



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet North American International Livestock Exposition

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See Dirt Fly at World's Largest Livestock Expo: Barrel Racing, Cowboy Mounted Shooting and Draft Horse Competitions

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (October 24, 2017) — The North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) is the largest all-breed, purebred livestock expo in the world, with 30,000 cattle, goats, swine, llamas and alpacas, sheep and horses competing for nearly \$750,000 in premiums and awards. The show runs Oct. 31-Nov. 16 throughout the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Barrel Racing

Riders race against the clock in this fast-paced competition where agility and speed are key. Youth competition begins Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. in Broadbent Arena and continues Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. with amateur, girls and open barrel racing. Juniors and seniors compete Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 9 a.m.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Cowboys take aim at ten targets in this timed event, shooting for both accuracy and speed. The winning rider is determined by compiling the most hits, fewest penalties and quickest time. This event is held in Freedom Hall:

- Thursday, Nov. 9 8 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 10 12 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 11 8 a.m.

Draft Horse Shows

Draft horses, known for their beauty and strength, compete by pulling weighted carts and wagons. Teams are judged on performance, driving and conformation. The shows are held in Freedom Hall:

- Friday, Nov. 10 8 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 11 8 a.m.

Entrance to competitions is included with NAILE admission: \$6 for adults; and \$3 for seniors (55 and older) and children (ages 2-12). Parking is \$8 daily. Event passes for the entire expo are \$25 for admission and \$25 for parking.

Free admission and parking are available to visitors and North American Marketplace shoppers Nov. 7-8.

NAILE features the North American Marketplace, wool showcase, children's barnyard and more. The separately ticketed North American Championship Rodeo is held Nov. 9-11 in Freedom Hall, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

For more information, visit www.livestockexpo.org.

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Owned and produced by Kentucky Venues, the [North American International Livestock Exposition](#) is the world's largest purebred livestock show. Held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, the event generates \$8 million in economic impact annually.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle.