

2010 VIRGINIA ANGUS BREAD BASKET OF THE SOUTH TOUR

The Virginia Angus Association hosted the second Annual Angus Tour on August 8--10, 2010. Participants from nine states including New York, Connecticut, Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Tennessee gathered at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton on Sunday, August 8, 2010 for the welcome reception where they enjoyed some southern hospitality, visited with some old friends and made new ones. The tour guide was Jon Repair, past president of the Virginia Angus Association.

The actual tour began early Monday morning with a stop at the famous Shenandoah Caverns. The group then visited Benfield Farm in Deerfield, who provided lunch for the group. The next stop was the CSF Cattle Company in Raphine who also provided a tour and dinner for the group at the Shenandoah Valley AREC. The AREC is the birth place of the International Harvester Company and provided interesting old machinery exhibits for the final stop of the day

Tuesday morning began early again with a trip to Berryville where the group toured the popular North American Breeders facility, followed by lunch and a cattle tour at Mountain Valley Angus in Harrisonburg. Tuesday afternoon found the group on a guided tour through the historical New Market Battlefield. The final events were dinner and a visit to Wehrmann Angus.

The 2010 Break Basket of the South tour offered participants a chance to explore some of Virginia's rich history, tour some progressive Angus operations with cutting edge genetics, and visit with fellow cattle producers.

The Virginia Angus Association would like to thank all of the generous sponsors that helped make this memorable event possible. This year's sponsors were: Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, Fleenor Cattle Co., Vigortone, Accelerated Genetics, Intervet and Valley Vet. The 2010 Bread Basket of the South tour was truly a success. One couple commented "this was the most enjoyable tour, very informative and organized with lots to see and do; Jon was a world of information. We look forward to doing this again". Virginia Angus also would like to thank all the farms that hosted the cattle tours: Benfield Farm - Don & Juliana Benner; CSF Cattle Co. - C.S. Fitzgerald; North American Breeders - Tim Schofield; Mountain Valley Angus - Mike & Beth Bazzle & Jon Ma; and Wehrmann Angus -- Richard McClung. The attendees appreciated all the insights the farm hosts provided and the quality of cattle. Without your support and participation, this event would not be possible.



The Virginia Angus Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the Angus breed of cattle. This is accomplished through the organization of sales, field days and events like this as well as marketing. For more information on Virginia Angus and all we can offer please visit our web site at [www. vaangus.org](http://www.vaangus.org) or call (540) 337-3001

