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### **48TH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRACTOR PULL DRIVERS ANNOUNCED**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Nov. 23, 2015)** – Former champions and a record-breaking number of women drivers will compete at the 48th annual Championship Tractor Pull sponsored by Syngenta. More than 70,000 fans will return to Freedom Hall February 10-13 for the invitation-only four-day event. Held in conjunction with the National Farm Machinery Show, the nation's best drivers will compete for the Grand Champion title and a share of the \$250,000 prize money.

The majority of the reigning Grand Champions from the seven classes of the 2015 Championship Tractor Pull are returning: Neil Gettinger, Hagerstown, IN; Nathan Babler, Rock City, IL; Steve Bunnage, Golden Gate, IL; Joey Frasur, Liberty IN; Travis Schlabach, Marengo, IA; and Shawn Hodges, Avella, PA.

The 2016 Championship Tractor Pull will break last year's record for the number of women driving with eight women competing in various classes including Patricia Justison, Hillsboro IL; Bethany Nelson, Altamont, IL; Ashley Corzine, Assumption, IL; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; Renee Theobald, Shelbyville, IN; Monica Shaw, Franklin, KY; Julia Ray, Beloit, OH and former Grand Champion Lisa Tatum, Bardstown, KY.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. and are available at the Freedom Hall Ticket Office, Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Pull tickets are \$40 for Wednesday and Thursday nights, \$45 for Friday night, \$40 for Saturday afternoon and \$45 for the Saturday night finals.

For the complete 2016 drivers list and additional information about the Championship Tractor Pull, visit [www.champpull.org](http://www.champpull.org).

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The National Farm Machinery Show, the nation's largest indoor farm show, features the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky, the show attracts 300,000 attendees from the

United States and around the world. The Championship Tractor Pull, the country's oldest indoor tractor pull, accompanies the show to provide an added element of entertainment and competition. The National Farm Machinery Show occupies over 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space, contributes \$21.5 million in economic impact to the Commonwealth each year, and is owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board.