

for the kid in all of us

When it comes to farm toys, there's no better place to look than Dyersville — Farm Toy Capital of the World. And there's no better time than November 6–8, when the National Farm Toy Show & Auction comes to town.

Now in its 31st year, this toy extravaganza — dubbed “the granddaddy of ‘em all” — attracts some 15,000 toy collectors and farm toy fans to the largest farm toy show in the world. “We've had toy collectors from Germany, England, Holland, Norway, France, Canada — just to name a few countries. And Africa,” says Lori Aberle, show manager. “And, of course, the Midwest.”

The Saturday auction will offer some 300 items for bid, including antique, custom-built, and vintage toys that auctioneer Tom Cornwell says usually sell for \$100 to \$6,000. He's seen the bids go much higher — pedal tractors fetching \$20,000–\$25,000 and a cardboard farm scene that brought close to \$20,000.



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The show attracts far more than collectors. According to Aberle, visitors include everyone from engineers to farmers to people looking for just the right gift for a child or spouse.

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