

All Breeds Cattle Tour Visits Area Breeders

Twelve seedstock producers representing four breeds of cattle were showcased during the North Dakota Stockmen's Association's (NDSA) 38th Annual All Breeds Cattle Tour Oct. 6-7. This year's tour highlighted beef producers from the Steele area and welcomed more than 175 attendees from across the region.

"The breeders showcased tremendous pride in their programs," said Tour Chairman Jaxon Deckert of Arena. "They were eager to open their operations and share the genetics, management and dedication that make their operations successful."

The two-day tour commenced with registration at the Steele Inn & Suites. From there, the tour departed for visits to Koes-ter Red Angus, Steele with guest Thompson Angus, Kintyre; C Diamond Inc., Dawson; Weigel Angus Ranch, Kintyre; Lazy C Diamond Ranch, Kintyre; TLC Vetsch Angus Ranch, Hazelton; Kalberer Ranch, Hazelton; and

Bichler Simmentals, Linton. The first evening concluded with a supper at the Bichler Simmentals sale facility. NDSA President Randy Schmitt, a Rugby, producer, provided an update on association activities and current industry issues.

Day 2 began again at the Steele Inn & Suites before the group departed for visits to H7 Angus Ranch, Driscoll; Vollmer Angus Ranch, Wing.; Koski Land & Cattle, Wing; and Deckert Simmental Ranch. The tour concluded with a lunch at the Deckert Simmental Ranch sale barn.

"This year's tour reflected the strength of North Dakota's seedstock industry," said Schmitt. "From the quality of cattle to the camaraderie among producers and guests, it was an exceptional event that showcased the best our state has to offer."

The All Breeds Cattle Tour is a project of the NDSA Seedstock Council. Planning for next year's tour will begin in Spring 2026. It will be held in the Bismarck-Mandan area.

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Visitors at the home of Norma Rost on Sunday were Dorothy and Allen Solheim of North Carolina, Pearl Miller of Fargo, Dan and Gail Schlosser of Edgeley, Tom Rost of Devils Lake and Linda Hehr of Kulm.

Randa and Larry Ganer of Oakes were Wednesday visitors in the home of Donavon and Mary Louise Fey.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Rick and Kathy Schlecht were Jason Lauth of Jamestown and Gary Schlecht of Gackle.

Thursday Rick and Kathy Schlecht visited with Lemore and Joan Hehr at their home in Jamestown.

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Winter Preparedness for Trees:

Some of you may already be making preparations for winter. Don't forget about your trees. Simple management actions can help trees survive the winter and even thrive next summer.

For conifers (think evergreens), it's very important that they go into winter fully hydrated. Conifers that are drought-stressed are more prone to the type of damage that is generically called 'winter injury'. Winter injury takes many forms. Studies have shown that trees that are well-hydrated going into winter are less likely to suffer damage over the cold season. Watering should get the soil moist, but not saturated, to as deep as you can get it. Remember also that tree roots extend far beyond the edge of the tree crown. The larger the area that can be watered, the better.

Foliar diseases were widespread this year due to the wetter than normal conditions. In the Logan County area, our lilac trees seemed especially susceptible. If practical, rake up and remove fallen leaves this autumn, especially around your lilacs. Fungal spores can over-winter in the fallen leaves so getting rid of this source of inoculum will go a long way towards preventing foliar diseases next year.

Protect the stems of young/small trees from the harshness of winter. Often, this means putting some type of white wrap or corrugated white pipe on the stem to help prevent sunscald (another form of winter injury). Sunscald happens when there are elongated, sunken, dried or cracked areas of dead bark, usually on the south or southwest

side of a tree. On cold winter days, the sun can heat up bark to stimulate activity. When the temperature ultimately drops, this will likely kill the active tissue. Prevent sunscald by wrapping the trunk with white guards to reflect the sun and keep the bark at a more constant temperature. Do not use brown paper tree wrap or black colored tree guards as they will absorb heat from the sun. Wrap newly planted trees for at least two winters and thin-barked species up to five winters or more. Put the wrap on in the fall and remove it in the spring after the last frost.

Perhaps more importantly, these products can help prevent damage from deer, rabbits, or voles. Make sure that the wrap goes high enough that it will reach well beyond the expected snowpack, as rabbits can climb the drifts and will enjoy a nice meal. Sometimes, a fence or other type of barrier may be necessary.

Mice, rabbits, voles and deer can all cause severe damage to plants in the winter by feeding on twigs, bark, leaves and stems. They can eat shrubs to the ground and also girdle trees and shrubs by chewing through the bark. The best overall strategy for protecting your trees and shrubs from animal pests is to reduce encouraging habitat and use physical barriers to prevent them from getting to your trees.

This extra care and management will eventually pay off and your trees will thank you by providing shade, beauty, and oxygen. Information for this article were adapted from NDSU Extension and University of Minnesota publications.



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