

McCOOK, Neb. - The McCook Farm & Ranch Expo will return to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16-17, 2011.

There will be a free producer breakfast on Wednesday the 16th starting at 7:30am. Come out and join us for breakfast to kick off the expo. The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 7 p.m. the first day and 4 p.m. the second. Admission and parking are free.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and ranching technology practices," said Darren Dale, show manager. "We are expecting over 300 vendors from 20 states and Canada and Australia."

Exhibitors include displays for farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural services, irrigation manufacturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges, governmental services, home services, furniture and art galleries. We promise that there will be something for everyone.

Some of the attractions this year will be Will Lowe, three-time PRCA world champion bareback rider, who will sign autographs. Will has appeared in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd in the Oct. 20, 2003, issue for tying the bareback riding world record of 94 points at the Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge in Omaha, Neb. He travels with Wes Stevenson, Royce Ford and Tom McFarland and they call their group the "Wolf Pack".

As featured on RFD-TV, Scott Daily will be displaying horse training demonstrations both days of the show. Scott has been around horses most of his life. His love for horses and desire to train them began in 4-H while he was growing up in Inola, Oklahoma. Scott started training horses about 15 years ago. After many years of working with challenging colts and horses, Scott has developed and perfected his own techniques. Scott believes in building trust between horse and rider.

Also, new this year, there will be a Working Ranch Horse Sale at 5:30pm on Wednesday the 16th. Come out bid on some of the finest ranch horses in the country. In conjunction with the Working Ranch Horse Sale, we will also be hosting an FFA Benefit Auction. Several area FFA Chapters are participating and will auction off an item that they have made in class. All proceeds generated from the sale of the chapter's item will go directly to that FFA chapter.

Corporate sponsors for the expo include Plains Equipment Group formally known as Southwest Implement, Hometown Family Radio and The American Hat Company.

McCook is in the center of rich farmland and cattle feedlots in southwest Nebraska, northwest Kansas and Eastern Colorado.

"Our parking lot count from 2010 showed vehicles from 37 Nebraska counties, 20 Kansas counties, 13 Colorado counties and 10 other states," says Dale.

The fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O Streets.

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