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State Fair Tax Revenues Up for 2011

PIERRE, S.D. – Tax revenues from the 2011 South Dakota State Fair are up from the previous year's numbers, according to the initial figures released by the Department of Revenue.

The latest figures available show the five-day fair raised \$138,381 in total tax revenues, up from the 2010 State Fair when tax revenues reached \$121,086.

Of the \$138,381 collected this year, \$68,171 was state sales tax, \$34,086 was municipal sales tax, \$10,560 was municipal gross receipts tax, and \$25,564 was state tourism tax. Gross sales for the 2011 South Dakota State Fair totaled \$1,704,276.

Tax revenues from this year's fair will continue to be collected over the next few weeks, even though the fair officially ended Sept. 5.

Fair officials call this year's event a great success and report the final attendance numbers exceed last year's event. The 2011 South Dakota State Fair also featured a Preview Day on Wednesday, Aug. 31 offering free gate admission, carnival rides for \$1.00 on the Midway, and food vendors.