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THE NATIONAL FARM MACHINERY SHOW CELEBRATES FIFTY YEARS OF FARMING

LOUISVILLE, KY (February 4, 2014) – The country's largest indoor farm show continues its tradition for the 50th year in Louisville, February 11-14. A 50th anniversary ribbon cutting will kick off the four-day show on February 11 at 10 a.m. in South Wing B at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony is Kentucky Lt. Governor Crit Luallen and Linda Breathitt, daughter of former Kentucky Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt. Governor Breathitt cut the ribbon to begin the first National Farm Machinery show in 1966.

In addition, charter members who have exhibited at all 50 National Farm Machinery shows will be honored at the exhibitor's reception.

What began in 1963 as an electricity demonstration and exhibit in Lexington, KY, quickly gained momentum and a need for a larger show grew. In 1966, the then-named Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center started the National Farm Machinery Show. Since its beginnings, farmers have come to the show each year to stay current with innovative technology and equipment from brands they trust. The annual show contributes \$21.5 million in economic impact to the Commonwealth each year.

For additional information about the National Farm Machinery Show, visit www.farmmachineryshow.org and for 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.