

2019 WCA SUMMER TOUR

JUNE 22, 2019



“To promote the WI beef business through advocacy, leadership, and education.”

Rush Creek Ranch

Viroqua, WI

Rush Creek Ranch, operated by Reid and Matt Ludlow, is a stocker operation located in the hills of southwest Wisconsin. The operation buys extremely light weight calves throughout the Southeastern United States during the winter and contracts with other producers to precondition and graze them until spring. Reid has grown Rush Creek Ranch into an extremely intensive rotational grazing operation. Initially running cattle on 40-acre pastures, Rush Creek Ranch has evolved into a much more intensely rotated operation. Today, Rush Creek Ranch runs 8 separate sets of cattle ranging from 600-900 head, and the pastures are all divided into 5-acre pastures. Becoming more intense through rotational grazing has enabled Rush Creek Ranch to increase stocking density 5% per year without adding any additional acres to their operation. The Ludlow's have made significant investments in electric fencing to divide the pastures, water lines, and tanks to best utilize the rough hills of Southwestern Wisconsin. This operation has perfected their management system to become an expert in pasture management, parasite control, price risk management, and marketing decisions.

Woodhill Farms

Viroqua, WI

Woodhill Farms, located in Viroqua, WI, is an Angus seed stock operation known for performance. The operation is owned by Borgen and McCulloh and a majority of the income from the farm is from the sale of Angus bulls and breeding females. Brian McCulloh manages the operation on a day to day basis and has been a leader in Angus breed to focus on utilizing breeding objectives, EPD's and genomics in their selection. Besides being focused on genetics and performance of their cattle, Woodhill is focused on forage management to improve utilization and maximize the use of the land through utilization of intensive grazing, cover crops, and focused nutrition. The farm has dedicated over 3 decades to producing sound functional, problem-free cattle where the cattle have had to work and prove themselves in the Wisconsin environment.

Spring Creeks Cattle Company

Wauzeka, WI

Bob Mitchell and his family operate Spring Creeks Cattle Company in Southwest Wisconsin near Wauzeka in Crawford County. Bob started the operation by purchasing his first farm near Linden, WI in 1976 after growing up in town. In 1991 he purchased the first purebred cattle and transitioned the operation to Crawford County in the early 2000's. The family's 600 head seedstock and commercial cow calf operation includes Bob and his wife, Rhonda, and the families of their three sons Matt, Bart, and Scott. They raise Limousin, Lim-Flex, Angus, and crossbred cattle with selling replacement bulls and females in addition to marketing feeder cattle. The Mitchell family all take individual roles in the operation caring for the cattle and producing feed to support the cattle operation. The operation also hold a joint production sale with Marda Angus Farms each fall since 2014 and will hold their 2nd Bull Sale this year.

For more information, visit www.wisconsincattlemen.com

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WCA Summer Tour Registration Form

June 22, 2019

North Meeting Location: Tractor Supply Company (1202 N. Main St. Viroqua, WI 54665) – bus to depart at 9:00 AM

South Meeting Location: Boscobel Middle/High School (300 Brindley St. Boscobel, WI 53805) – bus to depart at 9:40 AM

Name(s)	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	

	<u># of People Attending</u>	<u># of People Riding the Bus</u>	<u>Bus Meeting Location (Circle)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
WCA member rate			North South	\$50/person	
Non-member rate			North South	\$100/person	
*WCA annual membership rate = \$50				Total Amount Enclosed	

Please make checks payable to Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association. No refunds will be offered if unable to attend.

Questions?

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Registration is also available online at <https://www.wisconsincattlemen.com/events/summer-tour>