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Revved engines, billowing smoke, dirt flying tractor pulls

Arapahoe County Fair only fair around to offer four tractor pull events, July 21 - 25

Aurora, Colo. --- This year the Arapahoe County Fair, July 21 – 25, offers four different tractor pulls for fairgoer enjoyment. Never heard of a tractor pull? This competition began as a way for neighboring farmers to prove they had the best “pulling” farm equipment in the land.

The pull race began with horses and over the years transitioned to tractors. Farmers challenged each other to a race. The tractor that crossed the finish line first pulling a heavy sled (sledge) filled with weights along a track won. It’s become a fairgoer favorite and a spectacle you won’t want to miss.

With different classes, from “factory” tractors, to custom built (modified) vehicles with multiple engines, fairgoers can cheer for them all.

NEW! Kids Pedal Tractor Pull – Daily

Kids ages 4-12 can try their skill in a mini John Deere Tractor Pull. Cheer them on as they peddle their way down the 25 foot track.

Modified Tractor Pull – Friday, July 23

The modified tractor pull draws powerful tractors from across the state. They’re loud, exciting and impressive. Watch these tractors hit two wheels as they attempt to haul heavy loads across the track. Bring your earplugs.

Antique Tractor Pull – Saturday, July 24

Antique tractors are just that, antiques. There’s no modification on these guys. Daily drivers are put up against some of the most beautifully restored antique tractors you will ever see.

Garden Tractor Pull – Sunday, July 25

Who knew racing garden tractors is a sport? Well it is. Dedicated to the promotion of Lawn and Garden Tractor Pulling, this contest offers an opportunity for children and adults to participate together in an exciting family-oriented motor sport.

“The tractor pulls are just one event that celebrates our County’s agricultural heritage at the Fair,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Chair Rod Bockenfeld. “Fairgoers can also milk a cow, shell some corn, watch the 4-H livestock and horse shows, and so much more.”

All entertainment (excluding carnival rides and games) is included in gate admission. On Wednesday-Thursday (July 21-22), enjoy \$5 gate admission, or \$15 for admission and unlimited carnival rides. From Friday-Sunday (July 23-25), enjoy \$10 gate admission, or \$25 for admission and unlimited carnival rides.

Arapahoe County Fair sponsors include Waste Management, City of Littleton, E-470, Go Toyota Scion Arapahoe, Potestio Brothers, Royal Crest Dairy, Sinton Dairy, Tagawa Gardens and media sponsors CBS4, 92.5 The Wolf, Mix 100, Radio Disney, Villager Newspaper, Aurora Sentinel and I-70 Scout.

The Arapahoe County Fair is located at 25690 E. Quincy Ave. Aurora. For a full schedule of events, to volunteer and download a coupon, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

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Tractor Pull: Watch a tractor hit two wheels during the tractor pull, Friday July 23 at the Arapahoe County Fair.

OwenMcGough: Owen McGough, age 3, Littleton, was excited to put in his ear plugs for last year's Modified Tractor Pull at the Arapahoe County Fair.