



Angus cattle took center stage at the 2001 Nebraska Angus Tour preceding the 2001 National Angus Conference.



More than 400 Angus enthusiasts from 28 states and Canada participated in the two-day tour. The tour featured Angus ranches located in the Nebraska Sandhills.

Cruising *the* Sandhills

Angus enthusiasts tour the Nebraska Sandhills during the National Angus Conference and Tour.

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The first stop on Monday morning, Oct. 1, was Darr Feedlot, Cozad, Neb. The lot has a one-time capacity of 29,000 head.



Tour participants gathered around the feedmill at the Darr Feedlot stop. The locally owned feedlot is a partner in the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Feedlot Licensing Program (FLP).



The lunch stop on Monday was at Summitcrest's Nebraska unit near Broken Bow. On display were several groups of cows and heifer calves representing their breeding program.



Slagle Angus co-hosted the lunch stop on Monday. Mark Slagle welcomed guests to the stop and explained the Slagle breeding program.



Angus producers had the opportunity to view the Angus genetics of three herds at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Burwell, Neb. On display were cattle from Mike Sitz Angus Ranch and Thoene Angus, both of Burwell, and Foster Angus, Taylor.



The final stop before dinner on Monday night was at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow where 26 pens of cattle were on display.



Monday evening tour participants enjoyed *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) brand steaks at Uncle Ed's Steakhouse in Broken Bow. Helping serve was John Stika, CAB director of feeder-packer relations.



The beautiful Wm. Zutavern Cattle Co., located on the Dismal River, was stop No. 1 on Tuesday. The Zutavern family has been raising Angus cattle for more than five generations.



Tour-goers spent 26 hours traveling nearly 700 miles through the Sandhills of Nebraska.



It was a short bus ride from the Zutavern stop to Minert-Simonson Angus Ranch, Dunning. There, the Minert family had several groups of bulls and females on display.



John Kraye welcomed tour participants to the 19,300-acre Kraye Angus Ranch, near Mullen. The Kraye family manages 350 registered Angus cows, 400 commercial cows and nearly 800 acres of irrigated alfalfa.



The final stop was at Haythorn Land & Cattle Co., south of Arthur. Several area Angus producers had cattle on display, and several Haythorn-bred Quarter Horse studs were available for review.



Good food, good Angus cattle and good friends were all highlights of the tour. Participants enjoyed CAB brand prime rib at the final tour stop Tuesday evening.

Each bus was staffed with a Nebraska Angus host who pointed out interesting facts about Nebraska and the Sandhills between stops. Pictured here is bus host Adam Smith (right) along with Nebraska Angus Association Secretary/Manager Jennifer Svoboda. Smith also did daily radio reports on Lexington's KVRN.

