



2000  
NATIONAL  
**Angus**  
CONFERENCE  
& TOUR

September 25-27  
Lexington, Kentucky



Eight buses of Angus enthusiasts enjoyed the Kentucky countryside during the 2000 National Angus Tour.

# 2000 NATIONAL ANGUS TOUR

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*Angus enthusiasts from the United States, Canada and Australia traveled to the Bluegrass State for the 2000 National Angus Tour Sept. 25-26. Headquartered in Lexington, the tour visited some of the area's most progressive seedstock and commercial operations.*

*A convoy of eight buses, named after Pfizer Animal Health products, took participants on a day-and-a-half tour through some of the nation's richest horse and cattle country. Stops included the Central Kentucky Angus Association Sales Pavilion, Danville; Anderson Circle Farm, Harrodsburg; Brookview Farm, Winchester; the University of Kentucky Animal Research Center, Versailles; and Bittersweet Station, Lexington. The tour also included stops at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, and the Labrot and Graham Distillery, Versailles.*

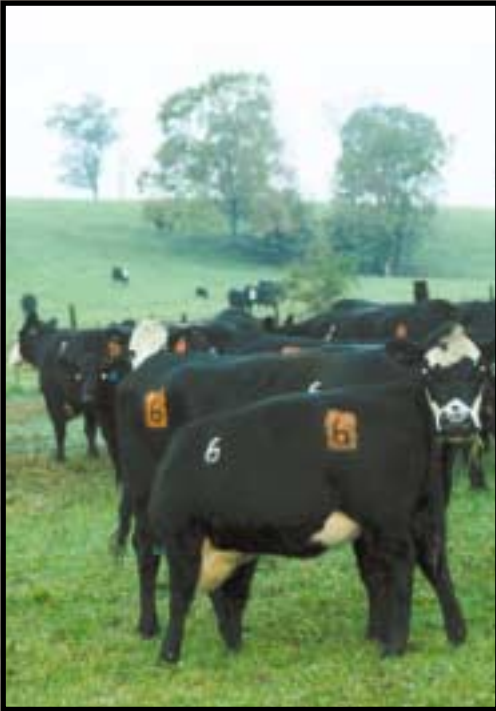
*From start to finish, the 2000 National Angus Conference and Tour was a program developed to give Angus producers the tools to succeed.*

*For more highlights of the event, visit [www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference](http://www.angusjournal.com/nationalconference).*

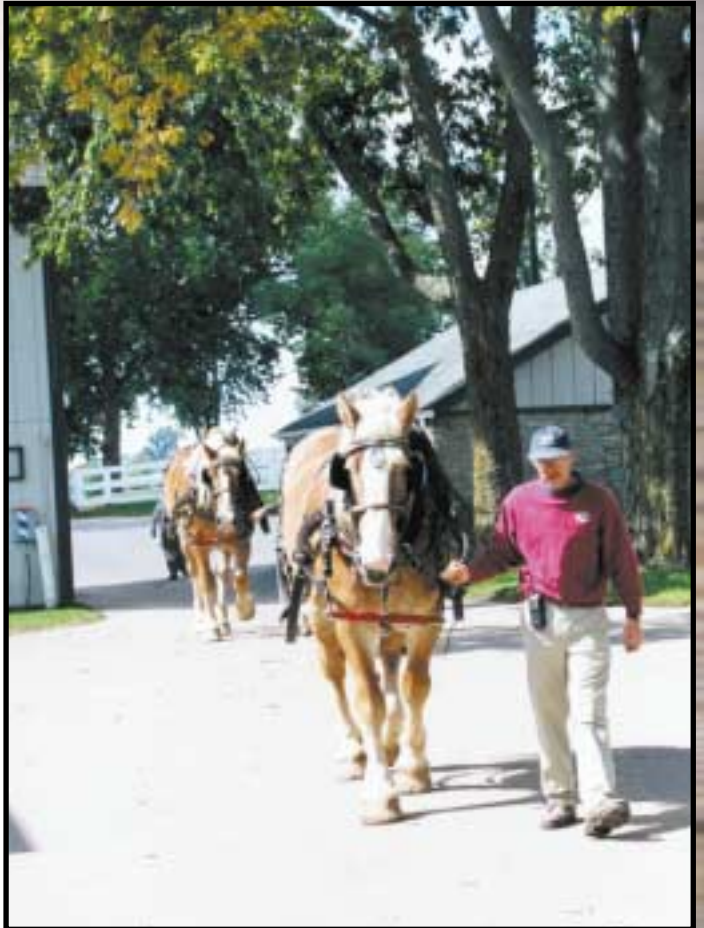


Association President Bud Smith welcomed participants to the 2000 National Angus Tour. Smith emceed the two-day event, which took tour-goers to several stops around the Lexington, Ky., area.

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Angus-Hereford-cross cows now graze the pastures of Brookview Farms, which was originally a Hereford operation started in the early 1900s. For the last 10 years, the operation has been using 100% AI with the Select Synchron estrous-synchronization program.



Tuesday afternoon tour participants enjoyed a visit to the Kentucky Horse Park. The working horse farm is home to more than 40 breeds of horses. Also at the park is the International Museum of the Horse and the Hall of Champions.



The new University of Kentucky Research Center at Versailles was the location of the Tuesday lunch. After lunch Dean Oran Little welcomed the Angus enthusiasts and invited them to take a self-guided tour of the new facility followed by a bus tour of the farm.



The second stop Tuesday morning was the Labrot and Graham Distillery, which is known as the birthplace of bourbon. Tour participants followed the steps of producing Woodford Reserve bourbon.





**Angus cattle took center stage during the National Angus Tour. More than 24 Kentucky Angus breeders displayed their genetics at various stops.**



**Chuck Brost, purebred manager at Anderson Circle, explained how their purebred and commercial herds cooperate to raise efficient cattle that will be profitable for their customers. Tour guests also enjoyed a drive-through tour of the farm's facilities.**



**Tour hosts and guests showcased their top genetics. At each farm stop, tour participants could evaluate some of the top Angus genetics in Kentucky.**



**Tour participants braved the rain to see Anderson Circle sire-evaluation cattle.**

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**John Bizzack, owner of Bittersweet Station, welcomed guests to the last tour stop. Bizzack and his staff hosted the evening social and dinner on Tuesday.**



**Roy Wallace, Select Sires, was a guest speaker at the Brookview stop. Through the use of synchronization, Brookview Farms has increased the number of cows brought into estrus and stepped up the average birth date of their calf crop by 8 to 10 days.**



**More than 400 Angus breeders from nearly 30 states and two foreign countries attended the event.**



**Monday evening Anderson Circle hosted the meal and social. Harvey Mitchell, general manager, welcomed guests to their sale facility.**



**Socializing is an important part of the national conference.**