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Sammy Kershaw Added to SD State Fair Grandstand Entertainment Roster

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair is excited to announce the addition of Sammy Kershaw to the grandstand line up. Kershaw will be making his appearance as an opening act for Don Williams on Friday, September 2nd, 2011.

Since his debut to country music in the early 90's Kershaw's plan has been to recapture the spirit that made country music great. "Country music is not a formula, it's a music with its own soul," said Kershaw in a recent national interview. Kershaw's latest CD *Better Than I Used to Be* can be found in stores and holds up to par with his previous hits such as *She Don't Know She's Beautiful*, *I Can't Reach Her Anymore*, *National Working Woman's Holiday*, *Love Of My Life*, *Cadillac Style*, *Don't Go Near The Water* and *Haunted Heart*.

Friends of the Fair tickets will go on sale Thursday, June 16 at 9:00 am. For more information on becoming a Friend of the Fair, log onto www.sdstatefair.com.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday, June 20 at 9:00 am.

The 2011 State Fair runs Thursday, September 1st – Monday, September 5th. Pannar Preview day is Wednesday, August 31st. The State Fair theme this year is Country Pride Statewide. You can find the SD State Fair on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit www.sdstatefair.com.