

National Angus Conference & Tour Set in Illinois

The 2007 National Angus Conference & Tour is scheduled for Aug. 29-31 and will headquarter in Peoria, Ill. The American Angus Association and the Illinois Angus Association will host the “Heartland Homecoming,” along with event partners Purina Mills LLC and Alpharma Animal Health.

“Each year the Association works diligently to plan a conference program and tour that participants will look forward to,” says Shelia Stannard, Association event coordinator. “This year is no exception, as we look forward to bringing this event to the heartland, and the state where the Association charter was established.”

A daylong conference program is set for Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Peoria. Industry experts and Association staff will discuss current topics such as reproductive and feed efficiencies, end product merit, customer service and Association programs.



The tour will kick off that evening with a stop at Weaver Angus Farms, Peoria.

The two-day tour will continue Aug. 30-31. Tour goers will get a behind-the-scenes look at two businesses in Peoria, as well as view Angus genetics on display by Illinois Angus breeders. A tour at the CAT plant and Keystone Steel and Wire will showcase how CAT tractors and wire and panels are manufactured.

Tour stops over the two days will include Werner Angus, Rapids City; Dameron

Angus Farm, Lexington; Prairie View Farm, Gridley; and Sauk Valley Angus, Rock Falls. A fairgrounds stop in Eureka will allow other Illinois breeders to showcase their Angus cattle.

Registration materials will be available from the American Angus Association in the near future, and registration for the event is just \$75, which covers meals at the event, conference materials and bus transportation during the tour. A block of rooms is available at the Holiday Inn City Centre at (309) 674-2500. Be sure to ask for the American Angus Association block to get the negotiated rate.

The National Angus Conference & Tour is one of many of the programs planned by the American Angus Association, with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., for its 34,000 members and the thousands of commercial producers who use Angus genetics. Watch www.angus.org for more information about this event.

