

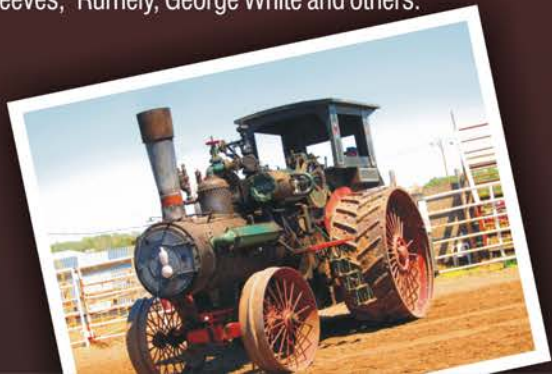
The Manitoba Agricultural Museum has its origins in the early 1950s with the intention to preserve the agricultural heritage of the Province of Manitoba. As a result, the Museum has collected a wide range of unique and authentic pioneer artifacts such as buildings, farm machinery, farm vehicles, tools and household items in an effort to preserve and tell the story of pioneer agriculture in Manitoba to the current and future generations. Manitobans, Canadians and visitors to Canada find a visit to the Museum to be a rewarding experience.

The building collection contains a wooden railway station dating from 1890, a wooden grain elevator dating from 1905, pioneer log houses, pioneer one room schools and much more. The buildings in the collection are furnished or outfitted in the fashion they would have been while they were in use. The Museum's wooden grain elevator is thought to be the oldest preserved on the Prairies and possesses an authentic wagon scale with a wagon lift built into the scale.

The Museum has one of the largest Canadian collections of horse drawn machinery, steam engines, tractors, harvesting equipment, implements and other machinery.

The horse drawn machinery collection includes a wide range of plows, binders, cultivators, seed drills and wagons. The collection also has such rare artifacts as a horse treadmill and a horse sweep.

The Museum's collection features a number of steam engines including early engines such as an LDS portable steam engine, the second oldest Case steam engine in existence and a Petersen straw burning traction engine. The collection also includes steam engines from builders such as Reeves, Rumely, George White and others.



The steam engine collection is complimented by an extensive collection of threshing machines such as an Avery Yellow Fellow, a rare surviving wooden Case, Rumelys, Aultman-Taylor's and more. The threshing machines are complimented by a collection of combines such as Sunshine, John Deere, Versatile, Co-op, Gleaner, Massey Harris and others.

In the collection there are a number of matched outfits or engines which were originally purchased with separators. The collection includes the Williamson "outfit" - a Case 75 steam engine and Case separator, the May "outfit" - a Northwest return flue steam engine and Northwest separator and the Jordan "outfit" - a Rumely Model F tractor with Rumely separator and Rumely plow.

The Museum's tractor collection features tractors from the various phases of tractor development such as the "Prairie Style" tractors which were the large kerosene tractors which started the tractor revolution. The "Prairie Style" tractors are represented by various Rumely tractors, a Flour City, a Marshall Model F, an IHC Titan and others.

In the tractor collection are tractors from what is termed the "Freak" phase of tractor development where various designers experimented with some very odd designs by today's standards. The "Freak" phase is represented by tractors in the Museum collection such as Happy Farmer, Case 10-20, Nilson Junior, Grey and others.

The collection also contains a large selection of conventional tractors such as Waterloo Boy, Hart Parr, Minneapolis, John Deere, McCormick-Deering, Case, Cockshutt and others. Early Canadian tractor manufacturers such as Gould Shapley and Muir, Sawyer Massey and Gilson are also represented in the collection.

While the bulk of the Museum's tractor collection predates 1950, the Museum is home to the single example built of Versatile's Model 1080, better known as "Big Roy". This prototype, designed and built in 1977, is a 4 axle tractor equipped with a 600 horsepower Cummings diesel engine.



The collection also features a number of stationary gasoline engines from manufacturers such as Fairbanks Morse, IHC, John Deere, Stickney and more.

The Museum collection includes a number of vehicles that were used by farmers in the Pioneer era such as horse drawn wagons and buggies up to the Ford Model T. The collection even includes a CPR steel framed boxcar built in 1914 and was used to haul grain to port.

The Museum possesses a wide variety of hand tools and house hold items that were in common use in the Pioneer era. The hand tools include wooden planes, monkey wrenches, hand saws, cream separators, butter churns and more. The household items include a wide collection of hand powered wooden washing machines of various designs, sad irons, kitchen utensils, vacuum cleaners and other items.

Museum Website

The Museum operates a website at ag-museum.com which offers history on Museum artifacts plus information of value to visitors and others.

Annual Events at the Museum

Senior's Day
Manitoba Day
School Hands On
Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede
Winter Wonderland

Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede

The Museum's annual "Theshermen's Reunion and Stampede" is open to the public and features many pieces of vintage equipment in operation plus a wide range of other activities such as blacksmithing, sawing logs into lumber and harvesting demonstrations using binders and threshing machines. This is a rare opportunity to actually see Pioneer machinery operating and doing the job it was designed to do. This event occurs every year on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the last full weekend of July.

Grounds Rental

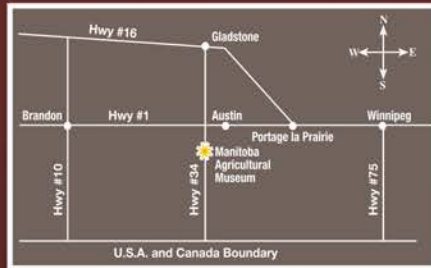
The Museum grounds are available for special events such as weddings, wedding photos, family events and business functions. A variety of facilities can be made available for your event. Please note that a fee is involved. Weddings, wedding photos and other functions must be booked with the Museum office to avoid clashes with other events.

Sponsors

The Manitoba Agricultural Museum would like to thank its sponsors. For a complete and current list of Museum sponsors please see the Museum's website ag-museum.com

Museum Location

The Museum is conveniently located in South Central Manitoba within easy driving distance of most of southern Manitoba. The Museum can be found three kilometers south of the Junction of Number 1 and 34 Highways which is better known as the Austin Junction.



3 KMs South of the junction of Highways 1 & 34

125 KMs West of Winnipeg on Highway 1

90 KMs East of Brandon on Highway 1

Hours of Operation, Admission and Camping Fees

The Museum is open to the public year round, Monday to Friday. In the summer the Museum is open on the weekend as well. For further information on the actual hours and days of operation please visit the Museum's website ag-museum.com. Please note that there is an admission fee to the Museum.

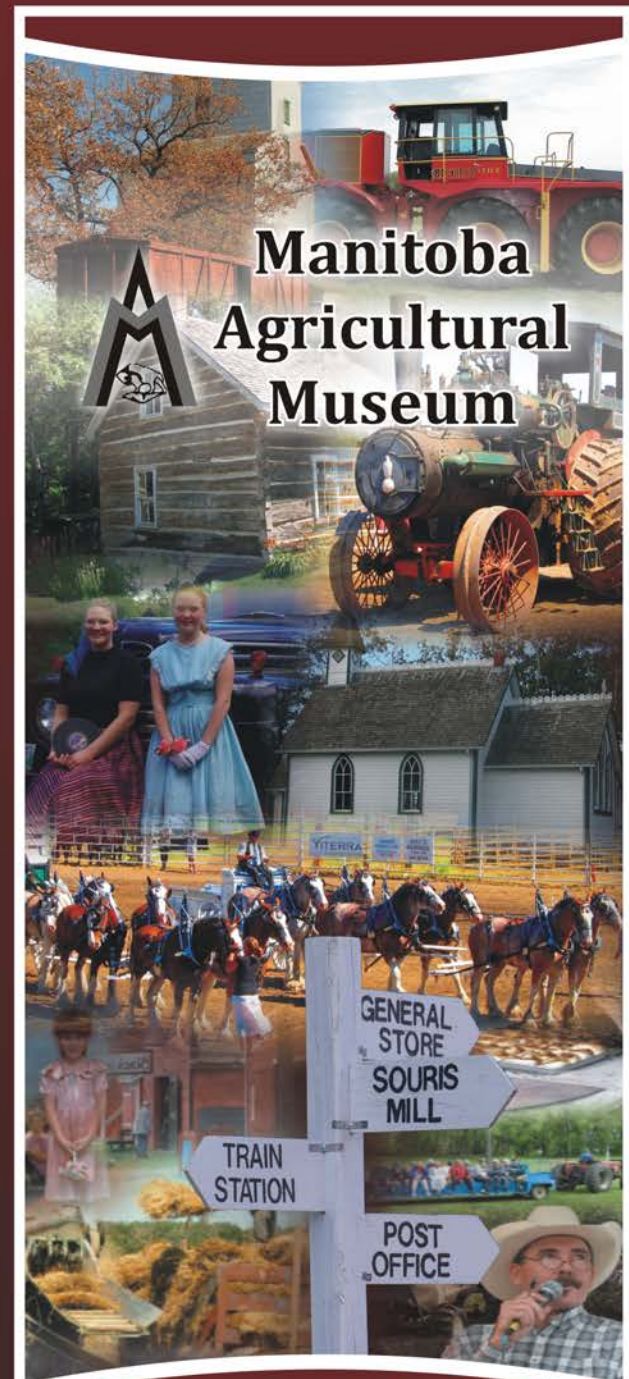
The Museum operates a modern campground for visitors to the Museum and travellers in the area complete with modern washrooms and showers. Some camp sites have electrical service as well.

Enquiries Regarding Museum Events, Dates, Hours of Operation, Fees, Grounds Rental and Other

The Museum website is found at ag-museum.com and contains information on events, dates, hours of operation, admission, campground information, grounds rental information and much more.

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