

1. The State 4-H Rodeo committee voted to move the State Rodeo Finals to August 16-18, 2013, due to the number of conflicts with sports and college start dates on the 4th weekend. This will have a direct impact on our Butte/Lawrence county fair which is also typically held August 14-17 and will force qualified rodeo participants to choose between participating in the county fair or the State 4-H Rodeo Finals. Will this State 4-H Rodeo Finals change affect your (your family's) participation at the Butte/Lawrence Co. Fair?

Yes 25%  
No 60.7 %  
Maybe 14.3 %

answered question 84

skipped question 0

we are thinking of participating in 4-H rodeos.

11/20/2012 10:05 PM

Never have attended the State 4-H Rodeo finals and don't plan too. Do NOT change the fair date.

11/19/2012 12:12 AM

The rodeo doesn't affect us but conflicts with sports practice are a huge factor for our family.

11/18/2012 9:07 PM

My family does not participate in rodeo

11/16/2012 12:07 AM

i really feel that to help everyone we should use the pre rally week and avoid a lot of other dates. Why are we letting the rally run us. The first part of the week was not that busy last year and we are in nisland not that much traffice there anyway. I think that using that last weekend in July and first week in August is our best option. I think it should have been done a long time ago to avoid the rally and CSF . Which does start during our fair too. All the AQHA and horse events are that first weekend. Linda Johnson

11/16/2012 9:32 AM

The rodeo doesn't affect us, but conflicts with sports practice does.

11/15/2012 9:37 PM

depends on if my kids qualify for the finals

11/15/2012 7:59 PM

2. These are possible dates for the 2013 dates. Please rank them with your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice. (BE AWARE-the responses will change order as you click on them).

	First choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice
July 31- Aug 3	43%	30.4%	26.6 %
Aug 7- 10	28%	46.8%	30.4 %
Aug 14-17 (Current dates)	34.2%	22.8%	43.0%

answered question 79

skipped question 5

3. Are there other dates that should be considered?

Yes	26.4%
No	73.6%

answered question 72

skipped question 12

August 8 - August 11

11/24/2012 4:29 PM

August 9 - August 12

11/21/2012 2:03 PM

I think we should look at tying it in more with a weekend. For example August 9,10,11,12

11/21/2012 10:27 AM

July 29, 30, 31 & Aug 1

11/20/2012 10:19 PM

Leave the fair where it has always been, sooner is too soon and later is too late. Let the rodeoers rodeo in July.

11/19/2012 12:13 AM

Aug. 12-15

11/19/2012 7:34 AM

July 18 - 21 with the primary events of the fair over the weekend.

11/18/2012 9:09 PM

August 1 - 4 with more weekend days.

11/18/2012 12:55 AM

Run the fair the days before the State 4h finals, like the 10-14th

11/16/2012 4:26 PM

I would recommend staying away from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally dates completely. And even though Aug. 2-3 are not "official" rally dates, those dates are probably busier with bikes and events than the next weekend.

11/16/2012 12:41 AM

We prefer to leave the dates of the fair as they are currently. Why should all the rest of the kids have to change because of rodeo.

11/16/2012 12:11 AM

We were told as parents. Our kids need to prioritize well why should we change our date to accommodate the few that rodeo?

11/16/2012 10:58 AM

I think the July 31 and Aug 3 is the best option for open dates that everyone could be at.

11/16/2012 9:34 AM

July 10th thru the 13th August 10 thru the 14th or 15th

11/16/2012 7:18 AM

July 10-13th.

11/16/2012 7:16 AM

Aug 1-4

11/15/2012 9:44 PM

Having the fair over a weekend.

11/15/2012 9:38 PM

If you are going to change the dates of the county fair, the first priority should be to SHORTEN the fair. If it is moved to a rally weekend, we should NOT have to keep our exhibits there until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Release exhibits prior to the sale being done and give the option for livestock to go home after the sale too. Livestock should be allowed the option to come in, show and leave on the same day if the kids do not plan to sell in the sale. Right now, nothing happens with the 4-H stuff on Saturday, it is just the youth rodeo anyway. Option 2: Consider having the fair in the Aug. 11-12-13-14 dates. Even if sports practices start, kids can work around it AND if you shorten the fair, they won't miss as many sports events.

11/15/2012 8:47 PM

July 10-13

11/15/2012 8:45 PM

I cannot change # 2 and #3 above--The computer won't let me. I wanted Aug 7 to be #2.

11/15/2012 7:39 PM

July 28-30 ... Fair should be shortened by one day

11/15/2012 4:28 PM

earlier in July

11/15/2012 4:21 PM

August 1 - 4 Over the weekend

11/15/2012 3:07 PM

#### 4. Any additional comments you would like add??

answered question 32

skipped question 52

Unfortunately, this will be an issue and cause decline in youth/ 4H participation at the local county fair/ achievement days, due to school sports and the state 4H rodeo. To avoid these conflicts, and still allow youth to participate in 4H activities as well as their sports and rodeo, it is wise to move the county fair dates up to the last week of July/ 1st weekend in August.

11/25/2012 11:07 PM

Talk to the local schools and get them all to realize that the fair is an important part of our heritage and school should start on the same day as Spearfish the last week of August.

11/24/2012 5:37 PM

I don't think 4H kids should have to chose between major 4H events.

11/24/2012 4:30 PM

any changes made from the current dates will greatly affect our participation in fair. We would no longer be able to show\sell livestock if the dates are moved. Our family works the Rally which is signicate income and the week in July is also part of the rally week as well as the first week in Aug.

11/24/2012 10:52 AM

I don't think that it will cause much problem with too many families. Not everyone is in the horse project and many that are won't be eligible for the state level. 4-H members can still participate by sending their exhibits with a leader or other member.

11/21/2012 8:46 PM

These are 2 - 4H events that are an accumulation of efforts for the kids 4H year. They have to work all year to get to these events. The kids will lose the lessons and values that are learned from completing both because they they will make the choice at the beginning of the year to only do one thing or the other. We can't change the State decision at this point, but we can change our fair dates. Without the kids what kind of fair will it be. When there almost was no fair it was the friends of 4h that helped save it along with 4H families talking to our county commissioners. It was also the 4h families that stepped up to do more at the fairgrounds before and during the fair. We have a great fair that our fairboard and 4h families work hard at and take pride in putting it on.

11/21/2012 2:17 PM

Hope it gets moved up or we will no longer be participating in county fair and it is a WONDERFUL experience that I hope my girls will get to continue...

11/21/2012 2:14 PM

Don't change the fair date. The timing is about as good as it can get for the fair. July would be a better month for the state rodeo.

11/19/2012 12:15 AM

As my job (work at local meat processing plant) we are fortunate to receive business from 3 WY. fairs as well as the B/L Fair. My place of employment would be forced to make a decision as to what Fair do we accept animals for slaughter from because our cooler only holds so many carcasses. I feel for the rodeo participants if they have to choose but they feel it is unfair to make our clubs choose as well. It has always been the 3rd week tradition I'm hoping it will be changed.

11/19/2012 6:20 AM

We feel the fair really should be moved earlier in the year. It is too hectic having rally, starting sports practice and trying to work that in during the fair and then starting school right away. Also, the fair should be over the weekend days and not so much during the week.

11/18/2012 9:10 PM

Moving the rodeo from Pierre to a closer location would be helpful. One could look and see where the most youth come from and center the rodeo in that area rather than in Pierre. Rapid City could more than handle the rodeo.

11/17/2012 8:16 PM

We think since the rodeo is 4H related it should be steered around more than the rally which is not related to 4H!

11/16/2012 8:21 PM

Go with the date that is the majority. If members are dedicated enough to 4H they will make the dates work into their schedule no matter when the fair is scheduled!! Thanks for our input!

11/16/2012 1:23 PM

Consider changing the fair to a 3-day format, rather than four days.

11/16/2012 12:42 AM

We feel that the fair dates should stay the same as they have been in the past. Why should other 4-H kids have to have the dates altered because of the rodeo kids. We do not change dates for other events that interfere with the fair. Kids like adults have to make choices and if this is how they choose to participate in 4-H then so be it. Without 4-H there is no rodeo and that is what kids are in first is 4-H.

11/16/2012 12:11 AM

Stupid that you even consider it, stop accommodating the few.

11/16/2012 10:58 AM

Just what I said before the end of July and part of August lend themselves to the avoidance of the most events. Pre biker week should not run our lives.

11/16/2012 9:34 AM

There are a lot of people in the Butte-Lawrence area that work during the Sturgis Rally and this could impact families income.. I know it would mine....

11/16/2012 9:00 AM

I don't think we should change our dates, the kids need to choose which is more important to them. I guess how many kids actually go to the State Fair and show their animals that also rodeo? How many kids that Rodeo are also in the beef show, rabbit show, and also the round robin showmanship. They would miss the Friday shows and also the sale but maybe they could ask a friend to take their animal into the sale ring for them. Really what it would impact is the rodeo on Saturday. Maybe they could change when the rodeo is and move it to another time.

11/16/2012 7:33 AM

Really would like the dates to stay the same as they were the last years past

11/16/2012 7:14 AM

it is in poor taste for the State 4-H Rodeo board to think of only themselves and not give due consideration to other 4-H activities

11/16/2012 6:10 AM

I don't think that you can move it anywhere else or you are going to run into other things. I really don't want to be out in the rally and usually everyone has rally jobs for extra income to help pay for school supplies. I think it needs to be left where it is and it is a bad thing when they have to chose where to do, but they have to quailify first and foremost. If they do and choose to go to the rodeo then hoeefully they can have somebody exhibit their projects and such. Thanks

11/16/2012 5:51 AM

The fair now is too close to the start of school.

11/15/2012 9:45 PM

While the rodeo doesn't directly affect our family, it doesn't seem right for youth to be forced to choose between two major 4-H events.

11/15/2012 9:40 PM

I'm sorry the rodeo kids will have to make a choice, but I think there would be more kids and parents that would have to make a choice if the dates were changed. The rally week shouldn't even be considered--too many parents and kids rely on rally jobs for additional income (much more than the fair sale).

11/15/2012 9:15 PM

Before a decision is made, we should be given more information: 1) what are the participation numbers for the State 4-H Rodeo for the last five years (have their numbers increased, decreased, stayed the same and how many TOTAL SD 4-H Youth are involved? 2) It is my understanding that SD is only 1 of 2 states that even still have a SD state 4-H Rodeo, is this going to have a strong future, or in a couple years is it going to be done and then we made all these changes and messed up a long standing tradition in our county? 3) Have you sought input from businesses that support the Butte-Lawrence County fair and how a change will affect their support/attendance? 4) Have the county commissioners in Butte and Lawrence County been contacted to seek their input/support of such a change? I can accept change. But I do not like it to be shoved on us and a gut reaction/emotional decision be made in less than a week's time. I believe the Butte Lawrence County Fair dates should remain unchanged for 2013 and consider a change for 2014 after more information is gathered, people can be educated more about why the change may be necessary and THEN, an appropriate decision can be made.

11/15/2012 8:53 PM

We will not attend if you change fair dates! We need to leave it as is. People will make their choices.

11/15/2012 7:40 PM

If we are going to be rearranging the fair, we should take this as an opportunity to revamp in other areas such as shortening it by one day.

11/15/2012 4:29 PM

We rent our house for the Rally. That is income for our family. Fair should stay the same as it affects only a small percentage of people.

11/15/2012 4:21 PM

I think we should leave the date as is, I guess my opinion is they will have to choose what is the most important to them.

11/15/2012 4:19 PM

It is obvious when looking at the calendars that there is no way the dates can be changed. Yes i realize the fair may lose some participants but that number changes from year to year. The way I see it is that kids may have to chose, that's a part of growing up.

11/15/2012 4:10 PM

Kids should not have to choose between two different culminating 4-H events.

11/15/2012 3:08 PM