



Mark your calendar!!!
The State Cornhusking Contest takes place October 12th, 2019.

Celebrate the History of Agriculture and the Spirit of Competition.

We need your help in sharing the story of cornhusking so others may learn about and appreciate the rich traditional farm heritage of cornhusking in the Midwest. Husking is the oldest method of harvesting corn. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, national cornhusking contests drew over 100,000 spectators. Our purpose is to increase attendance to our event and build up the contestant participation so this contest and tradition can continue and be passed on.

The objective is to husk into the wagon the largest amount of ear corn and at the same time husk all the ears on the land covered. Such corn, when husked, shall be reasonably free from husks.

The State Cornhusking Contest takes place in Oakley on Saturday October 12th, 2019. In an effort to teach novice huskers the technical aspect of the sport a tutorial will be given in the field on Friday evening October 11th. On Saturday morning Huskers can compete in a team division and/or 1 of 12 possible individual divisions: Novice, Girls Youth 20 & Under, Boys Youth 20 & Under, Women's 21-49, Men's 21-49, Women's 50 & Over, Men's 50 & Over, Invitational Men & Women, Women's State Championship, Men's State Championship.

During the Team exhibition a team made up of 3 cornhuskers would each husk for 5 minutes for a total of 15 minutes.

Did you know???

In 1969- 1970 Kansans Ross Nelson of Oakley and Kenneth House of Goodland revived the Kansas state contests to help draw traffic off the interstate. They formulated the rules of contest and held the first Kansas State contest in 1971. Several other states began using these rules. The National Cornhuskers Association was established in 1979 and established the national rules and classes of competition based on those put forth by the western Kansans.

Fun for the Whole Family!!

Here is a quick list of additional activities during the cornhusking weekend:

Friday is the corn cook off located in our downtown businesses! Friday evening is the reception for the cornhuskers coming in for the contest and like last year, we will offer hands on training to get new huskers ready to hit the field on Saturday for the competition. There will be many kids' festivities including movies and popcorn, fall photo booth, pumpkin decorating contest, harvest of fall colors and food preservation presented by the Logan County Extension Office, corn ear throwing contest, corn pile money dig. Saturday evening is the husker dinner and awards at the Oakley Country Club.

Please return your registration form along with \$25 fee by Friday, September 20th for a chance at a free night's hotel stay!!! Additional banquet tickets for non-participating huskers can be purchased for \$20.

Checks can be made payable to Kansas State Cornhusking.

We would love to work with you on registering an individual or group for the Friday night training and Saturday's contest. Please contact us!

Thank you on behalf of the Kansas Cornhusking Committee.

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