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### **CATCH A BEHIND-THE-SCENES GLIMPSE IN “THE PIT”**

**Louisville, Ky. (January 26, 2010)** - Tractor pull fans have the opportunity to be within inches of their favorite powerful tractors at “The Pit.” Open to the public 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. inside Broadbent Arena each day of the 45th National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) “The Pit” gives pulling fans the chance to walk beside the trucks and tractors, meet the drivers, get autographs and take pictures of the vehicles that will compete in the Championship Tractor Pull. Fans can also take advantage of this unique opportunity to get a first-hand glimpse of the hard work that goes into preparing these engine-revving beasts before they charge down the dirt track at the oldest indoor tractor pull in the country. Admission to “The Pit” is free. “The Pit” will close at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 in preparation for the 1:00 p.m. tractor pull performance.

Broadbent Arena is located next to the Pavilion on the west side of the Kentucky Exposition Center. Tickets for the 42nd Championship Tractor Pull, which takes to the track from Feb. 10-13, are on sale now at the Freedom Hall Ticket Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For directions to the facility or for more information on the National Farm Machinery Show and Championship Tractor Pull, visit [www.farmmachineryshow.org](http://www.farmmachineryshow.org).

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The National Farm Machinery Show, the nation’s largest indoor farm show, features the agricultural industry’s most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky, the show attracts 300,000 attendees from the United States and around the world. The Championship Tractor Pull, the country’s oldest indoor tractor pull, accompanies the show to provide an added element of entertainment and competition. The National Farm Machinery Show occupies over 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space, contributes \$21.5 million in economic impact to the Commonwealth each year, and is owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board.

