

# **SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Deadlines Approaching for SD State Fair Entries**

(Huron, SD) - Deadlines for all South Dakota State Fair open class entries are right around the corner. The static entry deadline is Monday, July 31.

An online entry process is available at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com). Exhibitors are encouraged to use the online entry process.

“We integrated the ability to enter online into our open class programs last year,” said Peggy Besch, SD State Fairgrounds manager. “To find the online entry forms, log onto [sdstatefair.com](http://sdstatefair.com), find the competitive events tab at the top of the page, and click on ‘livestock’ or ‘static’ in the drop down box.”

For those mailing in entry forms, entries postmarked on July 31 will be accepted. Remember to include payment and completed W9 form (include SSN) with your entry.

Other upcoming deadlines include open class livestock and horse entries on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Late fees will apply to entries received after the deadline.

Premium books are available online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).

The 2017 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 4. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year’s theme is “Seriously Twisted Fun.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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