

# Tractor Test Museum

Established for individuals and groups with common interests of appreciating and discovering agriculture.

## TRACTOR TEST MUSEUM TOUR

University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus 35<sup>th</sup> and Fair Streets

Established in 1998, the Tractor Test Museum is a great place to visit. Discover the story behind Nebraska's Tractor Test Law and this museum, the world's first tractor testing laboratory. Reminisce about the past while guided through history and the development of agriculture's greatest innovation, the tractor.

The *Historic Tool Room* takes visitors back to the days of America's colonization with a variety of early tools and inventions. See candle molds and holders along with lanterns from the late 1700's. Notice the mechanization behind an apple peeler and a fruit juicer from the 1880's. View the forging station once commonly found on farms throughout the land used to craft ironware of all sorts.

Step into the museum's newest exhibit room to see historic grain harvesting tools such as the cradle scythe, a wooden flail, a variety of pitch forks and hay knives. View plows collected from Northern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and America's Hudson River Valley.

Visitors can observe the development of the corn planter. View a single row hand planter along with the horse drawn Vandiver Check Row Planter. Also discover the first no till planter developed at the University of Nebraska.

View the museum's collection from Tractor Test Chief Engineer, Lester Larsen. This collection consists of historic tractor test equipment as well as key tractors that illustrate the developments in agricultural mechanization over the decades. Examine the original dynamometer used to test tractors in 1920.

During weekdays, take a short walk to the current Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory. Observe tractors being tested either outside on the tractor test track, or inside, where tests are run on the power-take-off and hydraulic systems of modern day tractors.

Call the Tractor Test Museum at 1-402-472-8389 or visit <http://tractormuseum.unl.edu> for more information. For group tours, a \$3 suggested donation per person is encouraged. There is no formal charge for visiting the Tractor Test Museum at this time.

The museum is open Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30. Please call ahead for weekend hours. Visit the Tractor Test Museum and discover why the world recognizes Nebraska for testing the performance of tractors.



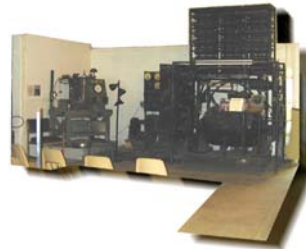
Above is an image of our current museum building during the 1940's. This was the world's first tractor test laboratory and was used for testing until 1980.



Historic plows and haying tools found on display in a new exhibit room .



The museum library houses a collection of nearly 2,000 files.



Historic testing equipment is found on display throughout the museum.



A collection of nearly 40 tractors are displayed inside the museum.



Just a short walk from the museum, the current tractor testing facility tests modern tractors before they can legally be sold in the state of Nebraska.