



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet National Farm Machinery Show

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50th Annual Championship Tractor Pull Roars into Freedom Hall

Celebrating a half-century at full throttle

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 6, 2018) — For 50 years, the nation's best drivers and their powerful pulling machines have descended on Louisville each February for the Championship Tractor Pull, sponsored by Syngenta. More than 70,000 fans will fill Freedom Hall Feb. 14-17 to watch the nation's best drivers battle for the title of Grand Champion title — and a share of more than \$200,000 in prize money.

A number of 2017 Tractor Pull Grand Champions are returning: Steve Boyd, Josh Blackburn, Brad Moss, Jim Mattingly, Van Haisley and Terry Blackburn.

For the third year in a row, the Championship Tractor Pull will break records for the number of women competitors. The eleven pullers include Lisa Peterson, Patricia Justison Fuchs, Mackenzie Yarick, Misty Nelson, Ashley Corzine, Bethany Nelson, Mendi Nelson, Renee Theobald, Tabitha Ann Demers, Tara C. Moore and Julia Ray.

Tickets are on sale now and available at the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Times and prices vary by day:

- Wednesday, Feb. 14 7 p.m. \$20, \$30 and \$40
- Thursday, Feb. 15 7 p.m. \$20, \$30 and \$40
- Friday, Feb. 16 7 p.m. \$25, \$35 and \$45
- Saturday, Feb. 17 12 p.m. \$20, \$30 and \$40
- 7 p.m. \$25, \$35 and \$45

The Championship Tractor Pull is held in conjunction with the National Farm Machinery Show. More information about the event, its drivers and divisions is available at www.champpull.org.

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The [National Farm Machinery Show](http://www.nfms.com) (NFMS) is the nation's largest indoor farm show and features the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, it attracts 300,000 attendees from the U.S. and around the world. The country's oldest indoor tractor pull, the Championship Tractor Pull, accompanies the show and provides an added element of entertainment and competition. NFMS contributes \$17 million in economic impact to the Commonwealth each year, and is owned and produced by Kentucky Venues.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle.