

**Mississippi Farm Bureau® Federation**  
**Mississippi State University-Starkville, MS**  
**Summer Commodity Conference**  
**June 21-22, 2017**  
**Day One**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017:**

**12:30p.m. Registration & Ice Cream Social: Lobby of the Mill Conference Center**  
*The Mill at MSU*  
*600 Russell Street*  
*Starkville, MS 39759*

**1:30p.m. Davis Wade Stadium / Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex Tour & MSU Ag Research Tours Begin**  
*Load selected tour track buses (Groups 1-6) at the Mill Conference Center*  
*Tour of Davis Wade Stadium / Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex*  
*MSU Ag Research Tours (Groups 1-6)*

**4:00p.m. MSU Ag Research Tours Conclude**  
*Buses return to the Mill Conference Center*

**4:15p.m. Hotel Check-Inn**  
  
*Courtyard by Marriott Starkville*  
*100 Mercantile Street*  
*Starkville, MS 39759*

*Comfort Suites*  
*801 Russell Street*  
*Starkville, MS 39759*

**6:00p.m. Reception & Dinner-Hewlett Stables**  
*Hewlett Stables*  
*22808 Oktoc Road*  
*Starkville, MS 39759*

*Buses depart hotels at 5:45p.m.*  
*Welcome Speaker: Sid Salter, Director (tentative)*  
*Office of Public Affairs at Mississippi State University*  
*Kids activities & pictures with MSU Mascot: Bully XXI "Jak" (tentative\*)*  
*Entertainment provided by Catlin Neal*  
*Buses depart Hewlett Stables at 8:30p.m. to return to hotels.*

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**Thursday, June 22, 2017:**

**Conference Location:**     ***The Mill at MSU***  
*600 Russell Street*  
*Starkville, MS 39759*

**8:00a.m.**     **Registration & Coffee with Zippy Duvall, AFBF President**  
*Lobby of the Mill Conference Center*

**9:00a.m.**     **Welcome & Opening Comments**  
*Mike McCormick, President, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation &*  
*Dr. Mark Keenum, President, Mississippi State University*

**9:10a.m.**     **General Session**

**Town Hall / Panel Discussion: Future Farm Policy Issues**  
**Confronting American & Mississippi Agriculture**

Moderator:     *Dr. Michael Newman, Director*  
*Mississippi State University School of Human Sciences*

Panelists:

- *Mike McCormick, President, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation*
- *Zippy Duvall, President, American Farm Bureau Federation*
- *The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith, Commissioner,*  
*Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce*
- *Dr. Greg Bohach, Vice President, Mississippi State University*  
*Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine*

**9:50a.m**     **From Field to Fork: Importance of Sustainability in American Agriculture**  
*Jason Weller, Senior Director of Sustainability*  
*Land O'Lakes*

**10:30a.m.**     **Break**

**10:45a.m. Concurrent Industry Segment Tracks**

**Row Crop: Room #**

**Ag Technology: Emerging Policy Issues**

*Todd Janzen, Janzen Ag Law Firm*

**Custom Crops & Gene Editing: Policy Issues on the Horizon**

*Dr. Adrienne Massey, Managing Director*

*Science and Regulatory Affairs, Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)*

**Livestock: Room #**

**Future of Livestock Risk Management Programs**

*Tara Smith, Vice President of Federal Affairs*

*Michael Torrey Associates, LLC, Washington, D.C.*

**FSA Livestock Support Programs Update**

*Ricky Carnegie, Program Specialist*

*Mississippi Farm Service Agency*

**Mississippi Animal Health Report**

*Dr. Jim Watson, DVM, State Veterinarian*

**Forestry/Land Use: Room #**

**Feral Hog Eradication**

*Dr. Bronson Strickland, Associate Extension Professor*

*Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture*

*Mississippi State University*

**Mississippi Agricultural Land Use Valuation Overview**

*Jim Donald, Director of Real Property Division*

*Mississippi Department of Revenue*

**12:00p.m. Lunch & Luncheon Speaker: Addressing Mississippi's Infrastructure Needs**

*Scott Waller, Executive Vice President Mississippi Economic Council*

**1:30p.m. Individual Commodity Policy Subcommittee Meetings**

**2:30-3:00p.m. Conference Adjourns**