



'The Great Northwest Gathering' Online

National Angus Conference & Tour coverage available on the Web.

Speakers included Sally Northcutt and Ty Groshans of the American Angus Association; Mark McCully, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB); and Brad Morgan, Oklahoma State University.

After lunch, Mark Enns, an assistant professor of animal sciences at Colorado State

University, discussed reproduction in the cow herd, followed by Northcutt, Association director of genetic research, who presented an Association reproduction review. Twig Marston, Kansas State University beef Extension specialist in cow-calf management, discussed producing with optimums, while Brad Morgan, associate professor of animal science at Oklahoma State University, discussed carcass evaluation.

Mike Kasten, owner and operator of Kasten Ranch, a commercial operation near Millersville, Mo., ended the program with a cow-to-carcass wrap-up. Rod Nulik, Purina Mills marketing manager, spoke during the evening meal.

The tour began Wednesday morning

and included stops in Idaho at the Academy of Equine Dentistry at Glens Ferry, 101 Ranch Inc. at King Hill, the National Fish Hatchery at Hagerman, and Spring Cove Ranch at Bliss.

Thursday featured stops in both Idaho and Oregon, starting at Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho; and moving on to Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho; the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, Ore.; and Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore.

Other Idaho producers who displayed cattle at the various stops included: TLC Angus, Bliss; Frisbie Cattle Co., Melba; Bell Key Angus, Nampa; Blue Sage Acres Ranch, Emmett; Colyer Cattle Co., Bruneau; WWW Cattle Co., Filer; Nelson Angus Ranch, Salmon; Salmon Tract Angus, Twin Falls; Sugar Top Angus, Jerome; Sawtooth Cattle Co., Gooding; Pristine Springs Angus, Jerome; Feasenhiser Angus, Fruitland; Camas Prairie Angus, Grangeville; Gardiner Prime Angus

Ranch, Porthill; Hillwater Angus, Parma; Weldon Farms, Weiser; and Rick Graves, Buhl. Also, cattle from 65 Roses Ranch, Villissca, Iowa, was displayed.

Oregon producers displaying cattle at the stops included Holiday Ranch, Terrebonne; Kessler Angus, Milton-Freewater; Bar KD Ranch, Culver; Brinkman Farms, Molalla; White Cattle Co, Burns; JLK Ranches Inc., Baker City; Mount View Cattle Co., Baker City; Buchanan Angus Ranch, Klamath Falls; Gardner Angus, Richland; Oregon Cattle Ranch, Hermiston; Crescent A Ranches, Halfway; and Meadow Acres Angus, Echo.

The National Angus Conference & Tour was hosted by the American Angus Association and Idaho and Oregon Angus associations. Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health were the major sponsors of the event.

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Approximately 350 participants gathered Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho, for the "The Great Northwest Gathering," which kicked off with a "Back to Basics" seminar updating producers on enhancements to Association programs and services.

