



South Dakota Horse Council

19th Horse Fair
February 2009

South Dakota HORSE FAIR! INC.

March 20-22, 2009

W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building
Sioux Falls, SD

Stacy Westfall & Jirkovskys Coming To Horse Fair

The 19th Annual South Dakota Horse Fair will be held again this year at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building March 20, 21, and 22th in Sioux Falls. This unique expo promotes and showcases all breeds and aspects of the horse industry. Featured presenters include Stacy Westfall plus Jim and Sandy Jirkovsky. This dynamic set of clinicians will show spectators the finer points of working with a horse and getting them to perform to their highest ability.

The Horse Fair has something for everyone. It kicks off Friday afternoon with Stacy Westfall and continue Friday night with the Stallion Versatility Contest at 6:00 pm. This event will show off the many talents of stallions from different breeds. They will compete in 5 different events at which they will be judged. Saturday gates open at 8:30 am and will be packed with demonstrations and lectures on many different aspects of the horse industry. For the younger horse enthusiast there will be a hippology and judging contest, plus a horse safety training for all ages. A Ranch Rodeo will round out the day starting at 6:00 pm. Sunday the activities will start off with a church service at 9:00 am followed by other educational presentations on all aspects of horses. The region's largest trade show will be open all three days to buy anything needed for you and your horse.



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Horse Fair Admission

Friday

\$3.00 6 & Over
FREE 5 & Under

Saturday & Sunday

\$6.00 14 & Over
\$4.00 6 - 13
FREE 5 & Under

For a complete schedule, contract information, and entry forms visit the website at www.sdhorsefair.com.

President's Message

Congress Passes Farm Bill – Includes Provisions Beneficial to Horses

Check out the
New Website at
www.sdhorsefair.com
it has all of the latest for
the

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After months of negotiations between the House and Senate, Congress finally passed the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, commonly known as the Farm Bill. The House passed the bill on May 14 by a vote of 318 to 106. The Senate passed it by a vote of 81 to 15. President Bush has announced that he would veto the bill because of the overall cost, which approaches \$300 billion. However, Congress overrode the veto and the complete bill was enacted on June 19th, 2008.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 includes several provisions that benefit the horse industry.

Equine Farmers and Ranchers Eligible for Emergency Loans

Another provision in the bill makes horse breeders eligible, for the first time, emergency federal loans following a disaster. This change includes "equine farmers and ranchers" within the group of producers specifically eligible for these federal emergency loans.

Horse breeders have not been eligible for these loans, which have been available to other livestock producers. Horse breeders suffer losses from hurricanes, drought, ice, floods and other natural disasters just like other livestock producers do. This provision will end the disparate treatment of horses and horse breeders by making them eligible for emergency loans under the same conditions and limits as other livestock producers. Again, the horse industry owes thanks to Senator McConnell for his efforts in passing this provision.

Horses Specifically Included as Livestock in Disaster Assistance Program

The Farm Bill also includes a new disaster assistance program that will provide relief funds to farmers and ranchers who suffer losses in areas that are declared disaster areas by USDA. This program is intended to make funds available to producers sooner following a disaster. Horses are specifically included within the definition of livestock eligible for the program. The inclusion of horses was pursuant to an amendment offered by Senator Bunning to the Senate Farm Bill and was kept by the conference committee.

The horse industry has been working for these last two changes for some time. The industry is now treated like other livestock producers with respect to federal emergency programs.

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Gene Carr

South Dakota Horse Council President

Nominations Are Now Open



Every year the South Dakota Horse Council sponsors 2 awards, the *Horseperson of the Year* and *Outstanding Member Award*. Please fill out the following form to nominate a person who represents the South Dakota Horse industry. Plaques will be presented at the Horse Fair. Criteria for the Awards are as follows:

Horseperson of the Year

- Has been instrumental and/or influential to the South Dakota Horse Industry
- Please include the number of years the nominee has been involved in the horse industry and any accomplishments and contributions that you feel make the nominee eligible for the *South Dakota Horseperson of the Year Award*. Supporting documents may accompany this form.

Outstanding Member Award

- Person must have been a member of SDHC for at least 2 years.
- Consideration must be given for lifelong service.
- Must have served on SDHC committee or held a position as a SDHC Director.
- Consideration must be given for special achievement and outstanding service to SDHC.
- Nominations are made by current members of the SDHC and voted on by the directors.

Award you are Nominating for: **Horseperson of the Year:** _____ **Outstanding Member Award:** _____

Nominee: _____ **Nominator:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **City:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

References: People who may be contacted to confirm or provide additional information:

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **City:** _____

State, Zip: _____ **State, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

***** **Include a narrative that supports the nomination.** *****

Nomination forms can also be found on the SDHC website: www.sdhorsefair.com under the Horse Council button.

Mail Forms to: Gene Carr, PO Box 25, Hayti, SD 57241

Nominations must be received by February 11, 2009



Horse Council Membership Form

Dues: \$10.00 per person or
\$50.00 per 50 members for clubs, organizations, and associations

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Club or Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Horse Activities: _____

Please add me to the judges list. _____

Website: _____

Please Mail South Dakota Horse Council dues to: SDHC, PO Box 386, Canistota, SD 57012

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