

Hancock County Fair FARMSTOCK RULES

Weight Classes

1. 7500# class with no larger than 18.4x38 tires at 8 mph
2. 8500# class with no larger than 18.4x38 tires at 8 mph
3. 9500# class with no larger than 18.4x42 or 20.8x38 tires at 8 mph

Eligibility of Contestant

All drivers must be able to control all controls of the tractor from the drivers' seat. All minors must submit written consent of parents or guardian to enter the contest. Such a statement must be turned in at the time of entry. Each contestant enters the contest at his/her own risk or that of the parent/guardian and recognizes that he/she may be held responsible for any accident or injury incurred or property damage to others caused by him/her or his/her tractor. Upon entry each driver agrees to release all officials from responsibility or claim for any liability. *Unless age restriction noted by sled operator/venue.

1. Contestants under the age of 16 years must receive consent from parent/guardian.
2. No weight frame or weight may extend more than 12' from center of rear axle.
3. All tractors must be equipped with a hood and grill and retain stock appearance.
4. All tractors cannot be more than 10% over factory high idle rpm OR 3250 rpm high idle with a SFI Scatter blanket with a min width of 14".
5. All tractors at each pull will be checked by the same Tach, and the same Operator and must have a working governor. The Tach operator's decision will be final.
6. The engine must be a stock block or a factory replacement block for that same make and model of tractor.

General Requirements

1. Contests open to farm tractors with rubber tires. No four wheel drive allowed. No dual tires, tire studs, or chains permitted, and no cutting of the leading edge of the tire bar or the casing allowed. All power must be transmitted through the wheels.
2. Minimum drawbar length 18 inches from the center of rear wheel to point of hook. Drawbar is to be stationary in all directions. Maximum height of the drawbar is not more than 20 inches from top of hitching device to a parallel point to ground.
3. Drawbar must be equipped with steel hitching device not more than 1 ½ inches in thickness, and with a 3 ¾ -inch diameter opening. Cross-sectional thickness must be 7/8 inch minimum. Pulling point may not be more than 1 ½ inches from the back edge of the hitching device.
4. No pressurized fuels allowed-except U.L. approved pressure tanks. No secondary fuels or tanks containing secondary fuels allowed on the tractor. No alcohol fuels of any type.
5. No portion of the tractor may interfere with the sled hitch during a pull.
6. All weight must be safely secured to the tractor and must not extend beyond rear tires. Any ballast or external parts lost while hooked to sled will be cause for disqualification. (Internal parts accepted)
7. All tractors must be equipped with workable rear wheel brakes.
8. The use of torque converters, automatic shifts, etc. will be permitted.

Safety and Tractor Operations

1. No front wheels more than 36 inches off the ground at any time.

2. Tractors must be operated in a safe manner at all times.
3. Operator must remain seated during the pull, and must have complete control of the tractor at all times.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages prior to pulling will mean disqualification.
5. All tractors must pass a safety inspection.
6. Tractors must be stopped immediately upon signal from judge. The pull shall be considered over when forward motion of load stops.
7. Any loss of excessive liquid by tractor while on the track may cause for disqualification except for loss of liquid due to internal breakage.
8. All tractors must be in neutral or park (transmission selector) while being hitched or unhitched.
9. Wheelie bars **REQUIRED!!**
10. Kill switches are **REQUIRED!!!**

Operation of Contest

1. Each tractor may be entered in more than one class, but only once in each class.
2. Contestant must pull in position drawn. Intentional delay will mean disqualification.
3. All pulls must start with a tight hitch. No jerking permitted. Contestants will be allowed two attempts and fifty feet to start the sled. Distances will be measured from the front of sled.
4. Tractor must remain within boundaries of contest course during the pull or will be disqualified, including test puller. The sled does not have to remain within the boundaries.
5. Pullers will be allowed to beep the horn as many times up to the cone, and if the horn beeps after the cone, puller will be disqualified. Cone placement will be determined by length of the track, prior to the pull.

General Rules

1. Violation of any rule shall constitute a disqualification.
2. Contest will be governed by judge or judges, and all decisions are final. Judges have the right to stop and disqualify a tractor if it is not operating in what would be considered a safe manner.
3. The top three finishes in each class will be checked out after competing for the following:
 - a. RPM
 - b. Measure drawbar
 - c. Weight of tractor
 - d. Tractors will be checked until top three are legal
 - e. Judges may check any money winner
 - f. Any competitor entered in the class can protest another entry in the class by posting \$50 cash which will be forfeited to the protested entrant if found to be legal or returned to protestor if entrant is illegal. Protest must be made before the official completion of the class.
All decisions then made by the Rules or Tech committee are Final!!!

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