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The South Dakota Pork Producers Council is a unified and engaged advocate that promotes, with integrity, the image and growth of the South Dakota pork industry through education, research, marketing, and responsible policy.

Vision Statement

South Dakota Pork Producers Council is a respected leader advocating for sustainable, responsible growth of the South Dakota Pork Industry that benefits our producers, consumers, and communities.

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Calendar of Events

April

March 31-April 1 – Little “I” at SDSU
April 10 – SDPPC Office closed for Easter Monday
April 15 – PAWS to Celebrate
April 16-18 – State FFA Convention
April 19 – Swine + Dine
April 22 – Earth Day
April 23-25 – State FCCLA Convention

May

May 29 – SDPPC Office closed for Memorial Day

June

June 7-9 – World Pork Expo

Looking ahead

July 4 – SDPPC Office closed for Independence Day
July 18-19 – Governor’s Ag Summit
August 4-12 – Sioux Empire Fair
August 31-September 4 – South Dakota State Fair
September 20 – When Pigs Fly Clay Shooting event

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President's Message

SDPPC President Adam Krause



Hello everyone! The first part of 2023 has been quite a ride! Several events have happened in the pork industry, and the SD Pork Producers council continues to do good work to promote our industry.

We started off the year with the 54rd annual Pork Congress and Trade Show. We had another great year with cooperative weather and a strong turnout. In addition to getting to see so many familiar faces, we had many guests who were able to join us and share their expertise in panel discussions and seminars.

Pork Forum was held March 8-10 in Orlando, FL. There was a great group of producers who attended and conducted the business of the National Pork

Industry. Some topics and resolutions discussed continued around the importance of SIP participation, and FAD preparedness.

As we charge on through 2023, I feel we are all reminded of something. This year so far has proven challenging through volatile markets, swine health challenges, a harsh winter, and other factors. What I'm reminded of is that we don't choose this life because it's easy. However, faith, friends, and family make it all worth it. I wish you all a safe planting season, and a summer full of pork on the grill!

Adam Krause
SDPPC President

Welcome to our 2023 Pork Ambassadors!



Audrey Field, daughter of Matt Field and Aren Field, graduated from Sioux Valley High School in Volga last May and is attending SDSU, studying Animal Science with minors in Agriculture Business and Agribusiness Marketing. "I have a passion to educate and advocate for the Swine industry and am excited to start this journey with the South Dakota Pork Producers," she said.

Jade Adolph is an agriculture business major at Lake Area Technical College. After graduation, she plans to return to the family farm near Clear Lake. Jade says, "In high school, I was involved in FFA where my passion for being in the agriculture industry really took off." She has helped with loading, sorting, and working with pigs and cattle, and in the past few years has taken more responsibility with farrowing and taking care of piglets.



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Pork Forum Highlights

Pork Industry Forum 2023 was held in early March in Orlando, Florida. South Dakota delegates were Jason Foster, Paul Wipf, Adam Krause, and Shane Odegaard. They joined National Pork Producers Council board member Craig Anderson from Center-ville, SD, and SDPPC Executive Director Glenn Muller. (Please see additional story on page 10.)



SDSU Students receive Pork Industry Scholarships

Three South Dakota State University students are among this year's recipients of the Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship. The \$2,500 award is for college students pursuing careers in the U.S. pork industry.

Among this year's winners are Joseph Halbur from Sioux City, IA; Kyra Schenk from Mission Hill, SD; and Karmen Sperr from Morris, MN. Kyra was the SDPPC 2021 Pork Ambassador

"We want to recognize these outstanding college students and their commitment to the U.S. pork industry," said outgoing NPPC President Terry Wolters, a producer from Pipestone, Minnesota. "Through the Lois Britt and Neil Dierks scholarships, we are creating a talent pipeline for the next generation of industry leaders."

Karmen Sperr notes, "I feel greatly honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Lois Britt Memorial Scholarship. As an ag communicator, I enjoy learning about the various aspects of the pork industry and in turn, being able to advocate on behalf of swine farmers." She adds, "This scholarship will allow me to continue having experiences that will increase my knowledge and become a better communicator for the industry. It is also very gratifying to know that the National Pork Producers Council sees the potential I have as a young profes-



sional and that they want to invest in my development further.

According to Joseph Halibur, "Being awarded this scholarship is a great honor and will help to lessen the stress of paying for school, allowing me time to focus more on my education. Becoming an involved and respected member of the pork industry is a dream of mine, this scholarship has taken me one step closer to accomplishing my goal."

The Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship program, sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, is awarded to undergraduates in a two-year swine program or a four-year

college of agriculture program.

The scholarship program was introduced in 1990 and later renamed in 2006 in memoriam of Lois Britt, former NPPC board director. A lifetime supporter of agriculture, Britt spent 34 years with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and finished her career after 15 years with Murphy-Brown LLC (now Smithfield) doing public and government relations. She was inducted into the NPPC Pork Industry Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Pork Council Hall of Fame and was awarded the North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award, among many other achievements.



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Ag Day at the Pavilion

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Special thanks to our 2023 Pork Ambassadors, Audrey and Jade,



Registration open for World Pork Expo 2023

The world's largest pork-specific trade show is in Des Moines June 7-9. Register today at worldpork.org!

Registration is open for the 35th annual World Pork Expo, set for June 7-9 in Des Moines, Iowa. The 2023 World Pork Expo, which is brought to you by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), will be held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

"We're looking forward to celebrating the Expo's incredible legacy this year with an impressive schedule of events," NPPC board president Scott Hays said. "World Pork Expo continues to grow every year, and this year is shaping up to be the best Expo yet. Those connected to the pork industry won't want to miss it."

Expo attendees, exhibitors and the media can learn more about the 2023 World Pork Expo and register to attend at worldpork.org.

What To Expect

World Pork Expo 2023 will feature three days of programming and educational seminars that showcase the latest product and process innovations in the pork industry. Additionally, countless networking opportunities will be available for industry professionals to meet and connect. All events are included with the cost of admission.

Activities and opportunities include:

- **The World's Largest Pork-Specific Trade Show** – Hundreds of exhibitors from around the world will be on-site showcasing new and exciting products and services.



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- **NPPC Hospitality Tent** – Visit one-on-one with NPPC board members and staff to learn more about legislation, regulation, and public policy issues that impact the pork industry.
- **Lunch at the Big Grill** – Free pork lunches served daily from 11 am to 1 pm.
- **Special Anniversary Celebrations** – This year marks the 35th anniversary of the World Pork Expo. Follow along with all of the happenings on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtags #WPX2023 and #35YearsofWPX.

Register Early and Save

Online registration is available at worldpork.org. Registration includes entry to the World Pork Expo for all three days. Until June 1, pre-registration discounted rates are available, including \$10 per adult (ages 12 and up) and \$1 for children (6 to 11 years old). Children under 5 years old attend for free. Registration on-site at the event will be \$20 per adult. There is an on-site, Friday-only option for \$10.

Ground Pork Taco Nachos

Ingredients

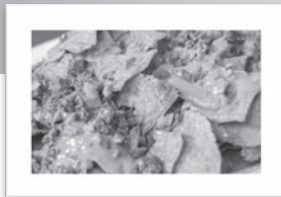
- 2 lb. ground pork
- 2 packets taco seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 bags tortilla chips (large bags)
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese
- 1 jar pickled jalapeños
- 2 cups green onions (sliced thin)
- 1 cup cilantro (chopped)

Directions:

In a saucepan, brown the ground pork. Strain to remove any extra fat. Add the taco seasoning and water, and simmer for 20 minutes.

Layer the tortilla chips with seasoned pork, cheese, jalapeños, and green onions. Place in a 375°F oven to melt the cheese.

Garnish with cilantro and serve.



PAWS TO CELEBRATE 2023



Paws to Celebrate is a Silent and Live Auction event to raise funds for homeless and neglected pets in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. SDPPC serves appetizers at this event, which helps raise over \$70,000 for the care and treatment for the animals looking for forever homes at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society.

When: April 15th 2023

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Thank you Maddie and Erika



Maddie Larsen from Wolsey and Erika Schenk from Mission Hill served as the SDPPC Ambassadors for 2022.

The Ambassadors program gives college-aged students an opportunity to become actively involved in the pork industry by learning more about pork production and the industry, developing strong relationships with pork producers and allied industry members, and improving communication and leadership skills.

Ambassadors are given the opportunity to attend training events, attend World Pork Expo, and help promote the swine industry at various events and through social media. At the end of the program, Ambassadors are awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

We appreciate these young ladies and their interest in the pork industry!



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SDPPC Honors and Th

Pork All American — Robert Rasmussen

Robert Rasmussen was honored this year as SD Pork All-American, recognizing a South Dakota pork farmer for leadership and involvement. Robert grew up on a family farm in Hurley, SD, and has been involved in the pork industry all his life. He runs a 600-sow farrow-to-finish operation, raising Duroc and Berkshire hogs for sale to Heritage Pork. Robert served on the SDPPC Executive Board and has done countless promotional events for the industry. He served for 25 years as Swine Superintendent for the Turner County Fair, and served as a volunteer at the pork stand. Robert also served on the National Pork Board's Swine Health Committee for six years, is on the Swine Advisory Board for SD 4-H and SD Summer Spotlight, and is a member of SD Swine Breeders. Robert has three children and two grandchildren, and is active in his community, serving on the Viborg Community Club, the Turner County Fair Board, and the local volunteer fire department. He also helps with Danish Days and the local food pantry.



Friend of the Industry— Ken Wintersteen

Ken Wintersteen, owner of the Menno Livestock sale barn for 27 years, was honored this year as Friend of the Industry. He has been involved with the pork industry in various capacities for over 30 years, beginning his career in the pork world as the auctioneer at the Alexandria Feeder Pig Market in Alexandria, SD, where he had the opportunity to sell some of the finest feeder pigs in SD to hog finishers throughout the tri-state area. In April of 1996 Ken and his wife, Lynn, bought the Menno Livestock Auction. With his integrity, hard work, and connections in the pig industry, Ken was able to establish a premier market for feeder pigs. He began buying butcher hogs direct for John Morrell (Smithfield Foods) in Sioux Falls and did so for over 20 years. Under Ken's ownership, Menno Livestock became the number one hog/pig sale barn in South Dakota. Ken is a lay pastor for area churches, and has volunteered at the Turner County Fair and the SDPPC booth at the State fair for many years.

Pork Promoter of the Year— Dan Howell

This year's Pork Promoter of the Year award was presented to Dan Howell, a third-generation hog producer in Volga, SD. Dan started custom feeding hogs in January 2014, raising nearly 2,000 hogs per year doing feeder to finish. In May, 2022, he lost a barn due to the derecho and subsequently reduced the size of the herd he feeds. Dan completed his third year as a member of the SDPPC. Throughout the year, he volunteers at various activities to help promote pork, including Swine+Dine in Brookings, the State Fair, grilling burgers at the Volga Soybean Plant, and smoking pork loins for his son's third grade basketball tournament at Sioux Valley in Volga with the help of Adam Krause. Dan and his wife, Ann, have four children, Connor (8), Carson (7), Kate (5), and Caleb (3). Dan is an active volunteer fireman for the Volga Fire Department. When he isn't promoting pork, Dan enjoys golfing and fishing.



anks Industry Leaders

Family of the Year— Ryan Storm Family

Ryan and Amy Storm have been farming for 25 years on their third-generation family farm 20 miles southwest of Mitchell. They were high school sweethearts who began farming right after graduation from SDSU — on the homeplace his grandpa started. Ryan and Amy built their first 1,200 head finishing barn in 2000 and remodeled their nursery barn. Ryan and Amy have been blessed with three sons to help on the farm: Jake (22), Kory (18), and Luke (16).

About 12 years ago, Ryan's parents started their retirement, giving Ryan and Amy an opportunity to acquire more hogs and facilities. Ryan was able to manage his 4,000 head hog farm, 60 cow-calf operation, and crop ground along with the help of Amy and his boys. Their oldest son, Jake, has moved back to the farm and is starting his own hog operation this year. They are also pretty excited to have a wedding this year as Jake is getting married to Sydney Tlam (SDPPC's pork ambassador in 2019). Kory is a senior this year and is going to SDSU next year for animal science and plans on coming back to the family farm after college.



Through the years, Ryan and Amy have been active in their local church, community and local organization of Davison County Pork Producers. They have worked along with the other great members to serve pork sandwiches and promoting their way of life. Ryan served on the SDPPC for 14 years, including serving as president in 2016-2017. He is currently on the trade show committee and public policy committee. Ryan has been a delegate to National Pork forum for the last several years. Amy runs her own photography business, is an EMT on the fire department, has served on the school board, and is part of their kids' activities. They both also serve on their township as a the treasurer and board member.

Ryan and Amy believe farming is truly the best life, and the best place to raise their family. They are very proud to be working with their sone on the same dirt, same shop and same facilities as Ryan's grandpa and dad, Ryan and Amy believe in giving back to their community and teaching their sons to do the same. They appreciate the value and ethics passed down to them, and are excited to see the next generation take over the family farm.

Dedicated and Distinguished Service — Christine Erickson and Jeff Griffin

Two Sioux Falls city leaders share this year's spotlight for their Dedicated and Distinguished Service to South Dakota's pork industry: former City Council member Christine Erickson, and president and CEO of the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Griffin,

Christine is a life-long South Dakotan who grew up in Rapid City and started her career in Pierre before settling down in Sioux Falls to raise her family. She and her husband, Tony, are the proud parents of three active boys: Anthony, Braylon and Charlie. Throughout her elected tenure in state and local governments, Christine has distinguished herself as a problem-solver who seeks innovative solutions and brings together diverse interests to accomplish the greater good. Christine served as the chair of the Sioux Falls Open for Business campaign this past fall, working with stakeholders to defeat an anti-meat processing ordinance.

Jeff Griffin has served as President/CEO of the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce since January 2020. Jeff and his wife, Rosy, moved their family to Sioux Falls after 10 years serving Chambers in Illinois and Ohio. Prior to Chamber work, Jeff developed rehabilitation and education programs for troubled youth and families. Jeff is recognized as an expert in team building and effective leadership at the intersection of business, government, and community.





The South Dakota Pork Producers Council is hosting an evening of food and conversation for elected state and local officials and local government personnel to learn more about South Dakota's pork industry. The evening features a three-course pork meal and an opportunity for guests to visit with local South Dakota pork producers about the industry

When: Wednesday, April 19th @ 6 p.m.


Where: 2nd Street Station
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Please RSVP by Friday, April 7th

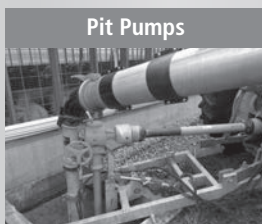
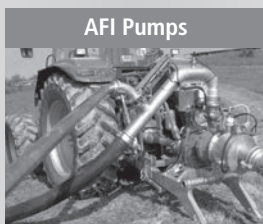
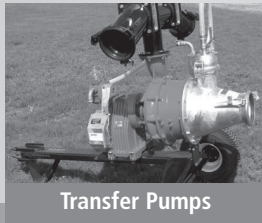

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NPPC Elects New Officers, Board Members to Lead Advocacy Efforts

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) recently installed new officers and elected members to its board of directors at its annual business meeting, the National Pork Industry Forum.

Scott Hays of Monroe City, Missouri, was elevated to NPPC president for 2023-2024. Hays is a fifth-generation pork producer and has been involved in many aspects of production. While owning sows and production facilities remains the farm's core business, he enjoys involvement in the sixth generation's swine management, swine building maintenance and livestock hauling businesses. He also represents producers on various state and national committees, including the Missouri Pork Association Board, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Agri-leaders of Tomorrow president, Missouri Farm Bureau, Monroe City FFA Alumni and Missouri Institute of Cooperatives.

Hays takes over for Terry Wolters, producer from Pipestone, Minnesota, who becomes NPPC immediate past president.

Lori Stevermer became NPPC president-elect. Stevermer is co-owner of Trail's End Farm in Easton, Minnesota, where she served on the executive board of the Minnesota Pork Producers Association. Stevermer has a history of advocating for the pork industry at the local, state and national levels.

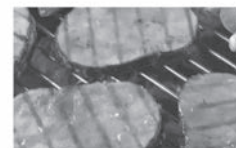
Duane Stateler, a fourth-generation pork producer and owner/operator of Stateler Family Farms, was elected as vice president. Duane is a member of the Ohio Pork Council Board and is active in numerous Ohio Pork Council Committees.

Francis Forst of Missouri and Todd Marotz of Minnesota were elected as new members of the board. Bob Ivey of North Carolina and Dr. Jeremy Pittman of Virginia were each reelected to three-year terms, and Jason Brester with Tyson Foods was elected to a two-year term as the allied industry representative.

They join current directors Craig Andersen of South Dakota, Rob Brennenman of Iowa, Steve Malakowsky of Minnesota, Pat Hord of Ohio, Dwight Mogler of Iowa, Jeb Stevens of Indiana and Russ Vering of Nebraska.

Adam Krause of South Dakota and Adam Dohrman of Missouri were elected to NPPC's nominating committee. Both will serve two-year terms.

Grilled Ham Steaks with Apricot Glaze



Ingredients

1 lb. boneless ham (cut into 4 1/2-inch-thick slices)
1/4 cup apricot jam
2 tsp. dijon style mustard
2 tsp. cider vinegar

Directions:

In a small bowl, mix together well the jam, mustard and vinegar. Grill ham slices over hot coals, brushing with apricot basting sauce occasionally and turning once, until nicely browned, about 8-10 minutes total.

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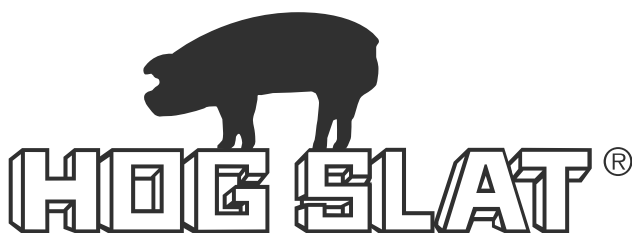
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Lobbyist Report

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Blood, toil, tears, and sweat

The SD Legislature adjourned the Main Run of the 2023 Session on March 9 at 6:59 p.m., after finalizing spending proposals, approving the FY24 state budget, and thanking the cast of thousands who made the whole thing possible.

At one time there was a glimmer of hope that the legislature could finish their work early in the week. However, those hopes evaporated as legislators were debating ways to provide tax relief for South Dakotans. The House made it abundantly clear that they had no enthusiasm for repealing the grocery tax. The Senate was pushing for property tax relief for homeowners. In the end, legislators agreed to reduce the general sales and use tax rate from 4.5% to 4.2%. This will reduce sales taxes in South Dakota by approximately \$104 million each year. The proposal contains a four-year sunset clause, meaning that the tax rate will go back up to 4.5% in 2027 unless the legislature changes the law.

In case you are curious or aren't interested in doing math, this will save you thirty cents in sales taxes for every \$100 you spend.

History is written by the victors

Looking back over the past three months, there are a number of successes we can identify. SDPPC supported legislation to improve protections for ag operations against frivolous nuisance lawsuits. Several pork producers were in attendance when Governor Noem signed this bill at a special ceremony in Mitchell. We also supported a bill to clarify the vote required by county zoning boards to approve conditional use permits.

Among special appropriations approved by the legislature are:

- An additional \$3 million for the bioproducts facility in Brookings
- \$5.8 million to fix ag buildings at

SDSU damaged last year in the derecho

- An additional \$9 million for the DEX building at the State Fairgrounds
- \$5 million for grants to school districts for career and technical education equipment.

Legislators turned down a proposal dictating who can or cannot use the title "veterinary technician," as well as a bill that would require landowners to allow unfettered access to abandoned cemeteries.

Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result

One of the issues that consumed a lot of time and media attention was what to do about concerns over foreign ownership of agricultural land. Since 1979, South Dakota has restricted foreign ownership to no more than 160 acres. In December, the Governor announced plans to bring in legislation creating a five-member "Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States – South Dakota." This committee would screen agricultural land sales and leases and make a recommendation to the governor about whether the transaction should be approved. The governor would have final authority to approve or deny the sale or lease.

Agricultural groups consistently expressed support for the goal outlined by the governor, but opposition for the mechanism contained in the bill. After numerous meetings with stakeholders and the concentrated efforts of ag groups, the governor's bill was defeated.

Special thanks to SDPPC President Adam Krause who made a trip to Pierre to testify in opposition to the bill during the Senate Ag Committee hearing. Adam did an excellent job of expressing support for food security, but outlining specific concerns with the bill. The bill was defeated in the Senate.

Meanwhile, a bill from Rep. Will Mortenson to improve reporting requirements from foreign landowners, received unanimous approval from the legislature and was signed by the Governor.



The conversation will continue this summer. A group of legislators, ag groups, realtors, bankers, and others will be analyzing whether our current law is working or if changes need to be made to promote national security.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give

It is noteworthy that there are only eight legislators who list agriculture as their business and three others who list their occupation as agriculture/business. It is incumbent upon producers to be in contact with their elected legislators to help them understand what modern agriculture is and how it works. It is also important for organizations like SDPPC to look at their leadership and membership for potential candidates for office. Other industries do that and we don't want to be left behind.

For those who like to plan ahead, the 2024 Legislative Session will begin on January 9. The Main Run will end on March 7, with March 25 set aside for Veto Day.

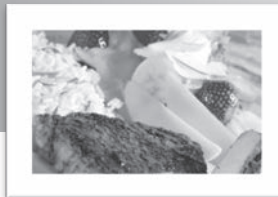
A special thanks to *Porkline* Editor, Mary Duvall, who has been the author of most of the information provided in the weekly updates during the Session, and who apparently likes to quote Winston Churchill. Thank you, Mary!

Lorin Pankratz



One of the annual social events during South Dakota's legislative session is Ag Fest, hosted by the Ag Unity Group. This is an evening where legislators, lobbyists, and others can visit with industry leaders and sample some great South Dakota food—including grilled pig wings served by the SDPPC.

Jamaican Rubbed Chops



Ingredients

4 ribeye (rib) pork chops (3/4-inch thick)
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 clove garlic (minced)
1 tsp. black pepper (coarsely ground)
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Directions: Pat pork chops dry with paper toweling; stir together remaining ingredients in small bowl and rub chops on both sides with seasoning mixture. Grill chops over medium-hot coals, turning once, about 8-9 minutes, until internal temperature on a thermometer reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time.

Ag Unity Leadership Training

On February 6 and 7, Lynn Hurley, 2nd Vice President of the SDPPC, and I participated in the Ag Unity Leadership Training in Pierre. The week we were there, seven trainees who work within SD agriculture attended the program, which provides interaction and educational sessions with the legislative process and with various state agencies.

Throughout the two-day program, we spent time learning about the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of Game, Fish & Parks, Department of Revenue, and Department of Transportation.

Our schedule included attending various Senate and House committee hearings and legislative sessions where we got to witness firsthand how a bill turns into a law.

Listening to a wide range of testimony, as well as questions and comments, expanded our insight into the workings of our state's legislature. In speaking with fellow trainees, we agree that having the chance to sit in and observe these committees was an eye-opening experience.

Thank you to Ag Unity for the opportunity to be a part of this event.

Tina Erickson

Director of Membership, Outreach & Engagement

Editor's Note: Ag Unity is a coalition of 27 agriculture-related groups and organizations that works to find areas of common interest and to communicate agriculture's message to policy makers. Throughout the legislative session, Ag Unity members meet regularly to discuss bills affecting agriculture. In addition, Ag Unity hosts a two-day Leadership Training program, as well as the Ag Fest legislative social.

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