

DEPARTMENT 128

STOCK FARM TRACTOR PULL

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6th, 2023

Entry Receiving: Friday, October 6th, 2023
(2:00-5:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: None

Entry Fee: (*online only*) \$3.00 per exhibitor

The Topsfield Fair will again sponsor a stock farm tractor pull this year. Open to the public.

The pull will be held on Friday, October 6th, 2023 in the Topsfield Fair Arena. Starting time: 4:00 P.M. with a slow poke race. Tractor pull to start immediately after.

Tractors will be formally entered in the pull by “weighing in” on Friday, October 6th, 2023.

All tractors must be weighed in by the starting time. Scales will be open for weighing starting at 1:00 P.M. on October 6th, 2023.

Tractors cannot be left running without someone in the seat at all times. Participants in violation will be disqualified.

You need to be in control of your tractor at all times. You are responsible for damage to any property or individual(s).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Topsfield Fair assumes no responsibilities for loss, theft and/or injury to any participants or property competing.
2. All contestants shall sign the registration form before participating in the pull. Signing this form will hold Topsfield Fair safe and harmless from any injury resulting from the participation of the contestant in the pull.
3. Contests are open to all stock and enhanced farm tractors manufactured prior to January 1, 1970, and stock farm tractors developing less than 115 PTO hp. No four-wheel drives, dual tires, tire studs, steel wheels with cleats or chains will be allowed for both stock and enhanced farm tractors. Cut/shaved tires will be allowed for enhanced farm tractors ONLY.

4. A maximum speed limit of 3.5 mph for stock farm class and 8.0 mph for each enhanced farm class will be allowed. A driver may exceed the respective speed limits for the first 100ft. of the pull and a horn will sound. Once the front of the tractor passes the 100ft. mark and the horn sounds, the pull will be disqualified.
5. Tractors must be weighted in by the **Committee**, prior to the start of the pull, for the purpose of assigning the tractor to the correct class. If requested, the winners of each class (1st, 2nd, 3rd places) may be re-weighted at the end of the pull, to confirm weight. Change in weight will disqualify the apparent winner.
6. Each tractor can enter only one weight class. However, the winner of each class may pull in the next class and will pull last. The weight of the tractor shall not be changed.
7. On-the-go shifting capabilities **cannot** be used during the pull for stock farm tractors. Use of such will disqualify the driver. Such capabilities may be used for enhanced.
8. The total weight of the tractor, both stock and enhanced, shall include all add-on weights, loaded tires, if desired, and driver. Tractors must have all wheels in place.
9. For stock and enhanced farm tractors, any suitcase and wheel weights will be acceptable, and must be securely attached to the tractor at points generally provided for by the manufacturer. Add-on weights shall be limited to a maximum of 20% of the total weight of the tractor. Rear wheel weights and hangers including nuts, shall not extend beyond the rear tires by more than 4 inches. Falling off any tractor during pull will result in disqualification.
10. All tractors entering the pull must have a drawbar attached to the tractor in the location provided by the manufacturer at the time the tractor was produced. The drawbar may be shimmed such that the height shall not exceed 20 inches. The hole in the drawbar, as measured from the back of the hole to the center line of the rear axle, shall not be shorter than 18 inches. The hole in the drawbar shall be a minimum of 3 inches in diameter. A 3 inch twisted clevis may be attached to the drawbar in lieu of a 3inch hole.
11. Except for Ford 8N and 9N and Ferguson tractors, supports connecting the drawbar to three-point hitch or links are not allowed. (Support(s) which connect(s) the drawbar to any other point(s) on the tractor, which in the opinion of the Committee were not intended by the tractor manufacturer to pull from will not be allowed and the hitch rejected.)
12. All tractors must be equipped with workable brakes.
13. All tractors must have a strong and rigid seat, and will be thoroughly inspected by officials. **Driver must remain seated in center of seat while pulling.**
14. For proper gear selection, each driver will be given a total of two hitches to pull the weight transfer sled the maximum distance of the course. The first hitch that exceeds a distance

of 50'.0", measured from the starting point, will be the hitch considered.

15. After the first pull in each class, the sled operator will determine if the weight transfer on the sled is adequate or inadequate for that class. If adequate, the pull will be measured and recorded. If inadequate, the length of the first pull will not be recorded. The transfer weights will then be re-set and the driver will pull again.
16. All drivers must be 18 years of age or older.
17. Stock farm tractors means those tractors equipped with front ends, motors, transmissions, rear ends, tires and sheet metal work, generally provided by the manufacturer at the time the tractor was produced. For enhanced farm tractors, motors and tires may be altered.
18. No mounted attachments, (such as front-end loader, etc.) will be allowed on any tractor. Loader sub frames may be left on tractor.
19. Any tractor that touches and/or crosses the white lines will be disqualified.
20. Tractors must be in neutral and HANDS AND FEET OFF the controls when being hooked to the sled.
21. **Outside the Arena: Any tractor with its motor running must have an operator sitting in the seat. If an operator needs to leave the seat, other than to start the engine, the running engine shall be shut off. No exceptions. Infraction of this rule shall eliminate the tractor and the operator from the pull.**
22. **Inside the Arena:** To reduce noise and pollution potential inside the Arena, no tuning or repair work on tractors will be allowed inside the Arena. Once inside if such work is required, the tractor shall be removed from the Arena first. NO tractor engines, except the one actually pulling, shall be running inside the arena. Three warnings regarding infraction of this rule will mean automatic elimination from the pull.
23. In case of dispute or misunderstand, the decision of the Committee will be considered fair, impartial, and final.
24. Only participants of the current class that is pulling are allowed in the pulling area and may not stand within 25 feet of the designated pulling track. No spectators are allowed in the pulling area.
25. A driver/puller or person associated with the pull who exhibits any un-sportsman-like conduct as determined by the committee, will not be allowed to participate in the following year to pull.
26. The pull will end at 11:00 P.M. on Friday, October 6th, 2023. The Arena will be closed at this time. Any class not finished or classes started will not compete in the 2023 Topsfield Tractor Pull.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Classes and Requirements for Each Class

Awards:

FIRST \$50.00

SECOND \$30.00

THIRD \$20.00

KING OF HILL \$100.00

FARMER OUT OF FIELD \$100.00

A cash prize of \$50.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00 will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each class.

The Weight Classes are as follows:

ANTIQUE STOCK TRACTOR

CLASS A

1. 1500 to 1800 – stock
2. 1801 to 2500 – stock
3. 2501 to 3000 – stock
4. 3001 to 4000 – stock
5. 4001 to 5000 – stock
6. 4500 & under - stock
7. 5001 to 6000 – stock
8. 6001 to 7000 – stock
9. 7001 to 8000 – stock
10. 8001 to 9,000 – stock
11. 9,001 to 10,000 – stock
12. King of Hill
13. Farmer Out of Field

ANTIQUE STOCK TRACTOR ENHANCED

CLASS B

4. 3001 to 4000 - enhanced
5. 4001 to 5000 – enhanced
7. 5001 to 6000 – enhanced
8. 6001 to 7000 – enhanced
9. 7001 to 8000 - enhanced

OFFICIAL RULES

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