

# DEPARTMENT 128

## STOCK FARM TRACTOR PULL

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Entry Form Due:** Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Entry Receiving:** Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
(2:00-5:00pm)

**Entry Pick Up:** None

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

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

The pull will be held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Topsfield Fair Arena. Starting time: 4:00 P.M.

All tractors must be weighed and registered prior to their class start times. Scales will be open for weighing starting at 1:00 P.M. on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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, with the exception of Farm out of Field class. The following is not allowed for stock or enhanced tractors: four-wheel drive, dual tires, tire studs, steel wheels with cleats or chains. Cut/shaved tires will be allowed for enhanced farm tractors ONLY.
4. A maximum speed limit of 3.5 MPH for stock farm class under 6,000lbs. and 5.0 MPH for over 6,000lbs. and 8.0 MPH for enhanced farm class will be allowed. A driver may exceed the respective speed limits for the first 100 ft. of the pull and a horn will sound. Once the front of the sled passes the 100 ft. mark and the horn sounds, the pull will be disqualified.
5. Tractors must be weighed in by the **Committee** prior to the start of the class for the purpose of assigning the tractor to the correct class. If requested, the winners of each class (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 only enter one weight class. In the stock and enhanced classes, the winner has the option to pull in the next class in last place; the contestant will be allowed to add weight. This does not apply to King of the Hill classes; each tractor can only enter one King of the Hill class.
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. Rear wheel fasteners such as rods or hangers cannot stick out more than 2 inches past the weight attached to the wheel. If weights or parts weighing more than 2 lbs. fall off the tractor during the pull it is immediate disqualification. Committee members will make the ruling at the time of occurrence.
10. All tractors entering the pull must have a drawbar rigid in all positions 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 3-inch hole.
11. Except for Ford 8N, Ford 9N, and Ferguson tractors, supports connecting the drawbar to 3-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. **The first puller of each class will have the option to re-hook.**
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, stock intake, exhaust manifolds, tires and sheet metal work, generally provided by the manufacturer at the time the tractor was produced. Stock tractors cannot have aluminum wheels, MSD or equivalent ignition boxes, electric fans, or governor overrides. Electronic ignition in place of points & condenser is acceptable. For enhanced tractors, motors and tires may be altered. All enhanced tractors must have wheelie bars.
18. Stock tractors not to exceed 3,000 RPM. All enhanced tractors exceeding 3,000 RPM must have proper safety equipment.
19. No mounted attachments, (such as front-end loader, etc.) will be allowed on any tractor. Loader sub frames may be left on tractor.
20. Any tractor that touches and/or crosses the white lines will be disqualified.
21. Tractors must be in neutral and HANDS AND FEET OFF the controls when being hooked and unhooked to the sled.
22. **Outside the Arena:** Any tractor with it's 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.
23. **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.
24. In case of dispute or misunderstanding, the decision of the Committee will be considered fair, impartial, and final.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. The pull will end at 11:00 P.M. on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Arena will be closed at this time. Any class not

finished or classes started will not compete in the 2024 Topsfield Tractor Pull. Trophies and ribbons are to be distributed at the end of the pull.

## DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

### **The Weight Classes are as follows:**

#### Classes and Requirements for Each Class

#### **Awards:**

FIRST \$50.00

SECOND \$30.00

THIRD \$20.00

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

### ANTIQUÉ STOCK TRACTOR 3.5 MPH

#### CLASS A

1. 1800 lbs. – stock
2. 2500 lbs. – stock
3. 3000 lbs. – stock
4. 4000 lbs. – stock
5. 5000 lbs. – stock

### ANTIQUÉ STOCK TRACTOR 5 MPH

#### CLASS A

6. 6000 lbs. – stock
7. 7000 lbs. – stock
8. 8000 lbs. – stock
9. 9000 lbs. – stock
10. 10,000 lbs. – stock

### ANTIQUÉ ENHANCED TRACTOR 8 MPH

#### CLASS B

1. 3500 lbs. – enhanced
2. 4000 lbs. – enhanced
3. 5000 lbs. – enhanced
4. 6000 lbs. – enhanced

## SPECIAL CLASSES

### **Awards:**

FARMER OUT OF FIELD 16,000 \$100.00

KING OF HILL 3750 lbs. \$100.00

KING OF HILL 4750 lbs. \$100.00

KING OF HILL 5750 lbs. \$100.00

### **CLASS C**

1. Farmer out of Field 16,000 lbs.
2. King of the Hill 3750 lbs. – 5 MPH
3. King of the Hill 4750 lbs. – 5 MPH
4. King of the Hill 5750 lbs. – 5 MPH

(King of the Hill classes will be held last as time allows.)

### **OFFICIAL RULES**

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information