

Legacy on the Land: Building Strong Families and Profitable Ranches

December 4-5, 2025
The Box Events Center
Box Elder, SD

Schedule

December 4, 2025

8:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS
9:00 – 11:00	SPECIAL BONUS SESSION Dr. Tom Noffsinger, <i>Doctor of Veterinary Medicine</i> Low Stress Livestock Handling
11:00 – 11:30	Q & A with Dr. Tom
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH Registration Exhibitor Booths Open
12:30 – 1:00	WELCOME & INTRO TO SDGC Mike Mckernan & Jim Faulstich
1:00 – 1:55	OPENING KEYNOTE Jerry Doan, Speaker & Holistic Range Manager Expanding the Business to Accommodate the Family
1:55 – 2:15	Q & A with Jerry Doan
2:15 – 2:40	BREAK Exhibitor Booths Networking
2:40 – 3:10	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS BREAKOUT SESSION 1 Small Acreage Considerations & Opportunities Pete Bauman, SDSU Ext. BREAKOUT SESSION 2 Grazing Management Principles & Practices: A Case Study Dan Rasmussen, 3 rd Generation Rancher & SDGC Range Consultant & Dave Ollila, Soil Health Technician BREAKOUT SESSION 3 Women in Ranching: Cultivating Confidence Andrea Flemming, 5th Generation Farmer & Content Creator for @thatfitagvocate
3:15 – 3:45	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS BREAKOUT SESSION 1 Funding Assistance Opportunities Laura Kahler, SD Grasslands Initiative Director BREAKOUT SESSION 2 Grazing Management Principles & Practices: A Case Study Dan Rasmussen & Dave Ollila BREAKOUT SESSION 3 Small to Medium Size Gardening and Entrepreneurial Opportunities Michelle Grosek, Bear Butte Gardens
3:45 – 4:10	BREAK Exhibitor Booths Networking
4:10 – 4:20	BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS Riley Kammerer & Jori Smiley
4:20 – 5:15	KEYNOTE 2 Burke Teichert, <i>Regenerative Ranching Expert & Speaker</i> Ranch Profitability
5:15 – 5:35	Q & A with Burke Teichert
5:35 – 6:00	BREAK Exhibitor Booths Networking
6:00 – 7:00	DINNER Annual Meeting
7:00 – 8:00	LEOPOLD AWARD PRESENTATION Social Hour <i>Join us for happy hour and socializing</i>

December 5, 2025

- 8:00 – 8:30 BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS | Wacey Kirkpatrick & AJ Munger
- 8:30 – 10:30 WORKSHOP | Jolene Brown, *Professional Speaker, Author, & Family Business Consultant*
The Top Ten Mistakes That Break Up a Family Business
- 10:30 – 10:55 BREAK | Exhibitor Booths | Networking
- 11:00 – 11:30 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- BREAKOUT SESSION 1 | **Funding Assistance Opportunities** | Laura Kahler, *SD Grasslands Initiative Director*
BREAKOUT SESSION 2 | **Virtual Fencing** | Jacey Ellsworth, *Rancher & Customer Engagement Rep at eShepherd Virtual Fence*
BREAKOUT SESSION 3 | **Highly Intensive, Non-Selective Grazing** | Charlie Totton & Courtney Tyrell, *Totton Angus Ranch*
- 11:35 – 12:05 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- BREAKOUT SESSION 1 | **Winter Grazing** | Brett Nix, *Rancher & Former SDGC Board Member*
BREAKOUT SESSION 2 | **Women in Ranching: Cultivating Confidence** | Andrea Flemming, *5th Generation Farmer & Content Creator for @thatfitagvocate*
BREAKOUT SESSION 3 | **Getting Started with Direct to Consumer Sales** | Gwen Kitzen, *Kitzan Family Farms*
- 12:05 – 1:00 LUNCH | Friend of the Prairie Award | Exhibitor Booths
- 1:00 – 1:10 BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS | Drew Anderson & Larry Wagner
- 1:10 – 2:05 KEYNOTE | Burke Teichert, *Regenerative Ranching Expert & Speaker*
Developing Your People
- 2:05 – 2:30 BREAK | Exhibitor Booths | Networking
- 2:30 – 2:40 A word from our Platinum Sponsor
- 2:40 – 3:40 FINAL KEYNOTE | Jolene Brown, *Professional Speaker, Author, & Family Business Consultant*
Harvest the Humor: A Celebration of Life on the Ranch
- 3:40 – 3:50 CLOSING REMARKS & BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION | Jeff Zimprich