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## Monster Machines Battle for Grand Champion Title in Freedom Hall

### *National Farm Machinery Show and Championship Tractor Pull*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (February 11, 2019) — Tractors and combines are plowing into Louisville for the National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) Feb. 13-16 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The largest indoor farm show in the United States, the NFMS features the most comprehensive selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment and services.

#### **Championship Tractor Pull**

Powerful pulling machines go for a wild ride down the unpredictable dirt track of Freedom Hall in an action-packed showdown of the most talented drivers in the country. More than 70,000 fans will flood Freedom Hall Feb. 13-16 for the super-charged Championship Tractor Pull at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Sponsored by Syngenta, the event draws the nation's top drivers as they compete for the title of Grand Champion and a share of over \$200,000 in prize money.

#### **Tractor Pull 101**

Drivers compete in eleven divisions based on the weight and type of machine, for example: 7,500 pound 4x4 super stock diesel trucks and 10,200 pound pro stock tractors. Competition begins when a weighted sled is attached to the machine. Competitors then “gun for a full pull” – pulling the sled the full length of the track. If two or more drivers in a division nail a full pull, more weight is added. The driver who pulls the farthest wins. It's the kind of excitement that keeps people on the edge of their seats because a fraction of an inch can make the difference between first and second place.

Tip: Consider wearing ear plugs during the pull, because these machines are loud – some are even powered by modified airplane engines.

#### **The Pit: Up Close and Personal**

Want to check out the wheeled beasts before they roar into gear? Visit “The Pit” in Broadbent Arena and get up close to competing tractors and trucks, meet drivers, get autographs and take photos with favorite vehicles. Admission is free and open to the public Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### **Tickets on Sale Now**

Tickets for the Championship Tractor Pull are available at the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Office, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Event times and prices vary by day:

- Wednesday, Feb. 13 7 p.m. \$10, \$30 and \$40
- Thursday, Feb. 14 7 p.m. \$10, \$30 and \$40
- Friday, Feb. 15 7 p.m. \$15, \$35 and \$45
- Saturday, Feb. 16 12 p.m. \$10, \$30 and \$40  
7 p.m. \$25, \$35 and \$45

A detailed tractor pull schedule is available at [www.champpull.org](http://www.champpull.org).

### **Biggest Indoor Farm Machinery Show**

Each year more than 300,000 attendees from around the world explore displays of equipment, services and technology – more than 1.2 million square feet of exhibit space. With a nod to Kentucky's heritage as an agricultural state, it doesn't matter whether someone is in the industry or just curious about what the future holds for the world of farming. With 890 booths, there's something for everyone to discover.

Free seminars are scheduled Feb. 13-16 in the South Wing, with subjects ranging from market and weather strategies to world record corn and soybean yields and tillage trends to technology. Watch a live-taping of "U.S. Farm Report" market roundtable with Tyne Morgan and special guests Thursday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. Presented by Farm Journal Media in South Wing B105.

Admission to the National Farm Machinery Show is free and open to the public Feb. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. More information is available at [www.farmmachineryshow.org](http://www.farmmachineryshow.org).

### **Farmers Market: Gifts and Crafts**

For those who are more interested in shops than crops, head over to the South Wing Mezzanine to the Gift and Craft Market, with its nearly 80 booths of jewelry, clothing, cowboy gear, tractor-branded merchandise, handcrafted gifts, toys, collectibles, sweet and savory snacks, and more. The market is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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