

Indiana Cornhusking Contest

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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the purpose of the contest?** *For most contestants, it is all about "bragging rights." But we promote this activity throughout the year at festivals, fairs, schools, and community activities. We believe it is important for everyone to understand where their food comes from and to gain a better understanding of how farm products are produced. We are trying to preserve the traditions and history of farming that is being lost. In the past, the majority of Americans lived on a farm. Today, small family farms are quickly being disappearing in the wake of large corporate farms. We still remember the days when a farm family worked hard together. Important American values were instilled in our children. The farm family worked together... but we knew how to play too. This contest is wholesome, family fun. Families can even compete together in the team competition.*
- 2. How long has Indiana had a contest?** *Since 1926*
- 3. How many other states hold contests?** *9- Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota*
- 4. Where is the contest?** *Join us in a cornfield west of Bremen, IN. The directions can be found on the web site; the address is 20565 Tyler Rd., Bremen, IN*
- 5. When is the contest?** *Saturday, October 6th. Registration is from 9am - 3pm and the competition begins as soon as the teams of horses are on site and harnessed to go.*
- 6. How much does it cost to compete?** *The cost depends on the class. Fees range from \$5-\$20. **Admission and Parking are free.***

FAQs

- 7. On average, how many usually compete?** *Usually 50 compete and in 2017, we had men and women, boys and girls ranging in age from 11-87. We also have a handicap class.*
- 8. Can you explain how the contest works?** *First the person will need to register. They are given a card to take to the field. When they are called, they pull ears of corn off of the corn stalks, remove the husks, and throw the ears of corn into a wagon. They will be followed by a gleaner, who is been assigned to pick up any missed ears or dropped ears that are not picked up by the contestant. They are also followed by a field judge who holds the stop watch and makes certain the rules are followed. The amount of time that the contestant has to husk his corn depends on the class he/she has chosen. When the time is up, the corn will be weighed and deductions, if there are any, will be subtracted.*
- 9. Will the contest be cancelled for inclement weather?** *Like farming, very little will keep us out of the field. We will be there in the wind, the rain, the heat of the sun and even snow. We will postpone for lightning or severe weather. We will compete even in a muddy field as long as the horses can pull a wagon.*
- 10. What do you win?** *We have cash prizes and many items donated by area businesses.*
- 11. Are there any restrictions?** *Anyone may husk, but only Indiana residents can advance to the National Contest when they place in the top 3 of their class. The National Competition has certain criteria that must be met for those who have no state contest. If your state does have a contest, you are required to qualify in your state.*
- 12. Will there be other vendors or food?** *The youth group at Pine Creek Church of the Brethren will offer food and this year we hope to have tent with additional activities for children and animals for petting if the weather permits.*