

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk,
Blackwell, Norwood, Parks,
Simmons (13th)

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2029

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES
3 OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR
4 EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR
5 LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING
6 PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK
7 SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY
8 SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID
9 MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR
10 2026.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
14 to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and
15 Commerce's special fund account to the State Department of
16 Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs
17 of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs
18 of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State
19 Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning
20 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 1,200,000.00.

21 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
22 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General



23 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of
24 Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

25 (a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior
26 exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle,
27 dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning
28 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 64,890.00.

29 (b) To supplement the funds paid by the State
30 Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at
31 the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American
32 system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes
33 entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning
34 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 22,000.00.

35 (c) For the county livestock shows in offering and
36 paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county
37 livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July
38 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 30,000.00.

39 Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in
40 paragraph (c) of this section, not more than Two Thousand Dollars
41 (\$2,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the
42 state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of
43 the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) of this section
44 shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any
45 livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns,
46 pens, and other facilities available for such a show.



47 Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that the
48 management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county
49 livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a
50 minimum amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to
51 be used in the paying of prizes, premiums, or awards, and after
52 said county show has been held and premiums paid, twenty five
53 percent (25%) of the amount, not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars
54 (\$500.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department
55 of Agriculture and Commerce.

56 Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that in
57 any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a
58 contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a
59 fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs
60 in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds
61 hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an
62 aggregate sum of more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

63 (d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to
64 competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the
65 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
66\$ 65,000.00.

67 (e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to
68 competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in
69 Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal
70 year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....
71\$ 8,500.00.



72 Provided, further, that no part of the money herein
73 appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of
74 this section shall be used for any other purpose than to pay
75 premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions
76 receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in
77 order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows.

78 Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be
79 paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

80 Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein
81 appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of
82 this section shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H
83 Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and
84 girls having entries in said shows.

85 All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of
86 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section for the five (5) district
87 livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be
88 distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each
89 draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at
90 each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5)
91 fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and
92 each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of
93 Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close
94 of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at
95 each said show, with the grades and placings of the different
96 classes of livestock exhibited.



97 The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together
98 with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the
99 Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall
100 summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in
101 all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows
102 receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and
103 (e) of this section. The State Commissioner of Agriculture and
104 Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State
105 Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in
106 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section due each show and said
107 State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall
108 be paid by the State Treasurer.

109 Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds
110 appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, that the
111 board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its
112 discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the
113 spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then
114 all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock
115 shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring
116 livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for
117 comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and
118 the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards
119 for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

120 (f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the
121 Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals,



for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
June 30, 2026.....\$ 14,150.00.

(g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the
Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national
finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
June 30, 2026.....\$ 12,000.00.

(h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity
Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, any funds
that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be
transferred between the different show awards and prize monies,
with the exception that no county show in Section 2(c) of this act
shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that
whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and
Commerce is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation,
or contribution from any individual, public, or private



organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

The Commissioner of Agriculture shall notify, in writing, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairman of the House Appropriations A Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office of any escalation. The written notification shall include the justification for the escalation of funds, the amount, and how the funds will be used. This written notification shall be sent on or before the fifteenth day of the month prior to the effective date of the escalation.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

