South Dakota Department of Agriculture

*The mission of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture is to **promote, protect and preserve** South Dakota agriculture for today and tomorrow.*

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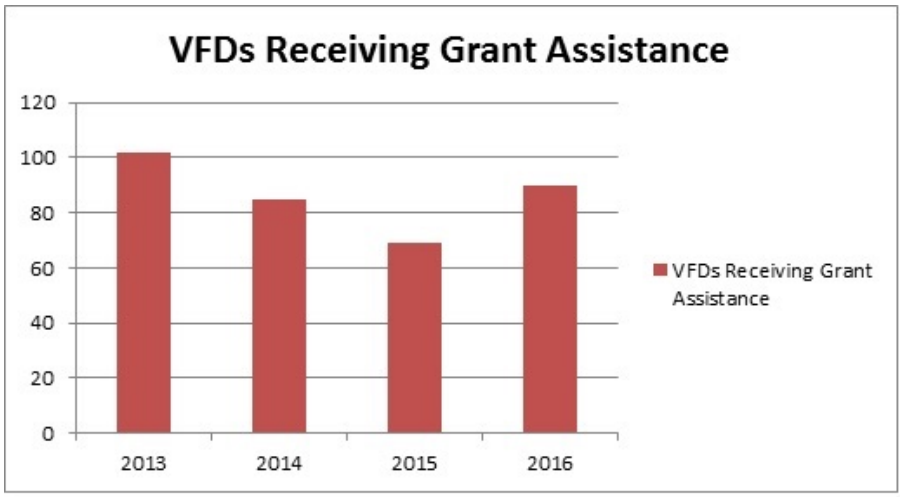
The SDDA **protects** forests, farm land and homes from fire by providing assistance to volunteer fire departments (VFDs) across the state to allow them to better fight fires in their communities. In 2016, the SDDA provided assistance to 90 VFDs. The map below displays the number of VFDs that received assistance from the SDDA:



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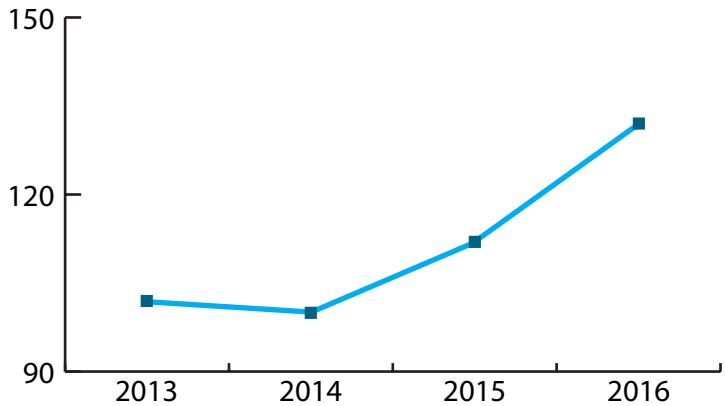
The SDDA **promotes** agriculture in the state by maintaining the State Fair Park year round in Huron, SD. In 2015, the State Fair Park hosted events on 112 days. The graph below tracks the number of days the State Fair Park hosted events on the grounds:



Goal: The SDDA's goal is to continue to attract year-round events at the State Fair Park and increase event days on an annual basis by 3%.

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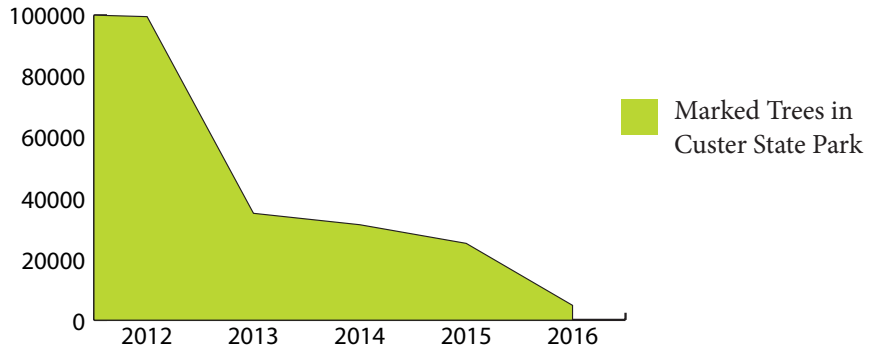
The SDDA **preserves, protects** and conserves state forestland in Custer State Park so it can continue to be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. The SDDA has worked collaboratively to mark trees and thereby track the progression of mountain pine beetle in the park to prevent its spread. In 2016, SDDA marked 4,851 trees down from more than 25,000 in 2015. The chart below displays the number of marked trees in Custer State Park:



Goal: The SDDA's goal is to continue to responsibly manage the forests in Custer State Park so that the number of trees marked every year declines.

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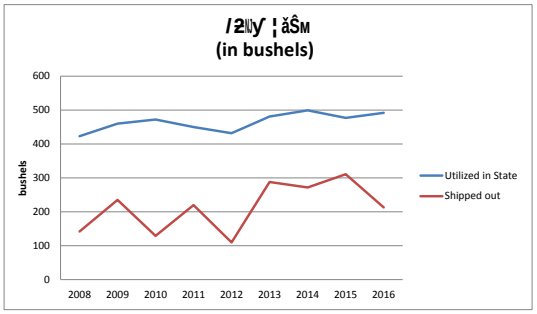
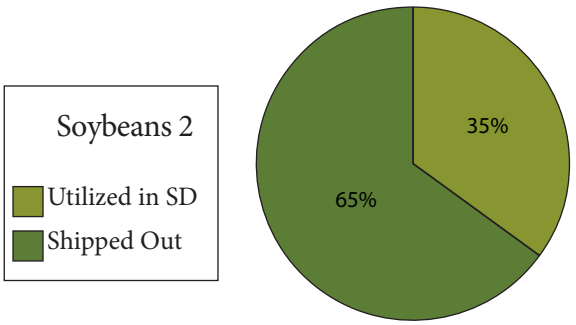
The SDDA **promotes** agriculture in the state by supporting and promoting value-added opportunities in South Dakota for our crop farmers. One way to measure our success is to compare the amount of a crop that is utilized in state versus the amount shipped out as shown below:





Goal: The SDDA's goal is to increase the amount of crops utilized in state by 2% in the next five years by supporting and promoting the development of value-added opportunities for South Dakota's crop producers.

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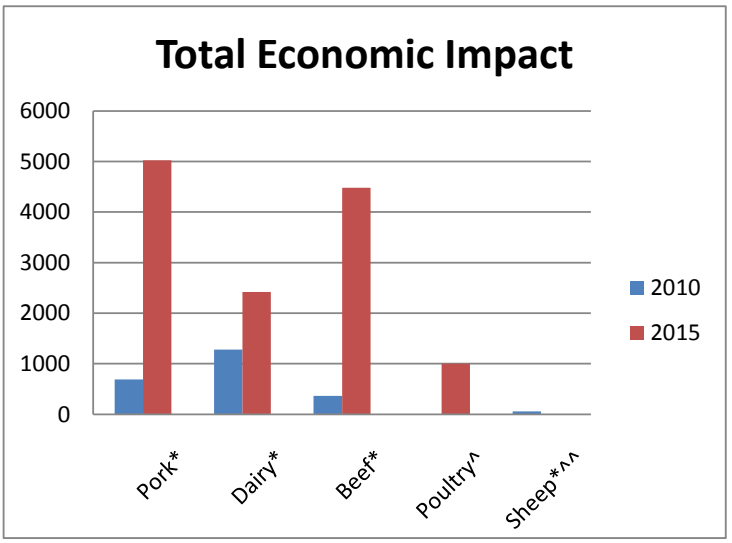
The SDDA promotes agriculture in the state by supporting responsible growth of livestock in the state and encouraging diversification of operations to help producers mitigate risk. This also helps grow the ag economy in the state. Below shows the economic impact of major livestock classes in South Dakota:

Livestock Class	Total Economic Impact- Most recent data
Pork	$5,025,146,497
Dairy	$2,419,025,729
Beef	$4,480,000,000
Poultry	Approx. $1,000,000,000
Sheep	$58,415,861



Goal: The SDDA's goal is to increase the economic impact of livestock in the state by supporting the responsible growth of population sizes and processing opportunities by 2% over five years.

Footnotes:

1 Information from The ProExporter Network courtesy of South Dakota Corn.

2 Information courtesy of South Dakota Soybean Association; previous data is not available.

*Numbers based on research by SDSU faculty using USDA NASS data.

^Currently no South Dakota economic impact numbers from SDSU exist for the poultry industry. This value was calculated internally based on a national per head economic impact number from 2012 multiplied by the total poultry inventory. Previous data is not available.

^^No more recent data is available for the sheep industry.