

Hot tips to see the show better and faster

It can be a challenge to take in the must-see exhibits on your list and get to field demonstrations at the Farm Progress Show all in one day. But if that's your goal, this article is a must-read for you.



Whether you're a veteran or a first-timer, here are ways to help you make the most of your visit to the Farm Progress Show on Aug. 26-28 in Boone, Iowa.

1. **Plan your day.** Use this show program as a guide to make a list of your must-see exhibits and demonstrations and our map to determine your best route. A free program with map and list of exhibitors will also be available at the show.

2. **Get an early start.** Gates open at 8 a.m. The Boone site is very accessible, but with today's fuels prices, it still

makes sense to consider carpooling with a friend or check with your local groups who might be taking a bus. Buses follow special routes to get into the show quickly. Vehicles will be directed to park; admission is paid at ticket booths outside the entrance gates.

3. **Park smart.** Parking for all vehicles is adjacent to the show site identified by different colors. Remember the color of the lot where you park. It will make locating your vehicle a lot easier at the end of the day. Farm Progress Companies is not responsible for damage to vehicles.

Handicapped parking is at the edge of the exhibit field in the North Parking Lot. To help handicapped individuals get around the show, vendors will also rent golf carts on a first-come, first-serve basis in the handicapped parking lots. To rent a cart in advance, call M&M Golf Cars at 800-748-7798 or 573-581-8188.

4. **Pace yourself.** Comfortable shoes are a must for walking our outdoor exhibit field. Tennis shoes are a good choice.

5. **Save time and walking.** Take the tram to and from field demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Another time-saver is to bring your own pen so you don't have to stand in line waiting for a pencil to sign registration cards for free prizes and product information at booths. Better yet, bring along self-adhesive address labels to quickly attach to registration cards.

6. **Pick the best day to go.** Of course, that depends on you and the weather. Weather permitting, the first two days are best if you're interested in seeing field demos at their peak. The lightest crowd is usually on Thursday, which is a good day to see a lot of exhibits and catch shuttles quickly to field demos.

7. **Beat the heat.** Drinking plenty of fluids and finding relief in cool spots will be key if the weather is hot. Water is best to stay hydrated, and you'll find it all around the grounds. The early-morning hours will be the coolest part of the day, so arrive early and see as much as you can before it gets hot.

8. **Wheel and deal.** Many dealers offer special show prices on equipment, so check your dealer's lot beforehand and get some price quotes to compare. Gates, ladders and portable display items are often discounted so exhibitors don't have to take them home.

9. **Don't lose your head.** If you lose something or someone, check at the show office in the Administration Building on the southwest corner of the exhibit field or check with any of the information booths. Security staff will help locate any lost persons.

10. **Try the cool food and drink concoctions.** You'll find a good selection of foods on the exhibit field. You'll also find plenty of free snacks and water at the exhibitors' booths.



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