

# 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT YIELD CONTEST

*Showcase Your Operation. Compete for Top Yields. Win Recognition.*

Open to South Dakota wheat producers across 7 districts

Recognizing top-performing winter and spring wheat growers

Winners announced at annual Ag Horizons Conference on December 1<sup>st</sup>

**HOW TO ENTER** - Enter online at [SDWGA.org](http://SDWGA.org) or submit the paper forms. Entry and Harvest Forms required for a complete entry. Must be a SDWGA member to enter. Membership dues can be paid with entry. Multiple entries allowed. Read contest rules for full entry information.



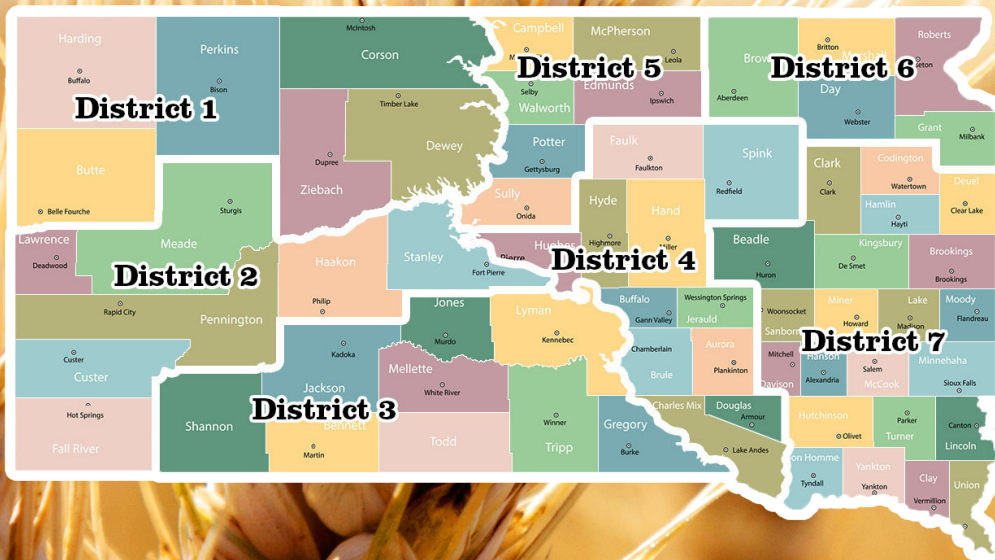
## CATEGORIES & DEADLINES

- Winter Wheat (Entry deadline is June 1, 2026)
- Spring Wheat (Entry deadline is July 31, 2026)
- Harvest Data Due: October 1, 2026 (for both)

## AWARDS

- 1st Place: \$500 + plaque
- 2nd Place: \$300 + plaque

Winners will be awarded in both categories in each of the 7 SDWGA districts.



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## CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS

**MEMBERSHIP** – Entrants must be dues-paying members of the South Dakota Wheat Growers Association. Dues may be included with entry (\$100 for one-year membership or \$250 for three-year membership). Entries can be in the farm name or individual name. Multiple entries are accepted.

## ENTRY FEES

- First entry: \$0 (SDWGA dues must be current)
- Additional entries: \$10 each
- Each entry must be submitted on separate entry forms and have a different identifying letter (i.e. Entry A, Entry B, etc.).

## DISTRICTS

- The state will be divided into seven (7) separate reporting districts.
- The location of the field, not the entrant address, will determine the district of entry.
- The counties for each districts include:

**District 1:** Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, and Ziebach

**District 2:** Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, and Stanley

**District 3:** Bennett, Gregory, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Shannon, Todd, and Tripp

**District 4:** Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Douglas, Faulk, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, and Spink

**District 5:** Campbell, Edmunds, McPherson, Potter, Sully, and Walworth

**District 6:** Brown, Day, Grant, Marshall, and Roberts

**District 7:** Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Deuel, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union, and Yankton

## FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

- Field must be at least five (5) contiguous acres of one variety number. Contiguous being defined as “not separated by public roads, permanent field roads, or waterways that are delineated out of FSA maps or other structures or features that cause a field to be ‘farmed separately.’”
- Out of this field, a minimum of at least 1.5 contiguous acres must be harvested for the official weight/yield. There is no maximum size for the official weight/yield.
- Field will be verified by a 3rd party supervisor during harvest of the contest field.

## SUPERVISOR/3RD PARTY WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

- Supervisors must be present at harvest and verify that the contest rules were followed.
- The supervisor’s name must be on the SDWGA content entry form along with their title, address, telephone number, and email address for the entry to be accepted.
- The supervisor will make all field measurements and computations, witness the harvesting and weighing for the contest plot, verify the date of harvest and location of contest field.
- It is the responsibility of the entrant to submit the final paperwork.
- Supervisors should be from the following list: SDWGA board members, FFA advisors, Ag Ed instructors, Extension agent, NRCS employee, College of Ag instructor, accredited farm manager, crop consultant, ag banker, crop insurance

agent or adjuster, certified crop advisor, or anyone who is retired from one of these positions.

- Supervisors cannot be: the contestant themselves, related to the contestant, employee of the contestant, seed company representative, chemical company representative, retail fertilizer representative, or in any way have any interest in the crop.

The South Dakota Wheat Growers Association reserves the right to view and/or inspect, with prior notice, any variety entered at any time. SDWGA also reserved the right to disqualify any entry in violation of the stated contest rules and regulations.

## HARVEST RULES

Do not use end/turning rows and the outermost rows of the field as part of the contest acres. Remember the field must be at least 5 contiguous acres and harvest, under supervision, and must be a minimum of 1.5 acres from the contest area. No rechecks are required. Supervisor must be present at harvest to witness and verify that the contest rules were followed.

## MEASURING

Preferred measurement tools are a tape or chain.

- Plot length: If all rows are the same length, measure the length and record the length for the rows harvested. If the rows are not the same length, measure down the center of each row harvested and record a calculated average length of the rows harvested.
- Plot width: record the plot width harvested.

## CALCULATING ACRES HARVESTED

- Exact size of measured area in the nearest half or whole feed from which yield is determined, with a minimum of 1.5 acres.
- The total row length (feet) multiplied by the width harvested (feet) divided by 43,560 (square feet in an acre) equals acres harvested.  
 $(\text{Length (ft.)} \times \text{Width (ft.)}) / 43,560 = \text{Acres (4 decimal places)}$

## WEIGHING

- Weigh the wheat as soon as possible after harvesting.
- All wheat must be weighted on a state certified scale with the supervisor witnessing the weighing. On-farm scales must be state inspected.

## MOISTURE TESTING

- An experienced person must make moisture determination of a representative sample of the wheat.
- If sampling and scaling are performed by the grower, it is best to have the same sample run through the meter three times and take the average of the three.
- The moisture analysis on the day of harvest will be used to determine yield. The moisture percentage must be listed on the Harvest Data Form.

## CALCULATING YIELD

- Yield will be adjusted to 13.5% moisture.
- All calculations will be carried to four decimal places.
- Yield Calculations:  
**Step 1:** Adjust yield to 13.5% moisture using the following formula:  $[\text{lbs. of wheat} \times (100 - \text{Measured Moisture } \%)] / 86.5 = \text{Adjusted Yield at 13.5\% moisture}$   
**Step 2:**  $\text{Adjusted \% Moisture Yield} / 60 \text{ lbs. per bu} / \text{number of acres} = \text{Final Bushels per Acre}$

# 2026 SD WHEAT YIELD CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This form must be completed in full and signed. An online entry form is available at [SDWGA.org](http://SDWGA.org) or by scanning the QR code. Please read the 2026 contest rules before filling out this form. The name on this entry form must be the same as your SDWGA membership.



## CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Operation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter as (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Operation Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY TYPE AND FEES

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 1st Entry (*Free for SDWGA members, must be a member to enter*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Entry Fees (*\$10 per entry*)

\_\_\_\_\_ SDWGA Membership Fee (*\$100 for one year or \$250 for three years*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

Field location district (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Wheat - Contest Field must be a continuous 5 acres of one variety number (*check one*):

\_\_\_\_\_ Winter Wheat (*Application deadline is June 1*) \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Wheat (*Application deadline is July 31*)

## FIELD INFORMATION

Date Planted: \_\_\_\_\_ Planting Rate (seeds per acre): \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Crop: \_\_\_\_\_

Planter/Drill Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Variety Brand: \_\_\_\_\_ Variety Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tillage Practice (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ No-till \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum till \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional

Tillage Type and Number of Passes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Shallow tillage (6" or less) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Passes

\_\_\_\_\_ Deep tillage (7" or deeper) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Passes

## FIELD MANAGEMENT

### Seed Treatments - Insecticide and Fungicide

Product Name	Rate/Acre Amount	How Applied	When Applied
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### Herbicides

Product Name	Rate/Acre Amount	How Applied	When Applied
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Insecticides**

Product Name	Rate/Acre Amount	How Applied	When Applied
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Fungicides**

Product Name	Rate/Acre Amount	How Applied	When Applied
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Fertilizer**

Product Name	Rate/Acre Amount	How Applied	When Applied
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**SUPERVISORS**

Name of Primary Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternative Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify the above information given on this entire application to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and agree that all the information provided by me pursuant to this contest shall be the property of the South Dakota Wheat Growers Association and can be shared and distributed at the sole discretion of the SDWGA.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry form and any entry and/or membership fees must be postmarked by contest entry deadlines (June 1 for Winter Wheat and July 31 for Spring Wheat). Send to: South Dakota Wheat Growers Association, PO Box 667, Pierre, SD 57501. For questions, email SDWGA@midco.net or call 605-224-4418.**

