

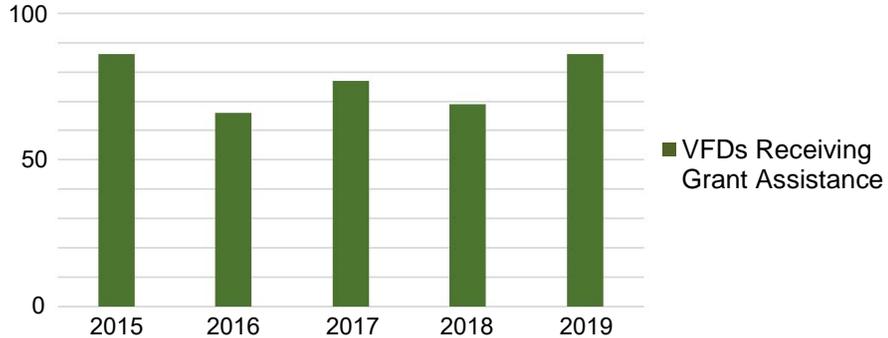


SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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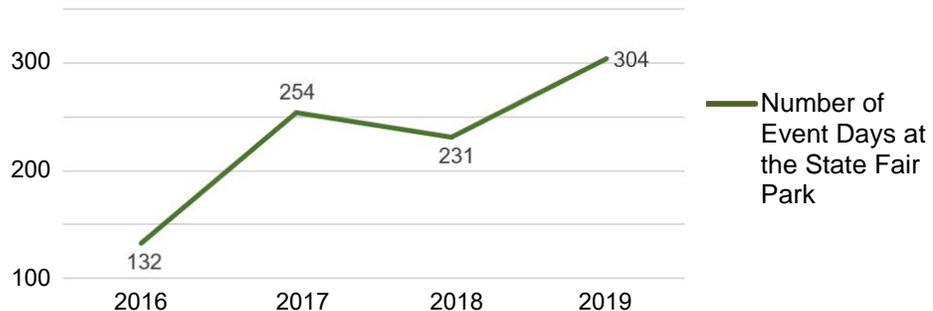
The mission of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture is to promote, protect, and preserve South Dakota agriculture for today and tomorrow.

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. In 2019, using funds from the U.S. Forest Service, the SDDA provided assistance to 86 VFDs. The chart below displays the number of VFDs that received assistance from the SDDA:



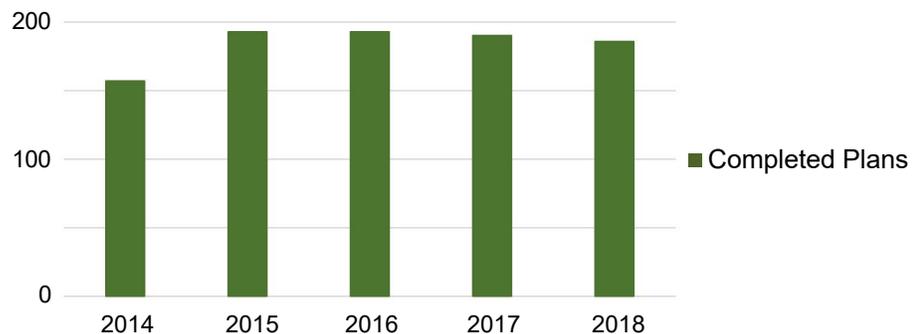
Goal: The SDDA's goal is to continue to grow our outreach efforts to VFDs as we are able to given federal funding.

2 The SDDA **promotes** agriculture in the state by maintaining the State Fair Park year round in Huron. In 2019, the State Fair Park hosted events on 304 days, a 32% increase over last year. The graph below tracks the number of days the State Fair Park hosted events on the grounds:



Goal: The SDDA's goal is to continue to attract 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 chart below shows the number of completed plans on an annual basis:



Goal: The SDDA's goal is 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. Our current five-year average is 184 plans per year.

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. Prior to approval of this metric, the SDDA did not actively track this data. Data will be tracked beginning in 2020.

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