



## Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet National Farm Machinery Show

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## 49th Annual Championship Tractor Pull Roars into Freedom Hall

New ticket prices: starting at \$20.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (February 8, 2017) — Former champions and a record-breaking number of women drivers will compete Feb. 15-18 at the Championship Tractor Pull, sponsored by Syngenta. More than 70,000 fans will fill Freedom Hall as 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 2016 Tractor Pull Grand Champions are returning: Terry Blackbourn, Newton, WI; Steve Bunnage, Golden Gate, IL; Matt Clemons, Wakeman, OH; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; and Kevin Schmucker, Louisville, OH.

The 2017 Championship Tractor Pull will break last year's record for the number of women competitors. Pullers include Anna Belle Bradley, Elora, TN; Ashley Corzine, Assumption, IL; Bethany Nelson, Altamont, IL; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; Misty Nelson, Sidney, IL; Julia Ray, Beloit, OH; Monica Shaw, Franklin, KY; Lisa Tatum, Bardstown, KY and Renee Theobald, Shelbyville, IN.

New classes of competition were added this year: 6,350 Modified 4x4 Trucks and 9,500 Limited Pro Stock Tractors.

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

•	Wednesday, Feb. 15	7 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
•	Thursday, Feb. 16	7 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
•	Friday, Feb. 17	7:30 p.m.	\$25 and \$45
•	Saturday, Feb. 18	1 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
	·	7:30 p.m.	\$25 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 <a href="https://www.champpull.org">www.champpull.org</a>.

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The <u>National Farm Machinery Show</u> (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 the Kentucky State Fair Board.

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.