



Tour of New York Angus

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For those outside the state, New York is not often associated with agriculture, but more than 220 attendees of the 2013 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T) got to know the agricultural side of New York. Touring within the Adirondack Mountains, attendees got to see rolling landscapes, curving roads and plenty of green grass and trees.

The first day of the tour included Garret Farms, Hillsdale; the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.; and ended at Trowbridge Farms, Ghent. Interested tour attendees were invited to stay for the Trowbridge sale.

The second day of the tour included Heathcote Farm, Amenia; Walbridge Farm and Market, Millbrook; Hyde Park, which included tours of the Vanderbilt mansion and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's home; and Rally Farms, Millbrook. After the tour, interested participants were invited to attend the Garret Farms sale.

American Angus Association Board President Phil Trowbridge also educated attendees on the area's rich history.

More information on the conference speakers and tour stops can be found at www.nationalangusconference.com.

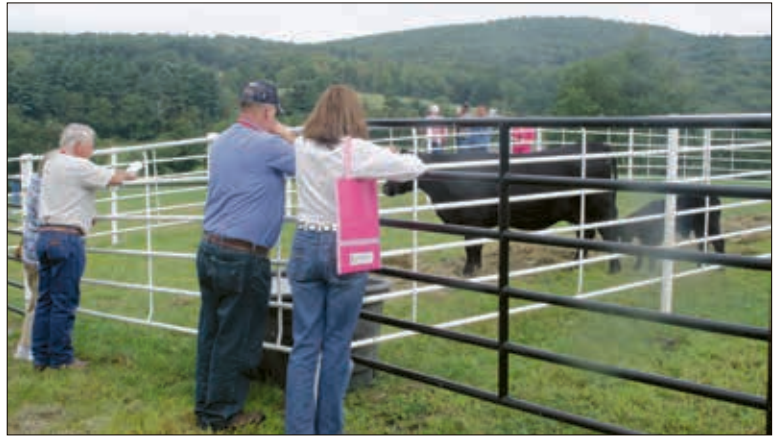
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Day 1
Garret Farms



► **Above:** Garret Matteo, owner and manager of Garret Farms, welcomes tour attendees and explains his operation.



► **Above:** Tour attendees view the lots for the Garret Farms sale Friday night. Interested participants were able to attend the sale after the tour.



Day 1
Norman Rockwell Museum



Day 1
Trowbridge Farms



► **Above:** Phil Trowbridge tells participants about the inner workings of his operation and about some of the history of the area.



► While genetic selection is a large priority, Trowbridge explains that structural soundness and docility are also important selection criteria.



► **Right:** Tour attendees enjoy a steak dinner and the opportunity to attend the sale at Trowbridge Farms Thursday evening.



► Participants were able to view many of Norman Rockwell's original paintings and his studio at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.



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► Terry Cotton, *Angus Journal* general manager, and Will Mayfield, American Angus Association regional manager, take bids during the sale at Trowbridge Farms Thursday night.

Day 2
Heathcote Farm



► Dave Richmond, Heathcote Farm and estate manager, kicks off the second day of tours by welcoming everyone to Heathcote Farm.



► Tour participants could view cattle up close and examine their pedigrees.

Day 2
Walbridge Farm and Market



► Tour participants could evaluate several ranches' cattle at the Walbridge Farm and Market stop.



► Attendees enjoy a gourmet meal at Walbridge Farm and Market.



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► Tour attendees learn how products are marketed at the Walbridge Market. Consumers like to see the farm near the market.

**Day 2
Rally Farms**



► Jesse Bontecou wraps up the tour at Rally Farms. The farm has won the regional National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Environmental Stewardship Award.

**Day 2
Hyde Park**



► **Left:** Delura and Hugh Knight, Happy Hill Farms, Orangeburg, S.C., pose with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt statues at Hyde Park.

► **Above:** The Roosevelt family loved horses. Tour attendees viewed their stables, where one resident horse was aptly named New Deal.



► Attendees wrapped up the tour at Rally Farms with its iconic red barns and plenty of green grass.



► Participants chose between touring the Vanderbilt Mansion or the Franklin Delano Roosevelt home.

