

PULLING CONTEST

BRANCH COUNTY FAIR VEHICULAR PULLING CONTESTS

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General Rules: Antique and Farm Tractor Pulling Contests

1. Entries limited to residents of Branch County and the adjoining counties of Calhoun, Hillsdale, St. Joseph and Steuben County.
2. Please use the Jefferson Street entrance to the Fairgrounds and park outside the west Amphitheater entrance with tow vehicle facing fence.
3. No auxiliary vehicles may be used in pit or pulling arena.
4. Entries close ½ hour before advertised start of each contest.
5. Pulling weights determined with driver on vehicle. Scales on grounds will open 3 hours before contest. Weights must be securely attached and loss of weight will result in disqualification.
6. Vehicle must pass over scales after pull.
7. Vehicles to remain outside arena until class is called to line up. A safety stopping lane is to be kept open at all times at the west end of the pulling strip.
8. Clevis must be of durable material, not thinner than 3/4", or thicker than 1 ¼" with a minimum of 3 1/2" hole and 1" material thickness around the hole. Clevis must be not less than 18" behind center of rear axle and stationary in all directions. Clevis must accept the large hook from pulling machine and pass inspection of the safety judge.
9. Tractors must have ALL standard sheet metal including fenders.
10. Contestant will have 1 minute to hook after being called. Pull will start with a tight chain and one re-start allowed if sled does not reach 50 feet.
11. Vehicle will not pull until track judge has displayed the green flag and will stop immediately when the red flag is displayed. The flag man is in control and failure to follow his directions will result in disqualification.
12. Tractor (but not sled) must stay within boundaries or be disqualified.
13. Fuels: Must be manufacture recommended fuels-no alcohol, blended or aviation fuel. Vehicles will be inspected for leaks.
14. All contestants must be at least 16 years of age, sign Official Entry Form and describe the vehicle (particularly antiques) for use by announcers.
15. Two pit passes per vehicle will be issued but only at time of entry.
16. No use of alcohol prior to or during pulling contest.
17. Any vehicle operating in an unsafe manner will be disqualified.
18. There will be a drivers meeting 30 minutes before the start of each contest.
19. Judges decisions are final, dynamometer and tachometer instruments will be available.
20. The Branch County Fair and contracted vendors will not be responsible for any liability and/or damage to tractors or trucks.
21. Absolutely No Riders! Drivers must remain seated at all times!

ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLING CONTEST

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

Section 810

Entry fee \$10.00 per class.

CLASS:		8105.	4000 lb
8100.	2500 lb	8106.	5000 lbs
8101.	3500 lb	8107.	6000 lbs
8102.	4500 lb	8108.	7000 lbs
8103.	5500 lb	8109.	8000 lbs
8104.	3000 lb		

RULES:

1. See General Vehicle Pulling Rules plus the following specific for Antique Tractors.
2. A tractor maybe entered only once in a class, and no more than two classes.
3. Tractor built 1960 or before.
4. Tractor must be of a recognized manufacture and may not run more than standard factory rated R.P.M.'s and horsepower.
5. Pulling speed not to exceed 4 M.P.H. First offense is a warning, second offense is disqualification.
6. No stripping of tractor. It must appear stock. (Fenders, Hood, Etc...)
7. Tires must appear stock for year and make of tractor.
8. Two wheel drive tractors with rubber tires; no steel wheels, duals, chains or cut tires allowed.
9. Drawbar height maximum, 18 inches, except 16 inches for classes 2500 lb and 3000 lb must be 18 inch minimum back from center of rear axle, made stationary.
10. Stock engines, no carburetor alterations, turbo's, etc. No manual overrides on governor, hand throttle only. Alternators and straight pipes are permitted. Engines over standard RPM's or horse power will be disqualified. Judges decision will be final.
11. Weights: Will be manufactured equipment for era of tractor and securely attached. Weight frames were not generally made before 1960 and therefore not acceptable. Bolted on wheel and frame weights were and are permitted.
12. Fenders are required for safety.