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THIRTY-DAY NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

June 15, 2026

Greetings SDSGA Members and Fellow Livestock Producers,

The 2026 Annual Stockgrowers Convention 'Ag is King, Celebrating America's 250th Birthday' will be at the Double-Tree by Hilton Rapid City Downtown Convention Center in Rapid City July 20-22, 2026. We encourage Pre-Registration for meal count. Registration forms are enclosed and can also be found online www.southdakotastockgrowers.org. You also have the ability to register online and pay by credit card for your convenience or send to our mailing address.

Double Tree by Hilton has a convention room special \$159 and I encourage everyone to reserve their lodging early due to tourist season by calling 605-343-8550. These rates will not be available after June 30 and we have no way to guarantee rooms will be available.

Registration will begin at 2:00 pm and the convention beginning at 3:00 pm. Monday July 20th. Following a few speakers we again invite everyone to bring your branding irons (hot or electric) and participate in our annual fund raiser, "Brand our Barn". For \$100 per brand you can leave your mark on our new trade-show backdrop. All funds go to our General Fund to continue serving our livestock producers with lobbying efforts and informative meetings.

We have added a Monday Fun-night with Sponsor Spotlight/games where we will be focusing on all of our vendors. Each vendor will put together a small swag item promoting their business (approximately \$20-\$25). You will be given 10 free tickets and have option to purchase more. Attendees will move around visiting each booth, drop a ticket in your bucket to try to win the swag. We will have a roast beef buffet and entertainment by Paul Larson & Ken Cook of Cowboy Culture Cowboy Style.

Tuesday doors open at 7:00 am and convention begins at 8 am with Inspirational breakfast. Tuesday will be a day chocked full of educational speakers updating us on industry issues, rangeland management, and livestock health to name a few. Tuesday evening will be our Awards Banquet where we will honor some of our members and directors and we have secured Carrie Stadheim (Tri-State Livestock News Editor) as our featured speaker. Both days you can enjoy our trade show with our vendors and sponsors.

Wednesday morning following breakfast we will hold our Annual Membership Meeting at 8:30. If you are a voting member we encourage you to attend and participate. Please refer to the Summer magazine that you should have received for the schedule of events. The SDSGA Board of Directors have been reviewing and updating By-Law changes for the past year and would like to notice the membership that those changes will be voted on and implemented during this meeting. The Property Rights Committee will be bringing forward new updated policy on Foreign Ownership of Land & Agribusiness, Wind & Solar Farms and Data Centers. The Trade Committee will be bringing new policy on Products using Cell-Cultured Technology. All of these changes and additions can be found in the Summer Magazine and on our website www.southdakotastockgrowers.org This is a very important meeting for membership to revise and set new policy, elect Officers and Directors. This year we will be voting for President, Vice President, who are both eligible for a one year term. We will also be electing Region 3 Vice President and Directors for District 2, District 4, District 8, District 11, District 14, District 15 and District 16.

Your registration gets you inclusive meals and speakers. Please join us for an exciting educational and event filled conference; I hope to see all of you in Rapid City SD July 20-22, 2026. Pre-registration is available on-line on our website www.southdakotastockgrowers.org or by mail to SDSGA, PO Box 818, Rapid City, SD 57709.

As farmers and ranchers are beholding more government and industry assaults nationally and locally, I encourage all of you to join this informative event and help your association develop upcoming policies and choose your leadership. Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family for a relaxing great experience of fellowship with your peers.

We are excited to seeing our friends and meeting new ones!

Respectfully and God Bless,

Tom Costello, President

Note: Please refer to the Summer Edition of the SD Stockgrowers Association Magazine
Tentative Convention Schedule- page 8
By-Law Changes pages-38-39
Resolutions/Policy- pages 40-41