

'Come Home to Kansas'



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The 2012 National Angus Conference and Tour is planned for Oct. 3-5.

by **Carrie Gilliam**, American Angus Association

American Angus Association members and supporters have a chance to “Come Home to Kansas” during the 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T). Scheduled for Oct. 3-5, the event will headquarter out of Wichita, Kan., and includes trips to both the Flint Hills and the western region of the state.

“This year’s NAC&T is full of informative speakers, inventive cattle operations, and, most of all, beautiful Kansas scenery,” says Bryce Schumann, the Association’s CEO. The event is hosted by both the American Angus Association and the Kansas Angus Association, along with sponsorship support by Land O’ Lakes Purina Feed LLC.

Rodney Nulik, Purina director of production livestock marketing, is a Kansas native and is proud to be a part of the NAC&T again this year.

“Experience tells me that no matter where it is held, the NAC&T will be another ‘can’t miss’ event,” Nulik says.

The 2012 agenda consists of a one-day conference, including industry-leading speakers and educational seminars, and

two days of tours, which will feature the state’s historic Angus genetics. Gather for the welcome reception the evening of Oct. 2. The conference portion begins Wednesday, Oct. 3, and will feature feed efficiency, reproductive performance, genomics and agriculture’s global footprint. The first tour stop —

McCurry Bros. Angus of Sedgwick — takes place that evening.

“Angus enthusiasts from across the nation will learn something new, view elite Angus genetics and create friendships during the conference and tour,” says Shelia Stannard, Association director of activities and events. “We have a wide variety of items lined up; there is something for everyone at this highly anticipated event.”

The Flint Hills tour on Thursday will be Sankey’s 6N Ranch, Council Grove; Fink Beef Genetics, Randolph; Lyons Ranch, Alta Vista; and historic Cottonwood Falls. Friday’s

tour of western Kansas will feature Pratt Feeders, followed by stops at Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland; Giles Ranch, Bucklin; and Stucky Ranch, Kingman. Other herds will be on display at many of the tour stops, and CAB is sponsoring a portion of the tour meals.

Registration will be available at www.angus.org. Early registration is \$150 per person and due Aug. 20.

After that date, registration increases to \$175. The final deadline is Sept. 10. However, walk-ins are accepted as space is available.

Attendees are encouraged to make their own hotel reservations at the Double Tree Wichita Airport, which is the headquarters hotel. Call 1-800-247-4458 and ask for the American Angus block to get the negotiated rate.

For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.nationalangusconference.com; or contact the Activities Department at 816-383-5100.



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