



## SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROPOSED 2019 GOAC METRICS

*The mission of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture is to promote, protect, and preserve South Dakota agriculture for today and tomorrow.*

1. The SDDA **protects** forests, farm land, and homes from fire by providing assistance to volunteer fire departments (VFDs) across the state to allow them to better fight fires in their communities. The SDDA will continue to report on the number of VFDs receiving assistance from the SDDA using funds from the U.S. Forest Service.

**Goal:** The SDDA's goal is to continue to grow our outreach efforts to VFDs as we are able to given federal funding.

2. The SDDA **promotes** agriculture in the state by maintaining the State Fair Park year round in Huron. The SDDA will continue to report the number of event days at the State Fair Park.

**Goal:** The SDDA's goal is to continue to attract quality year-round events at the State Fair Park and maintain event days within 5% on an annual basis.

3. The SDDA **promotes** resource conservation and forestry in the state by providing planning assistance to South Dakota communities, producers, and other partners to manage natural resources. The SDDA will report the number of plans completed annually.

**Goal:** The SDDA's goal is to continue to write or review an average of 190 plans per year based on current funding levels and will grow our planning efforts as additional funding is available.

4. The SDDA **protects** agriculture in the state by responding quickly and efficiently to allegations of a violation of pesticide law. The SDDA will report on the percentage of allegations where we made initial contact with the complainant within one business day of receipt of the allegation.

**Goal:** The SDDA's goal is to make initial contact with 100% of complainants within one business day.

5. The SDDA **promotes** a thriving, diverse agricultural landscape in South Dakota. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Census of Agriculture collected every five years, reports the number of farms in South Dakota as well as the number of farms broken down by value of sales.

**Goal:** Because the SDDA's impact on these numbers is small and indirect at best, and the numbers will not change until 2024, the SDDA is not proposing a goal for this metric.