

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

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## **SD State Fair is South Dakota's Largest Classroom**

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair is inviting teachers and students from across the state to participate in South Dakota's Largest Classroom on Sept. 1 and 2.

This educational program gives students an opportunity to experience things they may not otherwise have a chance to see in a regular classroom environment.

While attending South Dakota's Largest Classroom, students will be able to see the "Thank a Farmer Ag Magic Show" sponsored by SD Farmers Union, "Reptile Adventures" sponsored by American Bank and Trust, and "Chris Camp, the Whip Guy" along with other activities such as the FFA Animal Nursery, a one-room schoolhouse, the Dakotaland Museum and 4-H and open class exhibits.

Schools are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Students that are homeschooled are also encouraged to register. Last year, 950 students and teachers from 29 schools attended. The program is free to students, teachers and chaperones. Lunch and parking will also be provided. The registration form can be found online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or by calling the Fair office at 800-529-0900.

"We are excited about the educational programs that will be a part of this year's largest classroom," said Jerome Hertel, State Fair Manager. "Students will have so much fun they probably won't realize how much they are learning about agriculture, animals, science, and history."

The 2011 State Fair runs Thursday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Pannar Preview day is Wednesday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Fair theme this year is Country Pride Statewide. For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com). You can also find the State Fair on [Facebook](#) and Twitter ([@SDStateFair](#)).