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47th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRACTOR PULL DRIVERS ANNOUNCED

LOUISVILLE, KY (Nov. 24, 2014) – Former grand champions and a record number of women drivers will highlight the 47th annual Championship Tractor Pull sponsored by Syngenta. More than 70,000 fans will return to Freedom Hall February 11-14 for the invitation-only four-day event. Held in conjunction with the 50th annual 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.

All reigning Grand Champions from the seven classes of the 2014 Championship Tractor Pull are returning: Don Masterson, Grandview, IN; Blain Fraker, Marshall, IL; Mike Beck, Napoleon, OH; Josh Blackbourn, Newton, WI; Jason Hootman, Corfu, NY; Joey Frasur, Liberty, IN; and two-time champion Ricky Long of Glasgow, KY.

In addition, a record number of seven women will compete in various classes including Monica Shaw, Franklin, KY; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; Bethany Nelson, Altamont, IL; Bobbie Barbee, Springfield, TN; Julia Conny, Beloit, OH; Brooke Darnell, Cynthiana, KY; and 2003 Grand Champion Lisa Tatum of Bardstown, KY.

Tickets go on sale Monday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. and are available at the Freedom Hall and Kentucky International Convention Center ticket offices 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. Special holiday deals will be available on Ticketmaster the week tickets go on sale. Check the National Farm Machinery Show Facebook page for details.

For the complete 2015 drivers list and additional information about the Championship Tractor Pull, visit 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.