farm law, the foundation will operate as a nonprofit corporation, seeking and accepting private donations in order to fund research activities that focus on problems of national and international significance. The research funded by the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research will address issues that include plant and animal health; food safety, nutrition and health; renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; agricultural and food security; and agriculture systems and technology.

BAYER CROPSCIENCE SUPPORTS MS BEE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: Bayer CropScience staff has formally announced its support of the Mississippi Bee Stewardship Program with a grant from the Bayer CropScience Bee Health Initiative. Director of Stakeholder Relations/Stewardship Alan Ayers stated, "We are excited to provide assistance in the efforts to promote bee health in Mississippi on this highly important policy issue. We applaud Farm Bureau, the MSU Extension Service, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and the other stakeholder groups in the state to lead such a proactive effort moving forward. We look forward to working with Farm Bureau to promote this great example of local solutions to a national policy issue."

DELTA PRODUCERS MEET VOLUNTARY METERING PROGRAM GOAL: The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality has announced that the initial phase of the voluntary metering program supported by the Delta Sustainable Water Resource Taskforce has been officially met. MFBF President Randy Knight stated, “We are so proud of the producers in the Delta for stepping up to meet the goals of the voluntary metering program. We have now met our 5 percent goal by the initial deadline, and we will continue to pursue reaching the remaining 5 percent mark by December 2015. Many people did not think this goal could be reached voluntarily; however, the goal was indeed met. This proves that we can successfully work together toward a common effort. Farm Bureau and the other organizations on the taskforce will continue to focus our attention on reaching the other half of our metering goal and promoting water conservation measures and programs at every opportunity.”

MFBF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING: On June 24, members of the MFBF Transportation Committee gathered to discuss the current status of the state’s transportation infrastructure with officials from MDOT, State Aid Road, and representatives from County Engineers. Committee members and staff met with the following MDOT officials: Central Mississippi Commissioner Dick Hall, Executive Director Melinda McGrath, Legislative Affairs Director Michael Arnamen, and Office of Enforcement Director Willie Huff. Committee member Richy Bibb, farm leader from Tunica County, stated, “We had a very productive discussion with these officials. It was surprising to see the dire situation many of our highways and bridges are in currently. We reviewed the history of the 1987 Highway Bill and the potential need to look at another major initiative to repair the state’s failing infrastructure. Our committee discussed at length several measures to build support for this need. As we go through the area policy development meetings across the state and into the state resolutions meeting this fall, this will be a major policy topic for Farm Bureau leaders.”

SWEET POTATO FIELD DAY: Sweet potato growers, crop consultants, and other agricultural professionals can learn about current research and issues at a field day Aug. 20. Researchers and specialists with Mississippi State University’s Extension Service and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station will host the event at the Pontotoc Ridge-Flatwoods Branch Experiment Station, located at 8320 Highway 15 South. Registration is free and gets underway at 7:30 a.m. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Stephen Meyers, Extension sweet potato specialist, at (662) 489-4621 or smeyers@ext.msstate.edu.

MORE MSU FIELD DAYS: The North Mississippi Research & Extension Center Field Day will be held Thursday, August 7, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lee County Agri-Center

Magnolia Conference Center on Highway 145 South in Verona. For more information, contact Normie Buehring at (662) 566-2201 or buehring@ra.msstate.edu. The Delta Research & Extension Center Field Day will be held Wednesday, August 13, in Stoneville. The half-day field day begins with registration and exhibits at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and field tours that start at 1 p.m. Continuing education units are available. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Johnson at (662) 686-9311 or jjohnson@drec.msstate.edu.

WOMEN'S AG TOUR: The biannual Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Women's Ag Tour will be held Oct. 2-3 in the Mississippi Delta. Participants will visit the Cotesworth Culture and Heritage Center in Carroll County; Staplcoth and the Museum of the Mississippi Delta (formerly Cottonlandia Museum) in Greenwood; Indianola Pecan House and the B.B. King Museum in Indianola; the Catfish Museum and Welcome Center, Ethel Wright Mohamed Stitchery Museum, Wister Gardens, and Sky Lake Boardwalk in Belzoni; and Mont Helena in Rolling Fork. If you'd like to participate, contact your county Farm Bureau or the MFBF Women's Program at (601) 977-4245.

MFBF ANNUAL MEETING: Mark your calendars to attend the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation to be held Dec. 6-8 at the Hilton Jackson Hotel in Jackson. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Temple Grandin. Special musicians for the worship service are Susie and Mark McEntire. A detailed convention schedule will run in the November/December issue of our membership magazine.

COLORING BOOK CONTEST WINNERS: The state winner of the Coloring Book Contest is Mak Kendall of Grenada County. District winners are as follows: DISTRICT 1 - Lynlee Langston, Tate County; DISTRICT 2 - Aiden Vanderberg, Tishomingo County; DISTRICT 3 - Lucy Lee, Rankin County; DISTRICT 4 & STATE WINNER - Mak Kendall, Grenada County; DISTRICT 5 - Taylor Dease, Marion County; DISTRICT 6 - Gaige White, Leake County; DISTRICT 7 - Anna Clogher, Pearl River County; and DISTRICT 8 - Abbie Grace Herring, Humphreys County.

AG ART CONTEST WINNERS: The state Ag Art Contest winners were Conner Clark, Carroll County, and Annie Tran, Marion County. Other winners include: GRADES 1-6 - Matthew Gonzalez, Union County; Taylor Stigall, Humphreys County; Carmen Fuentes, Union County; Preston Childs, Humphreys County; Alford Hill, Humphreys County; and Conner Clark, Carroll County; GRADES 7-12 - Pearce Burge, Pearl River County; Laken Still, Hinds County; Rachel Mitchell, Monroe County; Julie Nguyen, Perry County; Annabelle Hawkins, Tate County; and Annie Tran, Marion County.

AWARD-WINNING AG MAGS AVAILABLE: Farm Bureau offers a children's agricultural newsletter called Ag Mag, which features one Mississippi commodity each issue through facts, activities, games, and more. You can order copies of this newsletter for your local classroom or ag promotion events from our Ag in the Classroom Program. Dairy, corn, poultry, and horticulture editions are now available for purchase. The cost is \$5 for 20 copies. To order, contact Pam Jones at pjones@msfb.org or (601) 977-4854. Ag Mag, which won a first-place award in this year's American Farm Bureau Federation communications competition, is designed by Graphic Design Coordinator Danielle Ginn and sponsored by the MFBF Women's Program.

AG IN THE CLASSROOM T-SHIRTS FOR SALE: If you have not purchased your Ag in the Classroom T-shirt, call Clara Bilbo or Pam Jones at 1-800-227-8244, ext. 4245 or ext. 4854. You may also email Pam at pjones@msfb.org. The shirts are available in maroon or red, sizes Youth, small through large, and Adult, small through 2XL. The cost is \$15 for short sleeves and \$20 for long sleeves. We also have fans for sale, using the same design as the T-shirt, at 50 cents each. If you buy in bulk, you get a cut. For example, you can purchase 25 fans for \$10.

MISSISSIPPI GOURD FESTIVAL: The Fourth Annual Mississippi Gourd Festival will be held Sept. 20-21 at the Smith County Ag Complex in Raleigh. The early-bird classes are scheduled for Friday, Sept 19. For more information, visit www.mississippigourdsociety.org.

NATIONAL YF&R PRIZES: The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) competitions will offer great prizes in 2015. Winners of the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet, and Excellence in Agriculture awards will have a choice of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado or a 2015 GMC Sierra pickup, sponsored by GM. In addition, they will receive a paid registration to attend the 2015 AFBF Engagement Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Three finalists in the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet, and Excellence in Agriculture contests will receive a Case IH Farmall 65A, sponsored by Case IH, along with a \$2,500 cash prize and \$500 in merchandise from STIHL, sponsored by STIHL. Winners will be determined at AFBF Annual Convention on Jan. 11-14, 2015, in San Diego, California. For more information about YF&R competition, contact Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation YF&R Coordinator Kirsten Johnson at (601) 977-4277. Mississippi YF&R state competition also offers a fantastic prize package. *In the event any of the national event awards are unavailable, AFBF reserves the right to substitute a prize of comparable or greater value at its sole discretion. Winners and finalists will be expected to 1) accept the awarded prize and 2) consent to the use of their name, likeness, and hometown in promotional material, and must be legally eligible to do both.*

VOICES OF AGRICULTURE: The next edition of Voices of Agriculture will visit an agritourism adventure at Seward Farms and an educational event called FARMtastic. The show will also feature a story on drones in agriculture. The next Voices of Agriculture will air Sept. 25 at 1 p.m., Central Standard Time, and Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, on RFD-TV. RFD-TV can be found on Channel 231, Dish Network, and on Channel 345, DirecTV. Voices of Agriculture is a production of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

LEARN TO GROW AND SELL FOR FARMERS MARKETS: Fruit and vegetable growers can learn how to grow and sell produce for farmers markets during an upcoming short course to be held Aug. 27 and 28 in Raymond at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center, 1500 Raymond Lake Road. The workshop, entitled Micro Farming: Growing for Farmers Markets, begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Aug. 27. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 28. The short course is free, but advance registration is required. To view the agenda, get directions, find nearby hotel information, or to register, visit <http://www.farmersmarkets.msstate.edu/conference>. For more information, contact Rick Snyder at Rick.Snyder@msstate.edu or (601) 892-3731. Funds for this project were provided through the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Grant Program.

NATIONAL RODEO QUALIFYING EVENT: The eyes of the barrel-racing nation will turn to the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville on Oct. 17. The Mississippi State University facility will host a qualifying event for The American, a major national rodeo. Parts of the qualifier will be broadcast nationally on RFD-TV and live-streamed over the Internet. This competition is on the first day of a three-day event that also will include the Better Barrel Racing Eastern Regional Finals and Horse Poor Barrel Races. Riders for the Starkville competition will be able to sign up online from Aug. 25 until Oct. 10 at <http://www.horsepoorBBR.com>.

FARMTASTIC PROGRAM TO COME TO MID-SOUTH FAIR IN 2014: On June 1, leadership from the Mid-South Fair Board of Directors announced that the FARMtastic program, led by the Mississippi State University Extension Service, will be coming to the Mid-South Fair for 2014. FARMtastic is an agriculture educational event seeking to increase awareness about agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resource systems in Mississippi. Through experiential-learning activities, third-graders are introduced to agriculture topics in livestock, forestry, agronomy, horticulture, entomology, and nutrition.

MFBB PRODUCER LEADERS MEET WITH RMA ADMINISTRATOR: On July 14, MFBB producer commodity committee leaders met with RMA Administrator Brandon Willis in Jackson at MFBB headquarters to discuss implementation of crop insurance provisions in the new farm

bill and for updates on the formal request of the MFBF Crop Insurance Taskforce made to the RMA regional office in Jackson in March of 2014. MFBF Rice Committee Chair Patrick Swindoll stated, “We had a very informative discussion with Brandon. He indicated that information about the availability of counties that can participate in STAX would be announced in August. He also noted that information and availability for SCO in 2015 for other commodities would be announced later this fall. We are working with RMA to make sure SCO can be offered to as many crops and counties as possible in Mississippi for 2015, in particular, the SCO policy on rice. On other issues, RMA indicated that many of the requests we submitted in March are being reviewed. We asked for several changes in the planting dates on the corn policy. We were happy to hear that many of those were well received.”

PREPARE NOW FOR 2015 PHAUCET IMPLEMENTATION: (Courtesy of Dan Roach, Extension Associate, and Jason Krutz, Irrigation Specialist, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Crop Situation on July 2, 2014). Without a doubt, the installation of PHAUCET (Pipe Hole and Universal Crown Evaluation Tool) on every acre of your farm is the most important water-saving strategy you can implement. PHAUCET allows you to irrigate your fields uniformly, with each furrow watering out at approximately the same time. Field runoff and the time required to irrigate the field can be reduced. Water savings of 20-25 percent can be expected. If the average field needs from 15 to 18 inches of irrigation water to reach yield potential, at \$3 per acre inch, a cost savings of \$12 to \$14 can be expected. A couple of pieces of information that you can collect now will help in planning for PHAUCET implementation. PHAUCET designs require you to input the well flow in GPM and the elevation of the pad where the poly pipe is laid. Many of you have actually not laid all of your poly pipe yet, making now an excellent opportunity to collect this information. Things you can do from now to fall to help collect required information include:

- 1) Use a flow meter to collect GPM data on each well or riser location.
- 2) Collect the elevation data every 100 feet.
 - A) Shoot elevation with a surveyor’s level or a laser level after you lay the poly pipe.
 - B) Utilize your RTK GPS equipment to record poly pipe lines. If you record or log the lines as you lay the pipe, elevation data is collected. Your equipment dealer or your ag supplier can assist with this.
 - C) If you possess A-B lines for your poly pipe location, some companies can supply LIDAR elevation data and assist in providing elevations for your pads.

FARM FAMILIES OF MISSISSIPPI MEETING: On July 7, the Farm Families of Mississippi Producer Steering Committee convened for their annual summer planning meeting in

Jackson to review the results of the 2014 Farm Families of Mississippi campaign and make tentative plans for efforts for the upcoming year. The committee welcomed new members, Coley Bailey, Lonnie Fortner, and Amanda Hudson. Hugh Arant of Leflore County was elected vice-chair of the committee. MFBF Northern Region Vice President Donald Gant stated, "We reviewed our results for 2014, which showed a consistent level of impact being made on the public's perception of agriculture in Mississippi. The committee voted to begin moving more toward a web-based effort to reach consumers through the use of social media and more advertising through social media. We gave staff direction to continue our focus on messaging in the following policy areas: biotechnology, animal care, agriculture's impact on our daily lives, and specialty crops. We thank all the generous supporters of this program, which is continuing to improve the public's appreciation and awareness of agriculture." As the Farm Families of Mississippi Ag Media Campaign wraps up another successful year, we would like to recognize several new corporate and organizational partners that joined forces with us this year. These include Syngenta, Bayer CropScience, Diversified Crop Insurance Services, Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents, Stock Pro Animal Health, Zoetis Animal Health, Bellwether Price Risk Management, Horizon Ag, and Machinery Link. Special thanks to Michael Lott and Trey Koger with Syngenta, Alan Ayers with Bayer CropScience, Rocky Hill and William Cole with Diversified Crop Insurance Services, Charlie Stokes and Reid Nevins with MACAA, Shannon Rogers with Stock Pro Animal Health, Dr. Gary Sides with Zoetis, J.D. McDonnell with Bellwether Price Risk Management Services, Tim Walker with Horizon Ag, and Adam Elliott with Machinery Link. A final list of all supporters of the 2014 campaign will be shared with Mississippi producers very soon.

MFBF ENCOURAGES FARMS, COTTON GINS TO LOOK INTO SALES TAX

EXEMPTION ON UTILITIES: On June 16, MFBF leaders and staff received information from the Mississippi Department of Revenue indicating that cotton gins may qualify for the new sales tax exemption on utilities that took effect July 1, 2014. On May 7, the Mississippi Department of Revenue issued Notice 72-14-003. This notice establishes guidelines for changes in law as a result of House Bill 844, which amends Miss. Code Ann. Section 27-65-107 to exempt from sales taxation the sale of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, or other fuel to manufacturers, custom processors, technology intensive enterprises, and to public service companies when used for industrial purposes. In addition, the bill exempts from sales taxation the sale of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, or other fuel when sold to a producer or processor for use directly in the production of poultry products, livestock products, domesticated fish products, marine aquaculture products, plant or food products produced by commercial horticulturists, the processing of milk products, the processing of poultry and livestock feed, and the irrigation of farm crops. Farmers and ginners are encouraged to check with their utility provider to see if they are eligible for this sales tax exemption.

CONTINUED PUSH FOR SECTION 179 TAX PROVISIONS: During the month of June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R.4457 to permanently extend Section 179 small business expensing with a maximum deduction of \$500,000, reduced dollar for dollar when expenditures exceed \$2 million. The vote was 272 to 144. The deduction at the \$500,000 level expired at the end of year. The current exemption is capped at \$25,000. The Senate Finance Committee has already passed a two-year extension at the \$500,000 level. However, the bill is currently being held up in the Senate over a dispute on amendments. American Farm Bureau Federation will continue to monitor and work toward final passage of this important piece of legislation.

GATHERING INPUT TO COMMENT ON NEWLY-PROPOSED WPS RULES: In March of this year, the EPA announced proposed changes to the current Worker Protection Standard (WPS). MFBF Environmental Coordinator Andy Whittington stated, “EPA has proposed extension revisions to the WPS that will affect any agricultural producer using restricted use pesticides on his or her operation. Comments on the proposal are due August 18. We are attempting to gather as much information and background as possible on impacts of the proposal on producers so that MFBF can reflect the concerns of farmers and ranchers of these new rules. We will be sharing these proposed changes with producers at our summer commodity meetings and will utilize that input to summarize our comments to EPA. We are also working with AFBF and the MDAC Bureau of Plant Industry on this as well.”

STOP EPA OVERREACH, STALLMAN TELLS CONGRESS: The EPA’s proposal to regulate everyday farming practices isn’t just impractical; it’s illegal, American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman told the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on June 11. The EPA ‘Waters of the U.S.’ proposal broadly expands federal jurisdiction,” Stallman said. “It threatens local land-use and zoning authority and is an end-run around Congress and the Supreme Court.” The EPA claims that farmers would face less regulation under its latest proposal. In fact, the rule would micro-manage farming via newly mandated procedures for fencing, spraying, weeding, and more. Permitting, meanwhile, could delay time-sensitive tasks for months, potentially ruining crops in the process. “EPA is deliberately misleading the regulated community about the impacts on land use. If more people knew how regulators could use the proposed rule to require permits for common activities on dry land or to penalize landowners for not getting them, they would be outraged,” Stallman said. The Clean Water Act was signed into law in 1972 with the clear purpose of protecting the nation’s waters from pollution of all sorts. Congress gave states, not the EPA, the primary responsibility to oversee land use. The latest proposal would turn that relationship on its head.

Farm Bureau, together with dozens of other farm and industry groups, is fighting the EPA's 'Waters of the U.S.' overreach. Find out more at ditchtherule.fb.org.

ANTIQUÉ DAYS: The annual Antique Days will be held at the Triangle Cultural Center (the old Main School) at 332 North Main St. in Yazoo City on Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Old hit and miss engines will be grinding cornmeal and pumping water. Another engine will be hooked to two ice cream freezers, and we will have homemade ice cream all day! Also, several old tractors will be on display. Leo Beatty will be here with his sugar cane mill. Lyle Wynn, professional showing artist and seasoned demonstrator from Mississippi Forge Council, will demonstrate and sell some of his hand-forged items. Greg Harkins will have his handmade chairs and hot tamales, and Bobby Rico will have his handmade knives. Lots of local artists, crafts people, and food vendors will be under tents on the grounds of the Triangle. For more information, visit www.antiquedays.com or call (662) 590-5415.

Calendar of Events

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| Sept. 19 | Rice Tasting Luncheon
Walter Sillers Coliseum
Delta State University
Cleveland |
| Oct.1- 12 | Mississippi State Fair
Jackson |
| Oct. 2-3 | Women's Ag Tour
Delta |
| Nov. 13 | State Resolutions Meeting
Jackson |
| Nov. 21-27 | National Farm-City Week |
| Dec. 6-8 | MFBF Annual Meeting
Jackson |
| Jan. 11-14 | AFBF Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA |
| Jan. 26-27 | Winter Commodity Conference
Jackson |

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