



2026 Demonstration Policies

DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES FOR 2026

Field Demonstrations (pg. 3-4)

Corn Harvesting

- Corn Combine
- Combine Head
- Auger Cart
- Grain Cart Tractor

Tillage

- Tillage - up to 6 mph
- Tillage - up to 15 mph
- Tillage Tractor

Autonomous Machines

Self-Propelled Sprayer*

Drone Zone - Drone/UAS Demos (pg. 5-6)

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DAILY DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

10:30 AM - 3 PM: Field Demo Trams Operational

Continuous Demonstrations

8 AM - 4 PM: Ride & Drives Open

10 AM - 3 PM: Autonomous Machine Demos

11 AM - 3 PM: FPS Drone Zone Open

Timed Demonstrations

10 AM: Cover Crop Plot Walk

11 AM: Corn Harvesting Demonstration

1 PM: Tillage Demonstration

2 PM: Agronomy Zone Tour

GENERAL DEMONSTRATION INFORMATION

The demonstration program outlined here will be in conjunction with the 2026 Farm Progress Show if crop and weather conditions permit. All demonstrations will be under the direction of supervisors provided by Farm Progress. Exhibitors participating in the Field Demonstrations (Corn Harvesting, Tillage, Sprayer, &/or Autonomous Machines) must be qualified for at least one outdoor exhibit lot. Varied Industries Tent (VIT) exhibitors must pay a \$500 fee to participate in the Field Demonstrations. Ride & Drives, Drone Zone, and Agronomy Zone demonstrations are considered separate from the Field Demonstrations and exhibitors who wish to participate in these area of the show must qualify and adhere to the individual policies as outlined. There will be no demonstrations other than those listed in this manual unless exhibitor arranges special plans with the show manager in advance of the Show.



DEMONSTRATION DIGITAL SHOWCASE

Equipment to be featured in the 2026 Farm Progress Show Demonstrations will be published in an online listing on the show website (www.FarmProgressShow.com). The page will include the exhibiting company, model name and specifications, description, and a link to the product's webpage and/or company website. This information will also be linked onsite via QR code so that visitors may access the information while observing the demos. If you do not wish to have your equipment listed in this digital showcase, please email peyton.fair@farmprogress.com after completing your registration. The digital showcase will be published after August 1, 2026 and prior to the beginning of the 2026 Farm Progress Show.

DEMONSTRATION EQUIPMENT PARKING

Prior to the show, all implements that are to be demonstrated should be parked in an area designated by the Show Manager. Check with your field supervisor about night parking areas each evening during the show. No implements are to enter or leave the staging area without the permission of a supervisor.

TERMS

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing operator and power for their demonstration units. All demonstrations are under director of Farm Progress field supervisors. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless Farm Progress and Companies and its affiliates; the cooperating farmers and owners, and cooperating farms against and from any and all losses, damages, expenses, cost, charges, liability, claims, and demands occurring or resulting from or connected with our exhibit and demonstrations of equipment. Farm Progress ("Sponsor") shall have no liability to an exhibitor if Sponsor should postpone or cancel a Farm Progress Companies' show because of acts of God, accidents, fires, or other interruptions of any nature beyond the Sponsor's control. Eligibility of participation is contingent upon Certificate of Insurance submission through the Exhibitor Resource Center by August 7, 2026. Failure to upload COI will result in ineligibility to participate in the 2026 Farm Progress Show Demonstrations.

CONTACT US

For more information regarding demonstrations at the 2026 Farm Progress Show, please contact Senior Operations Manager, Rick Wild at rick.wild@farmprogress.com or 314.288.6770.



FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS

All harvesting and tillage operations demonstrated at the show must conform to those standards and practices normally carried out by the host farm. Field Demonstrations begin each day at 10:00 AM and end at approximately 3:00 PM. Each company representative should prepare 100 words of material about the product to be used for the Digital Showcase. For harvesting and tillage demonstrations, this description will be presented aloud by a person designated by Farm Progress via recording. This recording will be in a mobile unit equipped with a public address system.

The Field Demonstration Registration Form can be found in the Exhibitor Resource Center (ERC). **The registration deadline to participate is July 31, 2026.** Exhibitors participating in the field demonstrations must also upload their Certificate of Insurance (COI) by August 7, 2026.

The sound system in the field demonstrations will be playing pre-recorded files for the introduction, rules, and announcements. You will be asked to upload your 100-word script for each of your demonstration pieces as part of the registration form. Max Armstrong will record the script to be played before your equipment runs in the Harvesting and Tillage demonstration sessions.

ASSIGNMENT MEETING

All demonstrators desiring to operate equipment at the show must attend our orientation/assignment meeting. This will be held on **Monday, August 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM** in the CITE/Van Wall Building just east of the show office. Assignments will be made and rules reviewed and given to all exhibitors participating in the field demonstrations. **ALL EQUIPMENT OPERATORS SHOULD CONSIDER THIS MEETING MANDATORY.** All guidelines and related rules will be fully explained during this meeting. Please consider it mandatory to have representation to receive this very important information and ensure the safety of all participants and visitors.

DAILY MEETING

There will be a daily meeting at the staging area near the fuel station at 9:00 AM each morning of the show (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). At this meeting, we will discuss the day's plans and any changes that have been made due to the weather or previous day's activity.

ASSIGNMENTS

Management reserves the right to assign any and all equipment to specific areas for demonstration purposes. Such assignments will be made as fairly as possible, with the purpose of giving each demonstrator the best exposure possible. All equipment must demonstrate in the specific area it is assigned to and will not be permitted to migrate from one demonstration area to another unless done so under the direction of field supervisors and with the permission of the Show Manager. In addition, machines may not migrate to or from the demonstration area or the exhibit lot.

CORN HARVESTING - 11:00 AM DAILY

Shelled Corn Harvesting

Corn was planted in 30-inch rows. Grain will be picked up by auger wagons from the machines. We will harvest approximately 160 acres of corn over the three days of the show. Each machine will be limited by acres available. However, no more than one machine per company will be permitted to operate at one time. Corn combines are not permitted to use rear choppers or spreaders. Materials must be dropped directly onto the ground. Corn will go from auger wagons directly into trucks for transport.



Auger Wagons

Nominate as many units as you like. The auger wagon demonstration is not considered part of the combine demonstrations, therefore, auger wagons must catch corn for any combine that needs it. Auger wagons will not be permitted to match up to and catch from only certain brands of combines.

TILLAGE - 1:00 PM DAILY

All demonstrations will take place on corn stalks.

Tillage Speed Categories

We will have two different speed categories for tillage this year. Crowd control will be handled differently for each group, so be sure to categorize your equipment correctly. The groups will be up to 6 mph and 6 through 15 mph.

The tillage demonstration will run the “up to 6 mph” group first with the crowd held at a reasonable distance from the machines. After that group has run, the crowd will be moved further away from the machines and then the higher speed machines will operate. This will be discussed in further detail at the demonstration meetings, but do not hesitate to contact with questions in advance of the show.

SELF-PROPELLED SPRAYER DEMO AREA* (BY INVITATION ONLY)

At the Monday morning meeting, we will identify the field that will be used for self-propelled sprayer demonstrations. This area will be available to exhibitors who wish to have one-on-one demonstrations with growers. There will be no scheduled times or presentations. This area will be available for you to operate machines with growers in training seats. The area will be shared among all companies who wish to participate - no dedicated strips for each company. Machines should be locked when company personnel are not present. Transporting growers to the area will be the responsibility of the participating company.

AUTONOMOUS MACHINES

Dedicated driving ranges for Autonomous Machines will be provided. Specifics of that area will be provided when the machines are on-site the week before the show.

RIDERS

For safety reasons, there will be one company representative allowed to ride along in a training seat to assist the operator’s vision, only if the machine is outfitted from the factory with a training seat.

NO DUPLICATES

To economize space, please do not operate duplicate machinery. Equipment with the same model number with different attachments would be considered a duplicate.

SAFETY TIPS

Do not dismount from your machine until the power takeoff has been disengaged and all moving parts have stopped. Remember that each machine is surrounded by spectators. Operate your machine with their safety in mind. In addition, never leave your power units until you have removed the key or immobilized the engine. We recommend that you have someone remain with your unit when it is left in the field. A fire extinguisher must be on each combine.



DRONE ZONE - DRONE/UAS DEMONSTRATIONS

All agricultural drones/unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing more than 55 lbs must follow the standard operating procedures as outlined in this document as well as FAA regulations to ensure compliance and public safety. The demonstration program will be held in conjunction with the 2026 Farm Progress Show if weather conditions permit. All demonstrations will be under the direction of supervisors provided by Farm Progress. Exhibitors must be qualified for one outdoor exhibit lot or more or Varied Industries Tent (VIT) exhibitors must pay a \$500 fee to participate in the drone demonstrations.

The drone demonstration registration form can be found in the Exhibitor Resource Center (ERC). The registration deadline to participate is July 31, 2026. Exhibitors participating in the drone demonstrations must also upload their Certificate of Insurance (COI) in the ERC by August 7, 2026.

Drone demos will be held daily between 11 AM and 3 PM in the designated flight area. Companies will be assigned to demonstration times and will share the 500' x 500' flight area as detailed in the assignment meeting. Spectators will be confined to the 40' x 60' viewing tent at the end of the flight area, per FAA regulations.

All participating aircraft are subject to inspection by Farm Progress Show management and/or FAA personnel. Show management reserves the right to remove any aircraft from the demonstrations for failure to comply with FAA regulations or any policies outlined in this manual.

ASSIGNMENT MEETING

All demonstrators desiring to operate equipment at the show must attend our orientation meeting. For drone demonstrations, this meeting will be held on **Monday, August 31, 2026 at 10:30 AM** in the CITE/Van Wall Building just east of the show office. Assignments will be made and rules reviewed and given to all exhibitors participating in the drone demonstrations. **ALL DRONE PILOTS/ OPERATORS SHOULD CONSIDER THIS MEETING MANDATORY.** All guidelines and related rules will be fully explained during this meeting. Please consider it mandatory to have representation to receive this very important information and to ensure the safety of all participants and visitors.

FAA COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW

Farm Progress Show drone demonstrations are authorized to operate under specific agricultural UAS conditions including:

- Operations in Class G airspace, below 200 ft.
- Use of aircraft listed on the FAA's Approved Agricultural UAS List
- Compliance with FAA-issued Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA)
- Adherence to all applicable operational, safety, and reporting standards

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

All pilots operating in the Farm Progress Show drone demonstrations must hold the following licenses/certificates and supply the appropriate copies as evidence upon request:

- Remote Pilot Certificate: All pilots must hold a current Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate
- Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate (AAOC): Must be obtained via FAA Form 8710-3
- Medical Requirements: Pilot must be physically fit for duty



DAILY MEETING

There will be a daily meeting at the drone demo tent outside of Gate 2 at 9 AM each morning of the show (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). At this meeting, we will discuss the day's plans and any changes that have been made due to the weather or previous day's activity.

DRONE DEMONSTRATION STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

To ensure a safe environment for all spectators, drone pilots must adhere to the following SOP while participating in the Farm Progress Show Drone Demonstrations:

- Maintain Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) at all times
- Limit one pilot to no more than three aircraft
- Operate below 200 ft. AGL
- Use Visual Observers (VOs) when available; if not, Pilot in Command (PIC) assumes full responsibility
- Follow FAA-mandated operational conditions and limitations, including safety zones, altitude limits, and observer protocols per the exemption

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency:

- Immediately abort flight if VLOS is lost, a control link is broken, or a system error occurs.
- Use the onboard Flight Termination System (FTS) if needed.
- Land all aircraft safely and clear the area.
- Report all incidents or excursions to:

Rick Wild, Senior Operations Manager: 314.288.6770 | rick.wild@farmprogress.com

FAA Reporting: incidents@faa.gov (as required)



RIDE AND DRIVE

EXHIBITOR QUALIFICATION

The Ride and Drive is available only to exhibitors who qualify for a minimum of six (6) outdoor exhibit lots.

Exhibitors who would like to participate in the Ride and Drive must register through the Exhibitor Resource Center (ERC) by July 31, 2026. Ride and Drive exhibitors must also upload their Certificate of Insurance (COI) in the ERC by August 7, 2026 or they will be ineligible to participate.

Ride and Drives may take place in the designated Ride and Drive Range OR in the Exhibitor's Exhibit Lot, if space allows. Companies desiring to host a Ride and Drive directly in their exhibit should reach out to Show Management for approval.

RIDE AND DRIVE GUIDELINES

Ride and Drive participants will be responsible for the safety of visitors who participate. A 5 mph speed limit is strongly encouraged.

The area available will be at least 150' wide x 300' deep. More space may be provided as allows. All marketing efforts should be confined within these dimensions. This includes staff, tents, signage, etc.

Farm Progress will provide corner locations of the driving range. Exhibiting company will be responsible to fence the range as necessary.

Layout of your Ride and Drive area, weather permitting, can be done beginning Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Should changes be made to the terrain (berms, dips, bumps, etc.) show management must agree to changes and they will be the responsibility of the exhibiting company to create and remove after the event.

Ride and Drive participant must remove fence and other display material and return ground to its original condition, including reseeding grass if necessary, after the show.

Ride and Drive vehicles should be in place at the Ride and Drive area no later than 7:00 AM Tuesday, September 1. Feel free to leave all Ride and Drive vehicles at your display lot prior to this time.

By completing the Ride and Drive registration in the Exhibitor Resource Center, you acknowledge and agree to all policies outlined above.



AGRONOMY ZONE

The Agronomy Zone is a new feature of the 2026 Farm Progress Show which allows input companies to demonstrate seed and crop protection products through the consultation of a certified agronomist. Daily demonstration tours will be provided as part of the Farm Progress Show program.

Participation in the Agronomy Zone is considered a Sponsorship and Exhibitors participating in this demonstration area must purchase one of the Agronomy Zone sponsorship packages in addition to their qualifying exhibit space. For questions about sponsorships, contact Dena Morgan at dena.morgan@farmprogress.com.

AGRONOMY ZONE POLICIES

Farm Progress will seed and maintain a 5' walkway on the north and south sides of each plot for easy access.

All products displayed, used or promoted onsite must be from qualified exhibitors in accordance with Farm Progress Show policies.

Every effort will be made, including replanting, to showcase products effectively.

All exhibit material, including tents and signage, must fit within the allotted space.

Ground will be prepared in Spring of 2026 by Central Iowa Expo team and DM Agronomics, including subsoiling, fertilizing, and final preparation.

Soil test results from Fall 2025 will be shared with all Agronomy Zone participants.

Any seed or crop protection products the exhibitor needs beyond the exhibitor-provided inputs will be supplied by Farm Progress. These products will not be marketed as part of your plot.

Farm Progress will provide promotion of the Agronomy Zone through print, digital, and broadcast media, with participant listings/maps where feasible.

Electricity will be available at an additional charge per exhibit space agreement.

Agronomy Zone participants will receive nine (9) exhibitor pins and parking passes.

AGRONOMIC CONSULTING

Professional plot planting and expert installation, season-long maintenance from planting to showtime, and research-grade management for optimal growing conditions will be provided through DM Crop Research Group. For questions, contact Dr. Dan Moellenbeck 515.975.4425.

RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

All Agronomy Zone participants are responsible for their plot layout and design, which must be submitted to Show Management by March 25, 2026. Agronomy Zone exhibitors are also responsible for supplying the inputs as needed to plant and care for the plot per the layout protocol, any signage, tent, chairs, tables, or other display needs (if applicable), and cameras and installation if so desired to capture growth/timelapse. These items will not be supplied by Farm Progress or DM Crop Research Group.

