Secretary Lucas Lentsch speaks at Aberdeen Farmers' Market

PIERRE, S.D. - South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch spoke to producers and consumers at the Aberdeen Farmer's Market on Thursday afternoon about the importance of local foods and the impact farmers' markets have on South Dakota agriculture.

"Farmers' markets are the most important outlet for our specialty crop producers in state" said Lentsch. "They provide an important marketing location for consumers to know their farmer and know their food. We hope the number of specialty producers continues to grow with thriving farmers' markets for producers to sell their products. Farmers' Markets can be a great way to feed consumers' growing interest in where their food comes from, especially as more people are further removed from agriculture than ever before

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) awards Farmers' Market Grower Grants annually to farmers markets across the state. In 2015, SDDA was able to award grants to 12 farmers' markets. The grants are funded through the Specialty Crop Block Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

Farmers' Market Grower Grants provide funds to many small markets which have few other funding sources available. These grants help farmers' markets increase their visibility and availability in towns across the state, particularly our smaller communities. Kelsea Sutton of the Burke Farmers Market stressed the value of these grants, "Over the past four years, the Burke Area Farmers Market has become an important part of the growing local food economy in Gregory County, as well as a treasured weekly public event for our community members. Without the Farmers Market Grower Grant, our Market would not have been able to sustain itself in order to grow and develop into the crucial part of the ag and social community that it has today.

Farmers' markets are on the rise across South Dakota with new markets opening each year in towns of all sizes. South Dakota has more than 60 farmers' markets, and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) encourages residents to buy local produce from those outlets. To find a farmers' market in your area, visit the USDA Rural Development's at

http://search.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/.
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'Terminator Genisys'

Schwarzenegger Recalls **Getting Iconic Role**

BY RICK BENTLEY © 2015, The Fresno Bee

LOS ANGELES — The plot of "Terminator Genisys," the latest in the dystopian series about man vs. machine, suggests history can be changed with a tweak of the timeline. If James Cameron hadn't been so insistent in 1984 that Arnold Schwarzenegger was the perfect person to star as the killing machine in "The Terminator," the franchise would have had a very different look.

When Schwarzenegger met with Cameron to discuss the low-budget sci-fi film, the actor wanted to play Kyle Reese. He's the good guy human sent from the future to protect Sarah Connor. While doing that, Reese ends up fathering the man who sent him back through time.

"As far as I knew, O.J. Simpson was going to play the Terminator. When I met with James Cameron I started talking more and more about the Terminator. How he has to train and prepare for this part. How he has to act like a machine," Schwarzenegger says. "The whole lunch went like that. James Cameron asked me, 'So, why do you want to play Reese?'"

Schwarzenegger wanted the role of the hero. The future California governor believed that he had his film career heading in the right direction having played the heroic Conan in two successful feature films. There was no way that he wanted to go back to being the bad guy.

He also didn't like that the Terminator only had 27 lines. "I liked Kyle Reese, who



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Arnold Schwarzenegger reprises his role as the Terminator in "Terminator Genisys."

said a lot. But, (Cameron) said the most memorable character will be the Terminator. He said I should be the Terminator and that he would make sure that I didn't have to think about the villains aspect," Schwarzenegger says.

Cameron talked Schwarzenegger into playing the Terminator. Michael Biehn ended up playing Reese and Simpson went on to a different kind of notoriety.

The decision proved to be one of the biggest in Schwarzenegger's career. The film not only was a hit at the box office, taking in more than \$38 million, "The Terminator" became one of the most iconic characters in film history.

By the second movie, 1991's "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," Schwarzenegger's character had been re-programmed to be a protector and he got to play the good guy. The character often gets

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described as one of film's greatest heroes and greatest villains. The American Film Institute listed The Terminator at No. 22 on its list of Top 50 film villains and No. 48 among movie heroes.

It's been a dozen years since Schwarzenegger last played the character in 'Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines." He said he was willing to slip back into the role he originated more than three decades ago for "Terminator Genisys" because of the

writing. "There are some people who are capable of making a sequel more special that the original. James Cameron outdid himself with the sequel and it became the highest grossing movie in 1991," Schwarzenegger says.

"This time, ('Genisys' director) Alan Taylor, the writers and producers have done an extraordinary job that really lives up to the standard of the 'Terminator 2' event.'

His version of the T-800 (Model 101) has dramatically changed since the first movie. In the original, the sole motivation of the character was to kill Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton) as a way of protecting the machines of the future. In "Genisys," the T-800 has become a fillin father for Sarah Connor (Emilia Clarke).

Schwarzenegger sees the

character as being far more colorful.

There is more than one version of the character to play: a very young version and a far more mature edition. In one scene, the old and new T-800 end up in a fight that took a year of special effects to create.

Schwarzenegger praises the body double who helped create the fight scene.

"After three or four days of doing this fight scenes and doing all these crazy stunts, I was always wondering how they were gong to do the face replacement, Schwarzenegger says. "When I finally saw it, the technology is so advanced, you can do so much. It looks like two Arnolds fighting.

A lot has happened for Schwarzenegger — professionally, politically, personally — since he took Cameron's advice for the 1984 film. If he could time travel like the characters in the movie, Schwarzenegger wouldn't waste time hoping back to 1984. He would go back in time to the early days of the pyramids.

As for changing anything that's gone on in his life, Schwarzenegger says: "I am perfectly fine with my life. I am very happy and want to keep it that way."





