

Farm Progress Tour

August 29 – 31, 2016

When: August 29-31, 2016

Price: \$225 per person*

**Pick up locations: Paola, Olathe,
& Bonner Springs**

*Price includes bus cost, hotel (double occupancy), admission fees, and most meals. Single occupancy rate: \$365

Find a copy of the agenda & more information about tour stops on the back of this flyer!

Registration & non-refundable deposit of \$125/person must be received by July 22nd to reserve your spot. Remaining balance is due by August 15th. Please send registration form & payment to the Marais des Cygnes Extension District - Paola Office at 104 S. Brayman St., Paola, KS 66071.

Registration packets can be picked up from your local Extension Office or online at www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu

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MONDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 am - Load bus at Marais des Cygnes District - Paola Office

7:15 am - Load bus at Johnson County Extension Office

8:00 am - Load bus at Bonner Springs Walmart

11:00 am - John Wayne Birthplace & Museum in Winterset, IA

12:00 pm - Lunch*

2:30 pm - Summit Agricultural Group in Alden, IA

Summit Agricultural Group is a diverse farming, agriculture investment, and farm management company. Their diverse operations include over 20,000 acres of row crops, Charolais & Red Angus purebred operations, confined beef cattle & swine feeding facilities and more. Summit also focuses on responsible farming, land stewardship, & environmental and wildlife conservation. They plant over 10,000 trees each year to provide wildlife habitat, prevent erosion, improve air quality, & protect their crops & livestock.



6:00 pm - Check into Hotel

7:00 pm - Dinner at Iowa Beef Steakhouse*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 am - Depart Hotel

8:00 am - Farm Progress Show in Boone, IA

The Farm Progress Show, the nation's largest outdoor farm event, annually hosts nearly 600 exhibitors displaying new farm equipment, tractors, combines & farm implements; seed & crop protection products; & many additional farm supplies & services. A feature of the 2016 show will be a first-hand look at one of the hottest topics in farming: cover crops. Some 18 combinations will be planted at the site, and pits will be dug to check the rooting of these various combinations



6:30 pm - Dinner at Machine Shed Restaurant*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 am - Load bus & depart hotel

9:00 am - Couser Cattle Company in Nevada, IA

Couser Cattle Co., was a 2010 regional Environmental Stewardship Award winner from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Couser Cattle Co. is a second and third generation operation that annually feeds and finishes 5,000 to 6,000 head of cattle and farms 5,000 acres, producing both corn seed and soybean seed. Conservation practices include vegetative treatment areas (VTAs) and infiltration systems to treat feedlot runoff, and a mono-slope style feeding building that directs rainfall away from a new pen and allows more feeding capacity without compromising the VTA system.

11:30 am - Lunch at Hickory Park

4:30 pm - Approximate arrival at Walmart in Bonner Springs

5:15 pm - Approximate arrival at Johnson County Extension Office

6:00 pm - Approximate arrival at Marais des Cygnes District - Paola Office

**Meals with this designation are included in registration fee. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel.*

Schedule subject to change as deemed necessary by Extension Agents