

Get a glance at the 'old days' of agriculture

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Farmers and others who come to the Northwest Agricultural Show are able to view the latest in farm equipment. For some, however, it's the antique farm equipment that is a big draw.

"People really love this stuff," said Al Hall, marketing and advertising director of Antique Powerland, which again this year will provide a large display of antique farm equipment at the ag show.

Hall counts himself among those attracted to old farm equipment. The first time he visited Antique Powerland in Brooks. Oregon, it was during the annual Great Oregon Steam-Up.

"I went nuts," he said. "It was really exciting."

That was 1998. Today Hall sits on the Antique Powerland Museum Association's Board

of Directors in addition to serving as its marketing and advertising director.

He said many of the 15 museums located on Powerland's 62-acre site bring equipment to the Northwest Ag Show, marking it as the Powerland Association's biggest display outside the annual Steam-Up.

Typically included each vear are old John Deere tractors from the Oregon Vintage Machinery Museum; old Caterpillar tractors, displayed by the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Museum; vintage cars and motorcycles, displayed by Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum; steam tractors, displayed by the Western Steam Friends Association: old locomotives and other antique power equipment.

In all, the museums typically bring more than 100 pieces of equipment to the show.



Courtesy of Northwest Agricultural Show

A view of the Antique Powerland tractor display is seen at last year's Northwest Ag Show in Portland, Ore.