



## KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

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## KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER DESIGNATED STORMREADY BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC) was designated as StormReady today by the National Weather Service (NWS), becoming only the second state fairgrounds to be recognized for this level of emergency preparedness in the U.S. The StormReady program is a nationwide effort by the National Weather Service to provide communities with the skills and education needed to survive severe weather –before and during the event. At the presentation ceremony were : (L to R) NWS Meteorologist In-charge John Gordon, KEC Asst. Dir. of Security Chris Brawner, KY Fair Board President & CEO Rip Rippetoe, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Joe Sullivan and KEC Dir. Of Venue Services Tim Postlethwait.



Photo available by request.

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### ABOUT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 677,000 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go online to [www.kyexpo.org](http://www.kyexpo.org).

**ABOUT PARKING**

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 five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.