

What to know about flying to the Farm Progress Show

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FLYING TO THE SHOW: The Farm Progress Show is served by two airports at Boone and Ames, offering full-service support for those flying to the show. Courtesy of Ames Municipal Airport

Editor's note: The Farm Progress Show is Aug. 27-29 in Boone, Iowa. Visit FarmProgressShow.com.

Farmers and exhibitors have long flown their own aircraft to get to the Farm Progress Show. Boone's show site is served by two municipal airports offering full-service support for flyers.

The Ames Municipal Airport is run by Central Iowa Air Service. The airport's major upgrades include a new terminal, hangar and runway lights. For more details, visit centraliowaair.com, call 515-292-9056 or email info@centraliowaair.com. The airport goes by the code KAMW, assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Discover Ames is providing shuttle service for show attendees flying in and out of the airport. Shuttle service is not a continuous loop, and visitors must preregister or call for service the day of their landing.

The shuttle is available from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all three days of the show. To preregister for shuttle service, email your name, cellphone number, number of people in party, and date and time you need a ride to Katie Kramer at katiek@discoverames.com or call 515-817-6312 by Aug. 23.

The airport is located at latitude 41-59-31.4000N and longitude 093-37-18.6000W, and elevation is 955-feet mean sea level.

The two paved runways are:

- 01/19 — 5,701-by-100-foot grooved asphalt runway
- 13/31 — 3,491-by-75-foot grooved concrete runway with GPS, VOR and ILS instrument approaches

Ames CTAF/Unicom is 122.7; lights are on 126.00, and clearance delivery is on the ground through the Des Moines ATC frequency 126.00.

Boone Municipal Airport

The Boone Municipal Airport, code KBNW, is managed and operated by Farnham Aviation Services. See farnhamaviation.com. The airport is 2.5 miles west of the show site. Shuttle service to and from the site will be provided daily between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

Farnham Aviation Services offers 100LL and Mogas, as well as Jet A aviation fuels. For after-hours fuel (100LL and Mogas only), pay-at-the-pump is available.

Farnham Aviation Services also provides piston-engine aircraft repairs and maintenance. Reach the airport FBO at 515-432-1018 or email at defarnham@msn.com. It's open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Boone Airport is located at latitude 42-02-59N and longitude 093-50-53W. The elevation is 1,160-feet mean sea level.

Boone has two runways. Both runways have RNAV (GPS) approaches:

- 15/33 — 4,807-by-75-foot grooved concrete runway; handles aircraft from light sport to midsized jets
- 02/20 — 3,190-by-220-foot turf runway

Boone Unicom and runway lights are both on frequency 123.00. Boone weather can be found at 120.925 and by phone at 515-432-9042. Courtesy vehicles are available during normal business hours. Tie-downs are available on the ramp.