

Gather in Boise

National Angus Conference & Tour set for Sept. 26-28.

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Opportunities to hear from beef industry leaders, the chance to rekindle old Angus friendships and make new acquaintances, and time to tour the scenic Northwest are all offered at this year's National Angus Conference & Tour. Slated for Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho, "The Great Northwest Gathering" offers something for every Angus enthusiast.

The American Angus Association, along with its corporate partners Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health, invite all producers to the conference and tour. The one-day conference begins with a Back to Basics program during which Association staff will provide program updates. The conference features top industry experts who will address all cycles of beef production, from reproduction to nutrition to end product.

The two-day tour, hosted by the Idaho and Oregon Angus associations, will feature ranches in a variety of terrain — from the desert to the mountains. Angus stops include 101 Ranch Inc., King Hill, Idaho; Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, Idaho; Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho; Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho; and Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore. Additional stops include the Academy of Equine Dentistry at Glens Ferry, Idaho; the National Fish Hatchery, Hagerman, Idaho; and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, Ore. All cattle stops will also host cattle from other producers.

"The breeders in the Northwest are excited to host this tour and showcase a part of the country that not many people pass through and see," Association Regional Manager Rod Wesselman says. "We hope everyone will take the time to come to Boise for the National Conference and Tour, and the opportunity to meet the people and see their cattle."

Producers interested in attending the event have just a few weeks left to take advantage of the early registration fee. Register by Aug. 25 for \$75, which includes bus transportation, most meals and materials. After Aug. 25, the fee increases to \$100 per person.

The Boise Doubletree Riverside hotel will serve as event headquarters. A block of rooms has been reserved for \$83 per room, plus tax. 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.

For more information about the tour, contact Shelia Stannard, Association director of activity communications and event coordinator, at [sstannard@angus.org](mailto:ssannard@angus.org), or visit www.nationalangusconference.com. Online registration is available.

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.



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