



State Fair Livestock Complex

Overview

Governor Noem’s recommended budget includes \$12,000,000 in one-time general funds and \$7,000,000 in other fund expenditure authority to construct a livestock complex at the State Fair. On October 31, 2020, a fire destroyed the State Fair Beef Complex. Thankfully, no people or animals were injured but the building was a total loss. Built in the 1970’s, the Beef Complex has hosted hundreds of livestock and equestrian events and has been a major economic engine for the fairgrounds. The goal with the new facility is to become the number one choice for equestrian and livestock events in the country, and to attract new opportunities to South Dakota.

Proposed Plan

The new, multi-purpose facility will be 200,000 square feet. That’s more than double the size of the old beef complex. This new space will be capable of housing up to 2,000 head of cattle, and allow for indoor regional and national rodeos, equestrian events, and livestock exhibitions. In addition, the new livestock complex will enable us to replace the sheep barn. This step will minimize livestock transportation safety issues within the fairgrounds.

This state-of-the-art facility will position us to better compete for national rodeo and equestrian events and provide new opportunities for the city of Huron and the state of South Dakota. Like its predecessor, the new livestock complex will be a special place where families and fairgoers can make new memories.

Schedule

Late 2020:	Project planning and initial design process
January—March 2021:	Secure one-time funding and kick off fundraising campaign
April—September 2021:	Complete facility design and prepare the site for construction
2021 State Fair:	Groundbreaking ceremony
2022 State Fair:	Grand Opening