

# Schedule

## Monday, September 25

- 3 p.m. Registration opens
- 6 p.m. Welcome reception

## Tuesday, September 26

- 8 a.m. "Back to Basics"— Association staff
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. National Conference  
Welcome — Ben Eggers  
Reproduction of the cow herd — Mark Enns  
Association reproduction review — Sally Northcutt  
Producing with optimums — Twig Marston
- Break  
Carcass evaluation — Brad Morgan  
Cow to carcass wrap-up — Mike Kasten
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner with speaker — Rod Nulik

## Wednesday, September 27

- 6 a.m. Breakfast buffet
- 7:30 a.m. Tour departs  
Academy of Equine Dentistry, Glens Ferry, Idaho  
101 Ranch Inc., King Hill, Idaho  
National Fish Hatchery, Hagerman, Idaho  
Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, Idaho

## Thursday, September 28

- 6 a.m. Breakfast buffet
- 7:30 a.m. Tour departs  
Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho  
Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho  
Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, Ore.  
Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore.

# General Information

## Hotel information

The Boise Doubletree Riverside is the headquarters for the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour. A block of rooms has been reserved for \$83, plus tax, per room. All attendees must make their own room reservations by calling the hotel directly at (208) 343-1871. Rooms in the Angus block will be available until Aug. 25. After that date, reservations will be made on a space and rate available basis. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the Boise International Airport.

## Travel information

Most major airlines provide service in and out of Boise, Idaho, including Delta, United, Southwest, Northwest, Continental, Frontier, US Airways and Horizon. The Boise Doubletree Riverside is located at 2900 Chinden Blvd. From Interstate 84 W., take Exit 49 to Interstate 184 E., then take Exit 3 to Fairview Ave. Take a left onto Garden St., and continue through the stoplight. The hotel will be on the right-hand side, next to Joe's Crab Shack restaurant.

## For more information

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more information.



## 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour

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**Conference and tour registration is \$75 before the Aug. 25 early registration deadline.**

**After Aug. 25, the cost is \$100.**

No. of people	x	Cost before Aug. 25	=	Total enclosed
_____	x	\$75	=	\$ _____

**Refunds will be issued at 50% of the registration fee prior to Aug. 25. After Aug. 25, no refunds will be issued.**

**Check enclosed** Make checks payable to the American Angus Association.

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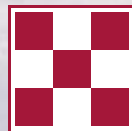
# The Great Northwest Gathering

September 26-28 • Boise, ID

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the American,  
Idaho & Oregon  
Angus Associations



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# Welcome

It is with much excitement that I invite you to participate in the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour. The American Angus Association is pleased to host this event and encourages all members to make their way to "The Great Northwest Gathering."

The event will be packed with opportunities to rekindle friendships and build new relationships, all while taking in some top industry speakers who will talk about increasing productivity and efficiency in your operation. In addition, you'll discover the beauty of the Northwest region of our great nation.

Like the pioneers who traveled the Oregon Trail more than 150 years ago, people in the beef industry realize the importance of moving forward in order to succeed and prevail. A "Back to the Basics" program preceding the Conference will update you on programs the Association has developed to keep our membership moving in the right direction.

The Idaho and Oregon Angus associations have planned a top-notch tour that will showcase the diversity of the Northwest.

From the sagebrush-covered desert to the rugged mountains, this tour will cover a wide range of scenery. In addition to seeing Angus genetics from various herds, we'll also discover other aspects of agriculture and tour an Oregon Trail interpretive center.

We are extremely pleased to have Purina Mills and Alpharma Animal Health on board as our major sponsors of this year's event. They have also partnered with the *Angus Journal* in providing online coverage of the conference at [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com).

We do hope to see you Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho, for "The Great Northwest Gathering."

Happy Trails,

**John Crouch**

Executive Vice President  
American Angus Association



## Dear Angus friends,

On behalf of nearly 4,600 Purina Mills dealers across the United States, I would like to welcome you to the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour.

Purina Mills, along with our strong corporate partner, Alpharma Animal Health, are pleased to be the major sponsors for this conference. We appreciate the great working relationship Purina Mills continues to have with the American Angus Association and its excellent staff. We believe the American Angus Association is a leader in developing programs and support mechanisms to help improve the competitive advantage of its breeders. Again this year, the Association staff has assembled an excellent agenda that should make this conference a very wise investment of your time.

At Purina Mills, we share in your vision for the future of the cattle industry. With unsurpassed research and technical support, we lead the industry in providing America's cattlemen with innovative products and programs to help you make more efficient use of your resources of land, labor, capital and management. This is accomplished through Purina Mills' exclusive Intake Modifying Technology,<sup>®</sup> found in products like

Accuration<sup>®</sup> Cattle Limiters; Sup-R-Lix<sup>®</sup>; Sup-R-Block<sup>®</sup>; and Impact<sup>®</sup> starters, growers and finishers. We are confident that selecting these programs, along with sound advice from your local Purina dealer, can help you achieve the performance and financial goals of your operation.

Purina is happy to share our sponsorship for this progressive event with one of our key corporate partners, Alpharma Animal Health, makers of such great products as Aureomycin,<sup>®</sup> AS700,<sup>®</sup> Bovatec<sup>®</sup> and Deccox.<sup>®</sup> As part of a sound nutritional program from Purina Mills, these products help you protect your investment.

If you have questions about Purina products or want to find the location of your nearest dealer, you can call 1-800-227-8941, or visit our Web site at [www.cattlenutrition.com](http://www.cattlenutrition.com).

Again, welcome, and have a great conference and tour.

Sincerely,

**Rod Nulik**

Purina Mills Marketing Manager

## Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Imagine the life of a pioneer in the 1800s. Leaving your home behind, traveling westward in a covered wagon with a few necessary staples to find adventure, claim land, mine for gold and start a better life for you and your family.

You will experience all this and more during a stop at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center east of Baker City, Ore. The inside exhibits lead you through the experiences of the early pioneers, from traveling over the flatlands, conquering the mountain ranges and vast rivers and traveling west. Many of the exhibits are based on the diaries of these pioneers. Outside, you can follow a walking trail that follows the wagon ruts left more than 150 years ago.

This stop is hosted by the Oregon Angus Association. To



learn more go to <http://oregontrail.blm.gov>.

## Thomas Angus Ranch

Nestled in the scenic Baker Valley of Eastern Oregon is an Angus ranch with nearly 60 years in the registered Angus business. Thomas Angus Ranch began in 1947 when Bob and Gloria Thomas purchased their first Angus cattle. After moving from the Midwest to the Northeast, the Thomas family made a bold move to the Northwest, where they raised their family and established an Angus herd that has grown into one of the largest seedstock operations in the country.

Today, Thomas Angus Ranch is integrating the old with the new, where western heritage meets modern technology. Rob and Lori Thomas and their family manage more than 800 mother cows near Baker City, Ore. An extensive embryo transfer program allows them to implant more than 700 embryos annually into commercial cows in seven cooperative herds. The Thomas herd is managed on a forage-based, no-frills system, where the cows must survive the rugged conditions.

Thomas Angus Ranch utilizes two annual production sales as well as private-treaty sales to market their cattle. A fall sale features 300 bulls and 300 females, while their spring sale has grown to include 200 bulls.

The ranch was recognized as the 1997 BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year. Rob currently serves on the American Angus Association Board of Directors, as did his dad, Bob.

For more information about Thomas Angus Ranch, go to [www.thomasangusranch.com](http://www.thomasangusranch.com).



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## Bear Mountain Angus Ranch

Just beneath the Owyhee Mountains is Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, owned by Gary, Davy, Brian and Scott Stoller. What began as a simple 4-H project 20 years ago near Angels Camp, Calif., has grown into a registered Angus herd of nearly 400 cows today. The family took a short break from raising Angus cattle while Brian and Scott attended college, and they purchased the former Foote Acres operation outside Melba, Idaho, in 2001.

While producing high-quality, phenotypically correct cattle that are high performing and have acceptable carcass traits, the Stoller family breeds their cows with the commercial cattle producer in mind. They raise most of their own feed, have an intensive artificial insemination (AI) program, and calve both in the spring and fall.

Bear Mountain conducts its annual bull sale each February, and has a female sale each fall. In four short years, their annual bull sale average has more than doubled. In addition to raising bulls for the commercial producer, the Bear Mountain program also raises and markets many show heifers to youth. They enjoy helping juniors succeed, both in the showing and as the junior establishes his or her own Angus herd.

Brian and Gary are active in the Idaho Angus Association, Boise Valley Angus Association and Western States Angus Association.

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## Malson Angus Ranch

Malson Angus Ranch is owned and operated by Mark and Carla Malson. Two of their sons, Josh and Joe, manage the daily ranch activity. Located near the Oregon border at Parma, Idaho, Mark and his dad started their registered Angus herd in 1977 in land covered with sagebrush.

The Malsons' primary objective is to market sound, functional bulls to Western ranchers. They focus on performance and predictability in their cattle while using the most current data available in the industry. However, they feel that visual appraisal of bulls and females is also important. They host an annual bull sale each spring.

Over the years, the Malson family has taken an active role in junior Angus programs. Their children have competed on all levels, and Mark and Carla chaired the National Junior Angus Shows in 2001 and 2005. They feel their five children have benefited from the junior programs in the leadership skills gained and the friendships they have made.

Mark is the past president of the Western States Angus Association, and Carla is the advisor for the Idaho and Western States junior Angus associations. She also serves as president of the Western States Angus Auxiliary. The Malsons were named Idaho Angus Association Family of the Year in 1998. Their hard work has also paid off with successes in the showing, and they were awarded Roll of Victory (ROV) Show Bull of the Year honors in 1997.



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# Meet Your Speakers

## Mark Enns

Mark Enns is an assistant professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University (CSU), where he teaches and conducts research that focuses on methods to genetically evaluate and select animals that fit their production environment both biologically and economically. Some of his efforts include developing new methods for evaluating and improving cow and heifer fertility, adaptability to high-altitude environments, and developing selection methods to better use economic information for increased profitability. Enns was raised on his family's fourth-generation wheat and cattle operation in northwest Oklahoma. He received both his master's degree and doctorate from CSU.



## Brad Morgan

Brad Morgan is an associate professor of animal science at OSU, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in meat science and technology, and he also conducts research on the quality, quantity, safety and usefulness of meat and meat products. His research is directed toward development of a rapid, accurate, objective method to predict the tenderness of youthful, grain-fed beef carcasses. He received the American Meat Science Association distinguished teaching award in 2005. He received his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Texas A&M University, respectively.



## Sally Northcutt

Sally Northcutt is the genetic research director at the American Angus Association. She works closely with the Performance Programs Department to coordinate research activities, production reviews, and application of the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) and dollar value indexes (\$Values). Before coming to the Association, Northcutt was a private consultant for individual producers and organizations, and was also an associate professor and Extension beef cattle breeding specialist for Oklahoma State University (OSU). She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky, and earned her doctorate in beef cattle breeding and genetics from Iowa State University.



## Mike Kasten

Mike Kasten and his family own and operate Kasten Ranch, a commercial operation near Millersville, Mo. He has been producing cattle for more than 30 years and believes that low-cost production and production records are the keys to being profitable in the cattle business. He is president of the Missouri Show-Me Select Replacement Heifer program, a University of Missouri educational and marketing program targeted at improving production efficiency through increased use of existing technology. Kasten was the 2004 Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Commitment to Excellence Award recipient, and is a past president of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.



## Twig Marston

Twig Marston is the Kansas State University (K-State) beef Extension specialist in cow-calf management. His on-campus responsibilities include team-teaching beef science, organizing the cow-calf unit and implementing a statewide Extension program. He has instigated an outreach educational program designed to network Kansas cattle producers, as well as national and international beef producers. Marston currently serves as the executive director of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF). He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from K-State and his doctorate from OSU.



## Rod Nulik

Rod Nulik is the marketing manager for the beef cattle business group of Purina Mills, LLC, in Saint Louis, Mo. His responsibilities include developing brand strategy, as well as positioning and sales collateral material; developing and executing an advertising program; training program development for corporate sales and retailers; planning and conducting producer educational events; and business group communications. He started with Purina in 1982 as a management trainee and has also worked as a district sales manager and customer service manager. He is a K-State graduate and former vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, where he mentored four state FFA officers and three American FFA degree recipients.



# Tour Stops in the Great Northwest

Wednesday, September 27

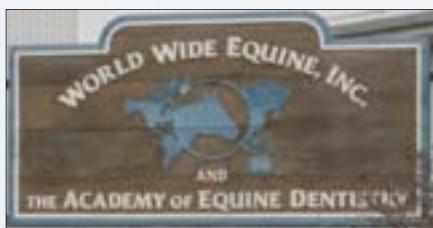
## Academy of Equine Dentistry

The Academy of Equine Dentistry USA is located in the small town of Glenns Ferry, Idaho, population 3,300. Four times each year a unique two-week course is offered to those interested in equine dental health. The school is operated by practitioners who teach students from around the world, including the United States, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Australia and Spain. Approximately half of the students are foreign, and they perform dentistry on horses, cattle and oxen.

The Academy publishes a quarterly magazine, the *Horse Dentistry & Bitting Journal*.

In addition to touring the dentistry school, the tour will go by the manufacturing plant of World Wide Equine Inc., a leading manufacturer of nearly 300 different equine dental instruments. Shipped around the world, the instruments are designed by master dentists and craftsmen to provide high-quality dentistry for the horse with the least stress possible.

To learn more about the Academy of Equine Dentistry, visit [www.equinedentalacademy.com](http://www.equinedentalacademy.com).



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## 101 Ranch Inc.

The 101 Ranch near King Hill, Idaho, is a family-owned operation with more than 425 registered Angus cows and one cow elk, Ellie, that has adopted the black cow herd as her own. Jim and Marie Kast and their family, Ross and Melissa Kast and Brian and Cherrynn Bizik, own and operate the ranch that has consisted of Angus cattle since 1990. Prior to that, Jim and his parents raised commercial cattle on the land.

Calving ease and maternal traits are keys to the Kasts' operation. At 101 Ranch, they select and breed for calving ease in heifers and cows. They use bulls with low birth weights, good growth and sound carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs) that emphasize marbling. In addition to raising cattle, they farm 1,600 acres. Of those acres, 1,100 use their unique gravity irrigation system. Water flows from a diversion pond into a 24-inch pipeline above the ranch and produces water pressure up to 120 pounds per square inch.

101 Ranch hosts its joint production sale with TLC Angus each December, selling both bulls and females.

Another item to note on the way to the 101 Ranch is a tombstone for Tom and Jerry, a matched pair of coal-black mules, owned by family friends Jim and Jean Brooks. Tom and Jerry pulled wagons and buggies in more than 150 parades in the Northwest, including a wagon carrying President Ronald Reagan in 1986.

Jim and Marie were inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame earlier this spring. To learn more about 101 Ranch, go to [www.101ranch.com](http://www.101ranch.com).



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## National Fish Hatchery

Aquaculture is a growing industry in southern Idaho, and a stop at the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery will give tour participants insight into various segments of the industry — government, private, research and education.

The National Fish Hatchery produces more than 1.5 million steelhead trout each year. Eggs are received by the hatchery each April, and the fish are raised to 6-8 inches, which takes about 11 months. They are then released back into Idaho rivers. Research is conducted using a coded wire tag, similar to an electronic tag. Fish and wildlife workers can scan the tag implanted on some fish, which has shown that for every 1,000 smolts released, only three to 10 return to Idaho as adults.

While at the hatchery, you can view the raceways where the steelheads are raised, as well as see a few of the resident sturgeons and rainbow trout in an observation pond.

For more information go to [www.fws.gov/fisheries](http://www.fws.gov/fisheries).



## Spring Cove Ranch

The Spring Cove Ranch at Bliss, Idaho, has been raising Angus cattle for 87 years. In 1919, Arthur and Effie Butler purchased registered Aberdeen Angus cows. Today, their grandchildren, Art and Stacy Butler, along with Daniel and Diana Butler and their families, continue the tradition of raising their families and Angus cattle on the homesteaded acres and survive solely on agriculture.

They raise their cattle in a desert environment that posts 8 inches of rainfall annually, so irrigation is a necessity. They also use a private Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grazing allotment that borders their ranch to graze their herd. Due to their environment, they focus on breeding moderate, easy-fleshing Angus cattle backed by generations of proven performance. They market their yearlings, fall yearlings, a few 2-year-old bulls and select females during a joint production sale they host with Sawtooth Cattle Co. in March.

Spring Cove Ranch received the American Angus Association Centennial Angus Herd Award in 1983 and was named the Idaho Angus Association Family of the Year in 1989. Art is past president of the Idaho Angus Association, and Stacy is past president of the Idaho Angus Auxiliary. They are ensuring the future of their ranch with the fifth generation being active in junior Angus programs.

To read more about this historic operation, visit [www.springcoveranch.com](http://www.springcoveranch.com).



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