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# 'The Great Northwest Gathering'

**National Angus Conference & Tour set for Sept. 26-28.**

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Opportunities to hear from beef industry leaders, the chance to rekindle old Angus friendships and make new acquaintances and time to tour the scenic Northwest are all offered on this year's National Angus Conference & Tour. Slated for Sept. 26-28 in Boise, Idaho, "The Great Northwest Gathering" offers something for every Angus enthusiast.

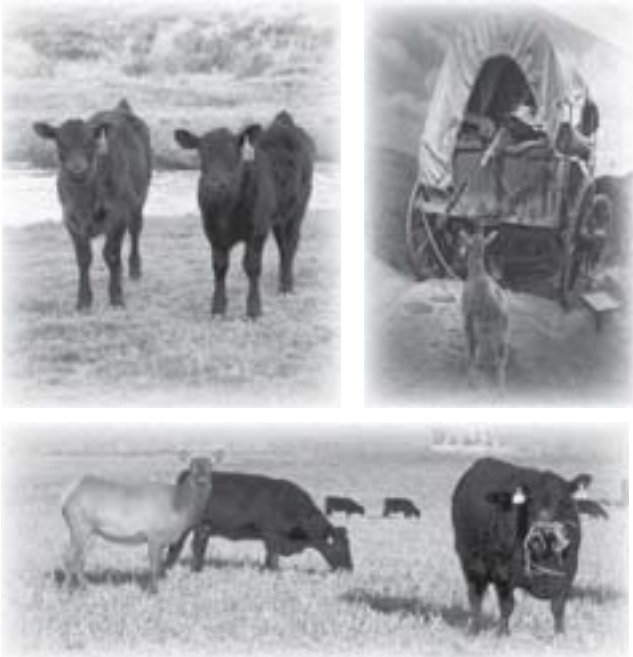
The American Angus Association, along with its corporate partners Purina Mills, LLC, and Alpharma Animal Health, invite all producers to the conference and tour. The one-day conference begins with a "Back to Basics" program, where Association staff will provide program updates. The conference features some top industry experts who will address all cycles of

beef production, from reproduction to nutrition and the end product.

The two-day tour, hosted by the Idaho and Oregon Angus associations, will feature ranches in a variety of environments, from the desert to the mountains. Angus stops include 101 Ranch Inc., King Hill, Idaho; Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, Idaho; Bear Mountain Angus Ranch, Melba, Idaho; Malson Angus Ranch, Parma, Idaho; and Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore. Additional stops include the Academy of Equine Dentistry at Glenns Ferry, Idaho; the National Fish Hatchery, Hagerman, Idaho; and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, Ore.

Other Idaho producers who will display cattle at the various stops include 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; and Feasenhiser Angus, Fruitland; Camas Prairie Angus, Grangeville; and more.

Oregon producers slated to display cattle at the stops include Holiday Ranch, Terrebonne; Kessler Angus, Milton-Freewater; Bar KD Ranch, Culver; and more.

"The breeders in the Northwest are excited to host this tour and showcase a part of the country that not many people pass through and see," says Rod Wesselman, Association regional manager. "We hope everyone will take the time to come to Boise for the National Conference and Tour, and the opportunity to meet the people and see their cattle."

Producers interested in attending the event have just a few weeks left to take advantage of the early registration

fee. Register by Aug. 25 for \$75, which includes bus transportation, most meals and materials. After Aug. 25, the fee increases to \$100 per person.

The Boise Doubletree Riverside is the event headquarters. A block of rooms has been reserved for \$83, plus tax, per room. All attendees must make their own room reservations by calling the hotel directly at (208) 343-1871. Rooms in the Angus block will be available until Aug. 25. After that date, reservations will be made on a space and rate available basis. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the Boise International Airport.

For more information about the tour, contact Shelia Stannard, Association director of communications and events, at [stannard@angus.org](mailto:stannard@angus.org), or visit [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com). Online registration is also available.



## Schedule

### Monday, September 25

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

### Tuesday, September 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 — Rod Nulik

### Wednesday, September 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, September 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.



## General Information

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### Travel information

Most major airlines provide service in and out of Boise, Idaho, including Delta, United, Southwest, Northwest, Continental, Frontier, US Airways and Horizon. The Boise Doubletree Riverside is located at 2900 Chinden Blvd. From Interstate 84 W., take Exit 49 to Interstate 184 E., then take Exit 3 to Fairview Ave. Take a left onto Garden St., and continue through the stoplight. The hotel will be on the right-hand side, next to Joe's Crab Shack restaurant.

### For more information

Contact Shelia Stannard at [stannard@angus.org](mailto:stannard@angus.org), or Linda Campbell at [lcampbell@angus.org](mailto:lcampbell@angus.org), or call (816) 383-5100 for more information.



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