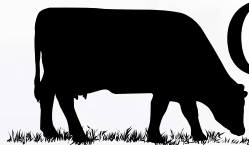


2006 National Angus Conference & Tour

The Great Northwest Gathering

September 26-28



Idaho and Oregon Angus associations host National Tour.

Story & photos by **Shelia Stannard**

Angus enthusiasts, mark your calendars for the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour, set for Sept. 26-28. The American Angus Association is pleased to announce that Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health are the major sponsors of "The Great Northwest Gathering." Boise, Idaho, will serve as the event headquarters, and the Idaho and

Oregon Angus associations will host a tour of Angus operations and other agricultural sites.

"Purina Mills is proud to be a major sponsor for this event that features some of the industry's top speakers and an opportunity to tour some of the most progressive Angus operations in the Pacific Northwest," says Rod Nulik, Purina Mills marketing manager. "Purina Mills and our key corporate partner, Alpharma Animal Health, share with the American Angus Association the common goal of continuing to improve the competitive advantage and profitability of America's beef producers."

A welcome reception will be held on Monday, Sept. 25, for those who have traveled in and want to visit with fellow Angus breeders. The official event begins

Tuesday, Sept. 26, with a "Back to Basics" program where Association staff will update attendees about changes and enhancements to programs.

The conference program begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday with a slate of industry speakers that includes Mark Enns, Colorado State University; Mike Kasten, Kasten Ranch, Millersville, Mo.; Twig Marston, Kansas State University; Brad Morgan, Oklahoma State University; Sally Northcutt, American Angus Association; and Rod Nulik, Purina Mills.

A two-day tour of the scenic Northwest begins on Wednesday, when buses will travel east of Boise. Stops include 101 Ranch Inc., King Hill, Idaho; Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, Idaho; the National Fish Hatchery, Hagerman, Idaho; and the Academy of Equine Dentistry, Glens Ferry, Idaho. On Thursday, the tour will travel west and north to Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho; Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho; and Thomas Angus Ranch and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, both in Baker City, Ore. All cattle stops will also host cattle from other producers.

Registration is available for just \$75 and covers the conference, tour, meals and bus transportation during the tour. Register by Aug. 25 to get the early registration rate. After that, registration is \$100. Register online at www.angus.org or by contacting Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5143. Hotel

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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	×	Cost Before Aug. 25	=	Total Enclosed
_____	×	\$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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accommodations are available at the headquarters, Doubletree Boise Riverside. A room block is available at the rate of \$83 per night. Make reservations early to ensure availability by calling (208) 343-1871, and ask for the American Angus Association rate.

Look for more information about the 2006 National Angus Conference & Tour in the July *Angus Journal* or online at www.nationalangusconference.com, or call the Association.



2006 National Angus Conference & Tour “The Great Northwest Gathering”

Monday, Sept. 25

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

Tuesday, Sept. 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

Wednesday, Sept. 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, Sept. 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.