Missouri Day Parade To Be Largest Ever
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What promises to be one of the biggest parades to be held in Trenton is shaping up for the 2013 Missouri Day Festival.

Annually sponsored by the Trenton Rotary Club, this yearâ□□s Missouri Day Parade already has exceeded 100 entries and with over a month and a half away, officials expect the 29th annual parade to be more than big!

Parade co-chairs Steve Maxey and Rick Klinginsmith believe the theme of the parade â□□Honoring Our Agricultural Heritageâ□□, has much to do with the increase in early entries and the tremendous prizes being offered to winning entries.

Over $1200 in cash and merchandise has been committed for winners in over 20 categories ranging from the $200 grand prize for the best agricultural entry in the parade and presented by Sydenstricker Farm & Home to $100 and $50 prizes to best business and organizational entries, best youth, and for the first time, the best religious entry.

Additionally, prizes will be awarded in the categories of best vehicles â□□ pre 1960 and newer, family with most participants on one conveyance and several categories of equestrian and tractor entries in keeping with the agricultural theme.

Prize money and merchandise are being donated by area agricultural businesses and include Mooreâ□□s Farm Supply, Orscheln Farm & Home, Hoffman & Reed, Farm Credit Services, and Quentin & Linda Brown and Sydenstricker Farm & Home, to name a few. Other contributors will be announced later.

The parade rolls at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 19th with no entry fee for participating in the parade. Judging will be conducted during the parade with winners to be announced following the parade.

The annual Missouri Day Marching Band Festival is also a big part of the parade with their judging and awards handled by the local Band Festival organization.

Local and state dignitaries, many of them agricultural, are making plans to participate in the parade as well as 4-H and FFA organizations along with many first time businesses in showcasing the importance of agriculture to the region.

Pre-registration is strongly requested for the parade and may be done by contacting Maxey at 359-7244 or Klinginsmith at 359-2274.