

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

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## **South Dakota State Fair Announces First Concert; 2011 Theme**

HURON, SD – 2010 Country Music Hall of Fame inductee country singer and songwriter Don Williams -- whose hits include Good Ole Boys Like Me, I Believe In You, Love Is On A Roll, Amanda and Tulsa Time -- will be performing at the SD State Fair on Friday, September 2.

There are few American classics these days, but Don Williams is certainly one of them. He achieved a string of Top Ten hits between 1974 and 1991, and only four of his 46 singles did not reach the Top 10.

Williams' smooth, bass-baritone voice, soft tones, and building ballads earned him the nickname of Gentle Giant.

Tickets for Williams' performance will go on sale in mid-June. Prices have yet to be determined.

Friends of the Fair will have pre-sale access to ticket sales. For more information on becoming a Friend of the Fair, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).

Williams' appearance ties into the State Fair's "Country Pride Statewide" 2011 theme. The theme emphasizes the importance of agriculture and rural South Dakota to the State Fair. Look for events and promotions tied to the theme at this year's fair.

"Having a classic country artist like Don Williams in the line-up reflects the State Fair's theme of 'Country Pride Statewide'. The State Fair not only provides great grandstand entertainment but also showcases the best from across our rural state -- including 4-H, FFA, open-class exhibits and other home-grown talent," said Walt Bones, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture.

The fair will run Sept. 1-5 at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. You can find the SD State Fair on Facebook and Twitter. For more information, log onto [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).