

Thousands of Toy Tractors

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At a typical toy museum, you could expect to find dolls and action figures. But the toy museum in Dyersville, Iowa, isn't typical.

Instead of electric trains and toy trucks, you can see toy tractors at The National Farm Toy Museum. Thousands of them.

The museum has two floors of fun exhibits and displays of farm toys and collectibles.

There is a large, life-size porch from a farm house and scenes of yards that show the change in farm life over the past century. On the second floor is an exhibit that shows how harvesting has changed over time. Custom-made machine replicas are also on display.

The museum is definitely not just for kids; adults can come and show off their hobby of collecting farm toys. In fact, the museum began in 1986 as a place where the National Toy Show could be held. A bigger facility was needed to allow people to display their collections of farm toys. Funds were raised by introducing and selling a series of collector tractors so a museum could be established.

To this day, the museum is home to farm toys of different eras and from many collections. The National Farm Toy Museum still selects an exclusive collector's series tractor each year to produce and sell for the benefit of the museum.

Collectors from all over are allowed to show off their collections at the museum for a certain period of time.