

# ALHFAM Virtual Plowing Match 2022

Building on the virtual ALHFAM plowing competition launched in 2021, the Farm PIG invites entries for the 2022 Virtual Plowing Match from individual ALHFAM members or staff/volunteers at ALHFAM institutional member sites. We invite entries from all locations and using varied plowing practices to enter.

The 2022 Virtual Plowing Match is in addition to the traditional ALHFAM Plowing Match that take place during the 2022 Annual Conference in Tacoma, WA, June 23-28.

**All entries must comply with the following guidance and must have been recorded between October 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022. Recordings must be submitted to**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/bHnS7im9MpaaARgXoEBL> by May 1, 2022. There are two categories for the plowing match. Entrants for the Class One must comply with the entry guidelines. Entry in Class 2 with the theme of *100 Plows* is open to everyone.

## **Class One: Experienced Plowing**

This class is open to all forms of draft power including equines (teams and single animals), oxen (teams and single animals) and appropriate historic tractors. Oxen may be driven by an assistant or by the plower.

The rules are simple in order to accommodate the varieties of draft power, plows, sites and related traditions. For example, there are no rules on depth or width of the furrow, but furrows should be consistent. For additional reference, competitors should view the prize-winning 2021 Horry County Living History Farm entry video [\(3\) ALHFAM Virtual Plowing Match 2021 - Walter Hill \(USA\) - YouTube](#). Pay particular attention starting at the four minute mark.

Submitted video entries should include:

- An introductory image identifying the plower, the location and the plowing date.
- An opening shot of the draft power and plow to be used.
- The *opening out*: one furrow plowed to the end of the plot and then a furrow back against the first that records straightness.
- Three complete plowed rounds comprising six furrows around the opening out, i.e. three furrows to the end of the plot and back. For purposes of judging, the completed plowed plot will comprise eight furrows.
- Judging will be based upon straightness, evenness of width and depth of furrows, burying of surface growth, neatness of plot ends (*ins* and *outs*) and the overall plot finish.
- Judges will give consideration to the form of draft (oxen, horses, mules, etc.), plows used and the skill of the plower.

Note: The plowing is the principal element to be judged. However, depending on the entries submitted, consideration may be given to additional awards (for example, the *Best Working Team*).

### **CLASS 2: 100 Plows (Open to Everyone)**

This class is for ALHFAM members of any ability, using any historic form of draft or plow.

The purpose of this open class is to reflect and record the variety of plows used by ALHFAM members—potentially 100 different plows. Judging, as in 2021, will be primarily in “fun” categories. Depending on the entries submitted, these may include *Most Promising Plower*, *Plower Trying the Hardest*, *Plower with the Best Style*, *Best Dressed Plower*, *Best Horse* (mule or ox, etc). As you prepare your entry, consider what might make the judges consider a special fun prize!

Entries should include:

- An introductory image identifying the plower, the location and the plowing date.
- An opening shot of the draft power and plow to be used.
- Video of either a single furrow or a plot plowed. The plot may be plowed with assistance or unassisted.

Video should be no more than 4 minutes long and submitted to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/bHnS7im9MpaaARgXoEBL> by May 1, 2022.

### **Awards: The Presentation of Ribbons**

Following the example of the 2021 Virtual Plowing Match, ribbons will be awarded for both classes.

In Class 1, ribbons will be awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Depending on the entries received, special awards may be made for categories such as the *Best Working Team*.

Awards in Class 2 will be “fun” award ribbons in categories to be determined after the receipt of the entries.

Acknowledging that virtual entry competitors may not be able to attend the Annual Conference, award ribbons will be mailed by the Farm PIG after the event.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

Judges for the Virtual Plowing Competition will be Bob Powell and Ed Schultz.

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