

Don't Miss Hawley's Breakfast on the Farm!

The 25th Annual Breakfast on the Farm (BOF) will serve up to 3,000+ guests a taste of farm life. Not only will guests enjoy a breakfast fit for a farmer while tapping their toes to some live entertainment, but they'll learn just how important agriculture is to our everyday life.

The 25th annual BOF will take place at Kasin Farms (4271 230th St. S, Hawley) on Saturday, May 30, from 7 a.m. to noon. The Hawley Lions will provide a free-will breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. In just one morning, the Lions will crack open about 500 dozen eggs and whip up around 6,000 pancakes. Over twenty-five years, that adds up to 12,500 dozen eggs and 150,000 pancakes. Bell Bank, Valley Premier, and Ag Country Farm Services employees will serve the meal.

BOF is much more than a breakfast; it's a creative way to share where our food comes from. Not just the food, but the fuel we burn in our vehicles and the natural fibers threaded in fashion.

Folks can sign up again to win half of a butchered hog sponsored by the CC Farm Bureau and MN Pork Producers. Last year, the winner paid only the smoking cost (\$35), and Heart O' Lakes Meats in Pelican Rapids covered the rest.

"Last year was my first time attending BOF, and I'm looking forward to it again this year," CC Farm Bureau president Cathy Nord stated. "Our CC Farm Bureau tent sat at the top of the hill near the entertainer Tim Eggerbraaten, and we will be out there again this year, helping visitors register to win the half of a hog raffle. Families can also sign up to become a Farm Bureau member."

The 72nd Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Malorie Thorson, will also be at BOF to share what Dairy Farmers bring to the table. For instance, we all know that ice cream comes from dairy, and it is the most delicious treat you'll find on the farm, but did you know milk proteins, such as casein, are used in adhesives and paint?

The crowning of Princess Kay is a tradition that began in 1954 and takes place during the MN State Fair. Princess Kay serves as an ambassador for MN dairy farmers, promoting dairy products while educating the public about the dairy industry. For example, did you know there are approximately 274 dairy farms as of early 2026?



Malorie, daughter of Andrew and Colette, grew up in Waverly, Minnesota. She is currently majoring in Dairy Production at South Dakota State University with plans to return to her sixth-generation family farm.

"Malorie loves trying out new recipes and baking, swing dancing, reading, and spending quality time with her family during early morning milking shifts. Princess Kay is very active, doing school visits and events representing dairy farmers, and sharing the importance of dairy farming and dairy foods at appearances across Minnesota."

Folks can also expect a side of entertainment with their breakfast. Returning to the BOF trailer is Off Duty Chief, Tim Eggebraaten. Since 2003, Tim has been entertaining crowds with his high energy, humor, and talent, and is a familiar beat at breakfast.

Olson's Pedal Tractor Pull, co-sponsored by the CC Farm Bureau and the Lions, will once again pedal-up excitement at the breakfast. Registration opens at 8:15 and will start at 9:00 near the grain silos. The pedal tractor pull is divided into age groups, with competitors competing against each other for first, second, and third place. The goal is to pull a weighted sled over a set distance.

"At this point, there are likely parents who've participated in the pedal pull, who are now entering their kids into the event, and we always have a few back to defend their title or beat their sibling," Keith commented.

Thanks to the many BOF sponsors, there will be a wide variety of free activities for the kiddos, including barrel trains and farm bingo. Butler Machinery will sponsor a bouncy house, and Red River Ag and Titan Machinery, which sponsor the kids' corn box. The barn will be full of just about every animal one would expect to find on the farm. There will also be large farm equipment on display, which the kiddos love as well.

"I am hoping for beautiful weather and a chance to meet more of our community members," Cathy commented.

BOF is not only a busy morning on the farm, jammed packed full of family fun and a stack of pancakes, but it is also the rooster's crow to Rodeo Fest. It opens the gates and draws back the barn doors so people can see just how essential agriculture is in our everyday life while bringing the community together.

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