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National Farm Machinery Show and Championship Tractor Pull Shift into Gear

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 6, 2020) — An action-packed showdown of the world's most talented drivers zooms into the Kentucky Exposition Center for the Championship Tractor Pull. Roaring tractors and trucks will be heard throughout Freedom Hall as rival pullers race down the dirt track to earn a grand championship title.

Championship Tractor Pull

More than 70,000 fans will fill Freedom Hall Feb. 12-15 for the 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 prize pool of over \$200,000.

Tractor Pull 101

Drivers compete in 10 divisions based on the weight of their machine. Competition begins when weighted sleds are attached to the machines. Competitors then "gun for a full pull" – pulling the full length of the track for a win. If two or more drivers in a division nail a full pull, more weight is added. The driver who pulls the farthest wins. This type of excitement keeps people on the edges of their seats because a fraction of an inch can make the difference between first and second place.

Tip: Wearing ear plugs is recommended during the pull, because these machines are loud – some are powered by modified airplane engines.

More Than a Half-Century at Full Throttle

For 52 years, the nation's best drivers and their pulling machines have stormed into Louisville every February for the Championship Tractor Pull. In the first Championship Tractor Pull, 66 tractors competed in three classes (5,000, 10,000 and 15,000 pound tractors). The first truck class was added in 1977, and helped the pull sell out for the first time. A lot has changed in 52 years, and now more than 190 vehicles compete in 10 classes.

The Pit: Up Close and Personal

Want to see the pullers and their machines before they shift into gear? Visit "The Pit," sponsored by Wright Implement, in Broadbent Arena and take pictures with fan-favorite vehicles, meet drivers and collect autographs. 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 or by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Event times and prices vary by day:

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

Biggest Indoor Farm Machinery Show

The Championship Tractor Pull is held in conjunction with the National Farm Machinery Show, the largest indoor farm show in the country. Each year, more than 300,000 guests from around the world explore more than 1.2 million square feet of exhibit space in the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology.

Watch a live taping of "U.S. Farm Report" market roundtable with Tyne Morgan and special guests Thursday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Presented by Farm Progress in South Wing B105.

Free seminars are scheduled Feb. 12-15 in the South Wing, with subjects ranging from market and weather strategies to world record corn and soybean yields. Sponsors include DTN/The Progressive Farmer, Farm Futures, Ag Leader, Beck's Hybrids and Farm Journal Media.

Admission to the National Farm Machinery Show is free and open to the public Feb. 12-15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is \$10 per vehicle, \$20 per bus. More information is available at farmmachineryshow.org.

Pre-register for the National Farm Machinery Show online at cvent.me/VNmbKm to save time and be entered to win farming products.

Farmers Market: Gifts and Crafts

For those who are more interested in shopping, head to the South Wing Mezzanine to the Gift and Craft Market. There are many booths selling tractor-branded merchandise, fashion, toys, collectibles, snacks and more. The market is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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