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### **Join in the Celebration of Mississippi Rice Month Celebrating 28 Years of Rice Awareness**

This September will mark the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Mississippi Rice Month. Rice Month was initiated by Congress and it helps to increase awareness of rice and recognizes the contribution made by the U.S. rice industry to America's economy. Mississippi will "Think Rice" this September as retail, foodservice, and grassroots promotions across the state put rice in the spotlight.

#### **Mississippi Rice Facts**

- Mississippi is #5 in the U.S. in terms of states that grow the most rice
- 8,436,000 hundredweight of rice was produced in 2017
- There are 259 rice-producing farms in Mississippi
- \$105 million value of rice production in 2017
- Top producing county is Bolivar County

In order to help bring awareness of the importance of rice production and to be a part of the Celebration of Mississippi Rice Month, attend the 28th Annual Delta Rice Tasting Luncheon sponsored by Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. will host this event September 14<sup>th</sup> at Delta State University Walter Sillers Coliseum in Cleveland, MS from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Extension office of Bolivar County by calling 662-843-8371. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Don't miss this great event. Let's make this September the best Mississippi Rice Month ever by supporting rice farmers, producers, agencies and all who work to support the rice industry.