

## TOUR 1

Fullerton Training & Management, Inc. - [fullertonmanagement.com](http://fullertonmanagement.com)

Fullerton Training & Management, Inc. is a team of professional horsemen who offer a complete experience in showing, training, stallion management, breeding and the marketing of world class Paint and Quarter horses. Having experience with showing, training and coaching the winners of ninety-one World and Reserve World Championships, to date, in five breed registration associations, is what sets Fullerton Management apart and makes them a leader in the Equine Industry.

American Italian Pasta Company – Excelsior Springs, MO - [www.aipc.com](http://www.aipc.com)

The Excelsior Springs, Missouri AIPC Plant is the largest pasta plant in North America. They produce over 1 million pounds of pasta in a 24 hour period. Also, they have their own mill on site which receives durum semolina in from primarily North Dakota. During this tour you will witness semolina being milled and multiple shapes of pasta being produced, dried and packaged. AIPC has concentrated in the dry pasta category and produces more than 80 dry pasta shapes packaged in over 1200 finished goods ranging from 8 oz. cartons to 2000 pound totes.

Tom Burke Suffolk Farm

Jim Heggemeier's Suffolks & Hampshire Sheep - Platte City, MO

Two flocks of registered Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep are maintained on the Tom Burke Farm near Platte City, Missouri under the daily guidance of Jim Heggemeier.

At the past two National Suffolk Shows in Louisville, Kentucky in 2005 and 2006, the Burke flock entered 33 classes and won with innumerable national champion rams and ewes. This program has consistently produced sheep that have topped the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, the National Suffolk Show & Sale, and the Ohio Suffolk Sale. During the farm tour, the 2007 Louisville bound Show Team will be available for your inspection.

American International Charolais Association, Kansas City, MO [www.charolaisusa.com](http://www.charolaisusa.com)

The AICA is currently celebrating their 50th anniversary as the official registry for Charolais and Charbray cattle in the United States. Charolais cattle were first brought to the U.S. in 1936. In 1957, the American Charolais Breeders Association and the International Charolais Breeders Association merged forming the present AICA. Tour this facility to see how a breed association works to help Charolais cattle breeders and promote the Charolais breed.

## TOUR 2

Rottinghaus Holsteins- Seneca, KS [www.rottinghausholsteins.com](http://www.rottinghausholsteins.com)

Located just an hour west of St. Joseph, Missouri in Seneca, Kansas, Rottinghaus Holsteins houses many impressive show Holsteins. They are leaders in the show ring and one look at their cattle would prove it. They own registered Holsteins along with a few Jerseys. It is a family farm that works with heifers, bulls, semen, embryos, and lactating cows. A new double 16 milking barn is also a sight to see on the farm. The Rottinghaus family has made several appearances at the Richmond Black and White Show, Southern Nationals, Mid-East Fall National Holstein Show, and the World Dairy Expo. Take a look at their website to see some of the champion dairy cattle found there.

Heartland Jerseys - Seneca, KS [www.heartlandjerseys.com](http://www.heartlandjerseys.com)

Heartland Jerseys is an all-registered Jersey dairy established in 1988 with the purchase of two bred heifers and has grown, down-sized, and grown again to its present 325 milking cows and 260 replacement heifers. At this operation you will see facilities for artificial insemination, embryo transfer, maternity care, and hoof care. The Heartland Jersey team is a family run business that is very efficient in their herd management.

Haverkamp Brothers, Inc and Nemaha Valley Angus - Bern, KS

Haverkamp Brothers is a family swine operation consisting of multiple locations, which encompasses a farrow to finish swine enterprise. Their breeding operation consists of primarily Fast Genetics line of sows, and have a total inventory of 7,000 sows. The location we will be touring is a 2000 sow unit and is a total confinement operation. You must not have been on a swine operation for at least 48 hours prior to touring this location to maintain proper biosecurity.

Nemaha Valley Angus, Inc. is a family operation in northern Nemaha County, Kansas near the Nebraska border. We run 300 spring calving and 50 fall calving cows. Our producing Registered Angus females currently number over 90 head. At present we sell Registered Angus bulls by private treaty and at the annual Kansas Angus Association Bull Grower Project "Top Cut Sale". Our goal is to continue to improve feedlot and carcass characteristics, while not straying from the fundamental strengths of the Angus breed. Since 2001 Nemaha Valley Angus, Inc. has been collecting individual carcass data on both commercial and purebred steers.

## **TOUR 3**

Judd Ranch, Pomona, KS - [www.juddranchinc.com](http://www.juddranchinc.com)

Judd Ranch is a family owned and managed operation consisting of 450-plus purebred Gelbvieh mother cows, 20 Red Angus cows, approximately 150 Gelbvieh and Red Angus replacement heifers, and 100-some Red Angus/Gelbvieh recipients. Gelbvieh have been a part of the cowherd for more than 20 plus years, with Balancer and Red Angus purebreds added in 2000.

Lone Star Lake Bison Ranch, Overbrook, KS - [www.lonestarbison.com](http://www.lonestarbison.com)

Lone Star Lake Bison Ranch is owned and operated by Don and Terri Gibbs. Located in southwest Douglas County, the Gibbs raise a herd of grass-fed bison that are free of hormones, growth stimulants, and antibiotics due to the animals' natural ability to thrive on native grasses. In 1998, the Gibbs began marketing bison meat and in 2000 the family began selling their meat at the Lawrence Farmers' Market.

Iwig Family Dairy, Tecumseh, KS

Iwig Family Dairy is a third generation family farm operation that began in 1910. In the early years (1930's to 1950's) the Iwig brothers bottled and owned the name Sunkist. They delivered their milk to the local hospitals and into some local homes. Today Tim and Laurel Iwig produce, process and market milk in glass bottles at the farm with a retail store, as well as selling to local groceries. Sampling will be a part of this tour, compliments of the Kansas Dairy Association.

## TOUR 4

### Palenske Ranch, Inc., Strong City, KS

A family owned and managed feedlot with an 8500 head capacity in the flint-hills of Kansas. They primarily feed cattle for customers (about 75%) with the remainder of the cattle owned by the operation. They also farm 2500 acres, consisting primarily of corn, with some wheat and soybean production as well. They have recently completed their comprehensive nutrient management plan and are in compliance with all environmental regulations with EPA/Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment.

### Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Strong City, KS [www.nps.gov/archive/tapr/home.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archive/tapr/home.htm)

This is the nation's only national park dedicated to the history of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. This preserve was originally called the Spring Hill Ranch, and just prior to becoming a national preserve, it was called the Z-Bar Ranch. This preserve is owned by The Nature Conservancy and encompasses more than 10,000 acres. Tour the original limestone ranch house and barn and take a bus into the prairie to see the breathtaking flint-hills of Kansas.

### Mashed O Ranch

The Mashed O Ranch is located in the middle of the Flint Hills. The 14,000 acre ranch was purchased in 1974 by Bill and Jean McDonald. The original Mashed O brand was used by Jean's Grandfather as early as 1880 and later at his ranch at Earth, Texas which he purchased in 1901.

When the ranch at Earth, Texas was sold the entire herd of Hereford cows was moved from Texas to the newly purchased ranch in Kansas. Bill McDonald died in 1984 and until his death the ranch was strictly a commercial Hereford operation. Virginia (Gina) Miller, the daughter of Bill and Jean McDonald, assumed the management of the ranch when her father died. At that time Angus bulls were purchased to put on the Hereford cows. Presently we use about half Hereford and half Black Angus bulls. First and second calf cows are bred to black bulls and after that they are rotated with Hereford and Black Angus. Weaning weights have risen from 435 pounds in 1980 to 650 pounds the last two years. Marketing strategies have varied, but in recent years everything but replacement heifers have been sold private treaty. The calves have gone to several feedlots in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. Along with the cow herd the ranch also takes in 1,250 steers for a ninety day early intensive grazing program.

Most years the entire ranch is burned during the early days of April. The practice of burning is done to control brush, improve stocker gains, and to maintain the tall grass prairie ecosystem.

## TOUR 5

Hill's Pet Nutrition Center, Topeka, KS [www.hillspet.com](http://www.hillspet.com)

Hill's Pet Nutrition Center in Topeka, Kansas, is a state-of-the art center that illustrates our commitment to improving the health of cats and dogs. We have a talented staff of veterinarians and nutritionists who create new products and improve existing ones. Hill's scientists author more than 50 research papers and textbook chapters each year and teach at leading schools of veterinary medicine all over the world. In addition to a staff of veterinarians and board-certified specialists in nutrition and internal medicine, we also have a staff of companion animals. Our furry team members put our products to the test, ensuring pets get the most nutritious, best-tasting food available. In return, we give them everything a pet could want, including clean, roomy living quarters, exercise areas, an agility course, and plenty of friends, both human and animal. Hill's long term investment in learning, technology and talented scientists has helped us develop industry-leading product innovations for our Science Diet® Brand and Prescription Diet® Brand products.

Mill Brae Ranch, Maple Hill, KS <http://www.millbraeranch.com>

Mill Brae Angus is a seedstock Angus operation which focuses on predictable genetics for practical cattlemen. The females in this herd have stacked pedigrees for performance where their dams, grandams, and third dams have been bred within the Mill Brae herd. With the implementation of ultrasound carcass EPDs they're able to identify females with positive carcass traits as well. They continually place particular emphasis on performance, dispositions, udder quality and structural correctness.

Since 1950, the Steeles have operated Lynn Brae Angus near Roanoke, VA and maintained an active membership in the American Angus Association. Active promoters of beef cattle performance testing, they helped establish the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association in 1955. In 1990, they were honored by that Association as the Seedstock Producer of the Year. After devoting nine years of leadership to the American Angus Association, T.D. was elected president in 1995. In 1987, they expanded their operation with the purchase of property near Maple Hill, KS, part of which was formerly known as Mill Brae Ranch. Mark Nikkel was hired as the herdsman and in 1990 and in 2001 he joined the operation as a partner and Mill Brae Ranch LLC was formed.

Topeka Zoo – Topeka, KS <http://www.topeka.org/zoo/>

Watch a professional chef (formerly for humans) prepare the daily diets for the animals at this zoo! The culinary center will be the heart of this zoo tour. Other exhibits will include African elephant, Asian Elephant, River Hippopotamus, Giraffes, Lemurs, Cranes and other smaller species. In 2004 a new outdoor exhibit and pool was constructed for the zoo's hippos Peka Sue and Submarie. This pool provides over 2,000 additional living space and a 28,000 gallon outdoor pool.

The Jungle Cats new exhibit opened in the summer of 2005 that features two Sumatran Tigers. The two male Sumatran tigers are the smallest of the five species of tigers and have the darkest coat, with broad stripes closely spaced together. The exhibit also houses our African black leopards. This new exhibit features a waterfall, live plants and trees in the exhibit for the leopards to utilize.

## TOUR 6

Sysco Corporation- Olathe, KS <http://kc.sysco.com>

SYSCO, North America's leading foodservice marketer and distributor is dedicated to helping our customer succeed. SYSCO operates in one of the most basic of industries - the distribution of food and related products and services to restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals, hotels, motels, schools, colleges, cruise ships, sports parks and summer camps - wherever a meal is prepared away from home. The site we will tour includes an intricate system for distribution. There is a lot of attention to small details in their warehouse. They have just about everything in their warehouse from bananas to plastic forks. Also on site is a kitchen where restaurants can send representatives to learn from professional chefs how to cook their foods they buy from SYSCO more effectively and deliciously! We will also potentially have our food prepared by these chefs for lunch!

The Woodlands (horse and dog racetrack) [www.woodlandskc.com](http://www.woodlandskc.com)

Situated on 400 acres in western Wyandotte County, Kansas, The Woodlands was the first dual racing facility in the United States. In addition to live horse and dog racing performances, The Woodlands features simulcast racing from many pari-mutuel horse and dog tracks throughout the country. The Fall Festival of Horse Racing begins in the latter part of September each year, and lasts approximately six weeks. The Greyhound Racing facility operates year-round, with live performances Thursday through Sunday every week.

Peeper Ranch, Lenexa, KS [www.peeperranch.com](http://www.peeperranch.com)

Set on more than six hundred beautiful acres and featuring more than 50,000 sq. feet of indoor riding areas, Peeper Ranch is the largest equestrian facility in the Kansas City area. The ranch focuses on the training, breeding and showing of Morgan's, with world renowned personnel. Their slogan is "Devoted to Excellence in Saddle Seat Riding". They have won numerous People's Choice awards hosted by the Horse World magazine in 2006. Their facilities and grounds are immaculate and very impressive to see. A demonstration of these world champion horses will be given during the tour.

## TOUR 7

Triumph Foods, St. Joseph, MO [www.triumphfoods.com](http://www.triumphfoods.com)

Triumph Foods is a producer owned company that opened their new state-of-the-art hog processing facility located in St. Joseph, Mo in January of 2006. The 600,000 plus square foot facility represents an investment of \$150 million. The company currently operates 2 shifts, employing 2,300 and processes approximately 16,000 hogs a day.

Handke Farms Feedlot, Muscotah, KS

Owned and managed by Terry and Paul Handke, this operation entails a total of 3,000 acres. This includes a 5,000 head capacity feedlot, 800 – 1000 acres of corn, and the remainder in soybeans, with occasional acreage of wheat and rye for grazing. Their ration for many years has been a wet distillers based ration, with corn silage and cracked corn. They also graze approximately 1000 head of yearling in the flintheills of Kansas, along with grazing cattle on their own cool season based grass pastures from April to July, and then restocking in fall for additional grazing. Terry Handke is a past president of the Kansas Livestock Association, and Paul Handke was formerly an analyst for Cattle- Fax and also worked for Andy Gottschalk (HedgersEdge.com).

Prime Tanning, St. Joseph, MO [www.primetanning.com](http://www.primetanning.com)

The largest blueing factory in the U.S., Prime St. Joseph produces over 2 million feet of wet blue per week. Hides leave the St. Joseph facility ready for dyeing and processing. This facility supplies all the leather that is finished at Prime's plant in Maine as well as other tanneries around the world.

This facility was recently awarded ISO-14001 Certification recognizing Prime's efforts in managing and operating the facility in a manner that minimizes effect on the environment.

Possible addition - Darling International (rendering facility)

## TOUR 8

Bohi Land and Cattle Co. – Wellsville, KS

Bohi Land and Cattle a family owned seedstock operation that is managed by Mr. Mike Horell. It consists of 2500 to 3000 registered Angus and Limflex (Limousin x Angus) cattle. Embryo transfer is used extensively at this operation. They exhibit cattle only at the major shows and will be showing at the American Royal. The cattle are located at three ranches; the headquarter ranch in Wellsville, as well as a ranch in Burlington, KS and Butler, MO.

Kansas Agri Energy Ethanol plant - Garnett, KS <http://www.ekaellc.com/>

Eight dry mill ethanol plants are currently in operation in Kansas with a capacity of over 215 million gallons. Current Kansas production creates a market for 76 million bushels of sorghum and corn. East Kansas Agri-Energy was started as a steering committee formed by farmers and businesspeople interested in building a value-added ethanol production facility in Eastern Kansas. This plant was completed and began operation in June, 2005. The plant will process over 13 million bushels of corn into 35 million gallons of ethanol and over 68,000 tons of distillers dried grains and 110,000 tons of distillers wet grains annually. The plant employs approximately 30 people.

Sundstrom Farms - Ottawa, KS

See a family dairy and farming operation that is milking 230 Holstein cows. Their facilities and highlights include a rotary milking parlor, freestall barns, and use pedometers to monitor the activity of the cows.

## TOUR 9 *(Limited number of openings available)*

Darling International Rendering Plant - Kansas City, KS [www.darlingii.com](http://www.darlingii.com)

Kansas City Steak Company - Kansas City, KS [www.kansascitysteaks.com](http://www.kansascitysteaks.com)

Darling International Hide Plant - Kansas City, MO [www.darlingii.com](http://www.darlingii.com)