



NEWS LETTER OF THE IOWA PLOWING ASSOCIATION

5/28/21

Greetings and Salutations Members:

I hope this letter finds each of you well. The year of COVID is over for Iowa and your board of directors has been working hard all winter and spring to provide one of the most exciting state and national plowing competitions we have had in years. It has been a long time since we planned something this special and we hope each of you will plan to attend, compete and help.

The Iowa Plowing Association is hosting the Marshall County Ag Expo. We created the Ag Expo in an effort to draw more spectators to watch our plowing competition and perhaps, stir up some new interest from potential plowmen. The board of directors has been busy securing sponsors, advertising, lining up food vendors, banquet tent, porta-potties and one of the most awesome plow sites on the planet. We have vendor/displays coming from John Deere, Case IH, New Holland, Kubota and LS tractors, Ford, Dodge, GMC/Honda and hopefully Chevrolet. We are currently contacting antique tractor clubs for displays by their club members and hope to draw the Central Iowa Mustang Club for a car show too. On top of all this, we have our state and national plow competitions. It is going to be a show for the record books!

The participating states of the USA Plowing Organization have informed us that they are planning to attend our national matches and will be well represented in each class. At present, we are planning to hold the following competition classes: Antique, Open, Small Plow, Roll Over, Youth Open, Kverneland Challenge and believe it or not, Horse Plowing. How long has it been since you saw horse plowing at a state or national match?

We have heard from a plowman in California, who recently moved here from Ireland, and would like to plow in our national matches. We have also heard that several Canadians would like to come down and participate in our nationals if the boarder is open by show time. There are also a few new plowmen in Illinois and Iowa that would like to try their hand at plowing in our state and or national matches. Everyone had better sharpen those shares! There's some competition out there!

Here's the part where we really need your attention. The board of directors has worked hard to create the Marshall County Ag Expo. We need our entire willing member's help to push the show over the top and have things ready on time. This is a large undertaking but the work and number of tasks are more easily achieved when everyone lends a hand.

We don't expect anyone to come and spend the whole week, although you are certainly welcome to. Those of us who live close to the competition field will layout the headlands and scratch furrows on the

weekend before the matches, August 7th and 8th. Monday the 9th and Tuesday the 10th is when we really need your help. We'll need to measure and stake plots for state and national competition, practice plots, spectator vehicle parking, plowmen and vendor trailer storage and vendor display areas. The vendors will set up the banquet tent and porta-potties so we don't need to worry about those items. Laying everything out isn't hard but there are many areas to mark and using several teams will make things easier for everyone.

We are telling the vendors to bring their displays on August 11th and 12th. The state matches are on the 11th and the national plowmen will be arriving on both days for practice. These two days will be very busy.

If you enjoy telling people where they can go, we have the perfect job for you. We need a few people willing to sit at the banquet tent and direct vendors to the display area, plowmen to the trailer storage area, plowmen to the practice plots and spectators to the plowing plots. We might even give you a radio, which we all know is a sign of importance! Please consider helping at the matches. We can all take turns doing things so everyone has time to practice, compete and watch the fun.

Tentative schedule of events for the week.

Date	Description	Time
Saturday Aug. 7 th	Plot Layout and Scratch Furrows	
Sunday Aug. 8 th	Plot Layout and Scratch Furrows	
Monday Aug. 9 th	Measure and Stake Plots Marking Vehicle Parking Area Marking Vendor Display Area	
Tuesday Aug. 10 th	Tent Setup Show Prep	
	State Plowmen Practice	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday Aug. 11 th	State Small Plow Match	9:00 AM
	State Open Plow Match	1:00 PM
	State Antique Plow Match	3:30 PM
	State Plowmen Awards	5:00 PM
Thursday Aug. 12 th	Minn. IA. Horse Plow Matches	10:00 AM
	National Plow Practice	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
	National Plowmen's Banquet	6:30 PM

Friday Aug. 13th	Official Ag Expo Start	6:00 AM
	National Small Plow Class	9:00 AM
	ISU's Iowa Learning Farm Conservation Station	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
	National Antique Plow Class	1:00 PM
	Kverneland Challenge	3:30 PM
Saturday Aug. 14th	National Small Plow Class	9:00 AM
	National Open Plow Class	1:00 PM
	National Youth Open Class	3:30 PM
Sunday Aug. 15th	Rain Day Extension	
	Guest Plow Day	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
	Help Plowmen Load Up	
	Vendor Removal of Displays	
	Clean Up	
Monday Aug. 16th	Rental company will remove tent.	
	Vendor Removal of Displays	
	Clean Up	

Show and Plow Site Information

Show Address:

Marshall County Ag Expo
1198 Underwood Ave.
Conrad, IA. 50621

Written Directions

The show and plow site are located just North of the corner of Hwy 96 and Underwood Ave in Conrad, IA. Another form of direction would be 8 miles North of Marshalltown on Hwy 14 and 2 Miles East on Hwy 96 to Underwood Ave. Turn North on Underwood for 200 yards and it's on your right side. The ground is beautiful, flat, seeded with Rye and almost too nice for plowing.

Hotels

Best Western Regency
3303 S. Center St.
Marshalltown IA. 50158
641-752-6321
Current price \$79 per night
No trailer parking available

Hampton Inn and Suites
102 Iowa Ave. East (Behind Casey's General Store)
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641-753-6795
Current price \$100 per night
No trailer parking available

Holiday Inn Express
102 Iowa Ave. West (Behind Casey's General Store)
Marshalltown, IA. 50158
641-854-2900
Currently under renovation. Should be open by Plow date.
No trailer parking available

Super 8 By Wyndham
3315 S. Center St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641-753-3333
Current price \$65 per night
No trailer parking available

Baymont by Wyndham
115 Iowa Ave. West
Marshalltown, IA. 50158
641-752-4844
Current Price \$75 per night
No trailer parking available

Comfort Inn
2613 S. Center St.
Marshalltown, IA. 50158
Current price \$90 per night
Some trailer parking available at hotel
Strip Mall across the street for more over night parking only.

Food and Restaurants

We are planning to have food vendors on site Wednesday through Saturday for lunch. We are planning to have food trucks, the Pie Lady and the Tama, County Pork Producers so you have a choice of menu items. Dinner is up to you and Marshalltown has many restaurants to choose from; Smokin G's Barbeque, Applebee's, Legends, Culvers, Burger King, McDonald's, Hardee's, Taco Johns, El Portal Mexican and a couple Chinese restaurants too.

Smokin G's Barbeque will cater the National Plowmen's Banquet on Thursday, August 12th and we anticipate a cost of \$20 per person. We'll keep you updated.

Officers

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We wish all of you a wonderful Summer. Be safe, stay healthy and plan to attend the Marshall County Ag Expo.

Sincerely,

Ray Elsberry

Iowa Plowing Association