



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet National Farm Machinery Show

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49th Annual Championship Tractor Pull Crowns Champions in Freedom Hall

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (February 18, 2017) — After four days of fierce competition, the top tractors advanced to the final competition of the Championship Tractor Pull in Freedom Hall. A total of 180 tractors competed in the invitation-only event, with only the best-of-the-best advancing on to the Saturday evening finals.

An elite group of drivers were awarded the coveted title of Grand Champion and a share of more than \$200,000 in prize money. Fans from around the world watched, more than 70,000 in Freedom Hall and hundreds via livestream, as the top tractors vied for a championship.

Grand Champions include:

- Steve Boyd, Lucas Oil Green Streak, Washington IN
- Mike Prible, Top Priority, Bluffton IN
- Jim Mattingly, Thor, Bardstown KY
- Josh Blackburn, Armed & Dangerous International Threat, Newton WI
- Colin Ross, Triple Bypass, Waynesburg, PA
- Brad Moss, Young Buck, Adairville, KY

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 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.