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**The South Dakota State Fair Announces Agtegra's Contribution to the DEX:
Dakota Events Complex**

Huron, SD –The South Dakota State Fair is excited to announce that Agtegra has committed to donate to the DEX: Dakota Events CompleX. The DEX is a new, multipurpose livestock and equestrian complex under construction at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. Agtegra's donation supports its community involvement goal of making a difference on farms, in communities, and on rural peoples' lives.

The DEX will provide exhibit space for over 13,000 4-H and FFA students across the state and expand the event hosting capabilities of the fairgrounds. Throughout the year, the DEX will also serve as a major draw for livestock shows, 4-H competitions, FFA Conventions, and rodeos as well as concerts, thrill shows, and more from across the country.

“Part of our mission is to advocate for agriculture on behalf of our members. We are proud to have the opportunity to support the construction of the Dakota Events CompleX, a world class venue that will showcase the best of what our farmers and ranchers are raising and invests in the development of youth in agriculture,” said Agtegra CEO Jason Klootwyk.

Agtegra Cooperative, headquartered in Aberdeen, SD, is an innovative, farmer-owned grain and agronomy cooperative with more than 6,700 farmer-owners, predominantly in North and South Dakota with a network of 74 locations and 850 employees. Agtegra Cooperative promotes agricultural sustainability through the best applications of science and technology to assist farmers in the production of a safe, healthy, and abundant supply of grain in an economically viable system as a full-service cooperative. For more information, please visit www.agtegra.com.

The DEX is the new multipurpose livestock and equestrian facility replacing the Open Class Beef Complex destroyed by fire in 2020. The 150,000 square-foot facility will be able to house two full-sized equestrian arenas and seat up to 5,000 people and have two show rings with 1,700 cattle stalls. The facility will be heated for year-round usage. The DEX will have a pre-function and concession area with restrooms. The DEX will be open for the 2023 State Fair.

If you would like to learn more about the DEX or are interested in contributing to the project, please visit <https://www.sdstatefairfoundation.com/>.