

Join Us in Gettysburg:

June 19 & 20, 2026



76th Annual AHCA Gathering

Gettysburg/Hanover, PA

Events start first thing Friday morning and all will be held at Sheppard Farm.
Full details available spring 2026.

Friday, June 19

- ★ **Welcome** by Heather Sheppard Lunn & Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding
- ★ **Oh My Grind Coffee Truck**
- ★ **Joel Salatin, Polyface Farm, Swoope, VA — Farming, Pasture Management & Improvement**
- ★ **Lunch at the Farm**
- ★ **Vendor Fair in the Grass Barnyard** — Will include representatives from all aspects of agriculture that can benefit our breeders' operations. From handling equipment, technology, animal health and store merchandise to farm grants and preservation.
- ★ **Regional Association Meetings**
- ★ **Crafting Event** with Ivy Press Designs
- ★ **Free afternoon** to network, enjoy camaraderie and talk all things Highland!

Saturday, June 20

- ★ Participants will take all three tours:
 - **RH Sheppard Museum** — The RH Sheppard Company, established in 1937, produced specialized diesel tractors (SD1, SD2, SD3, SD4) and later established this museum to showcase their unique, early diesel technology. These rare, high-compression, air-cooled machines, including orchard models and experimental 6-cylinder versions, are highly prized by collectors. Sheppard engines were known for using two batteries to start, featuring high-pressure fuel systems and often utilizing air-cooled designs with oil coolers.
 - **Hanover Shoe Farms** — The world's largest Standardbred nursery, since the United States Trotting Association began compiling breeder's statistics, the farm has led the annual money-earning totals every year. This famous Pennsylvania nursery has been a world class breeding establishment for nearly three-quarters of a century. Hanover sires have also produced a multitude of winners of harness racing's most prestigious events such as the Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity, Little Brown Jug and Breeders Crown.
 - **Hayrides at Sheppard Farm** — plenty of time to see and enjoy Highland cattle
- ★ **Lunch at the Farm**
- ★ **Michelle Miller** aka "Farm Babe", Gainesville, FL — **Cultivating Connections: Bridging the Gap Between Farmers and Consumers**
- ★ **Toni Fillipone**, MasterGrief Academy, Philadelphia, PA — **Farming Lows, Grief & Loss**
- ★ **Cocktails with Live Music** at Highland Taps & Tables
- ★ **Farm to Table Dinner** featuring Highland beef and locally produced foods with birthday cupcakes and conclusions courtesy of Peter H. Sheppard

HOTEL GETTYSBURG

Originally established as Scott's Tavern in 1797, the property has served as a way station for travelers, gathering place and hospital during the Civil War. It is located in the heart of downtown; a landmark that has witnessed pivotal moments in American history.

Book your American Highland Cattle group rate by May 8, 2026

Call **866.378.1797**



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor | \$2,000 Includes: Banner at Gathering, advertisement in *The Bagpipe* magazine (which goes to 2,200+ farms), logo on AHCA website and Gathering program. Opportunity to attend the event with a display table with company representatives to meet farmers. Brochure included in attendee packet at registration. Sponsorship mentioned in any public relations, radio/tv interviews conducted before the event. Sponsorship announced on social media, including links to your website or social media site.

Gold Sponsor | \$1,000 Includes: Banner at Gathering, advertisements in *The Bagpipe* magazine (which goes to 2,200+ farms), logo on AHCA website and Gathering program. Brochure included in attendee packet at registration. Sponsorship announced on social media, including links to your website or social media site.

Silver Sponsor | \$500 Includes: Banner at Gathering, logo on AHCA website and Gathering program.

Host Farm Sponsor | \$200 Includes: Your farm name will be listed in the Gathering program and AHCA website as a Host Farm Sponsor. You will have a Host Farm badge on your name tag.

Speaker Sponsor | \$4,000 (3 available) Recognized as the sponsor for one of the educational speakers. Opportunity to introduce the speaker for one of the educational sessions and speak for 5 minutes. Also includes all other benefits received by a Platinum Sponsor, including recognition as overall event Platinum Sponsor.

Farm Luncheon Sponsor | \$3,000 (2 available) Recognized as the only sponsor of one of two member luncheons on farm. Given an exclusive opportunity to welcome guests at the beginning of the lunch (5 minute talk). Display signage and banners at the meal. Opportunity to email all attendees after the Gathering. Also includes all other benefits received by a Platinum Sponsor, including recognition as overall event Platinum Sponsor. Opportunity to handout literature at event.

**Welcome Early
Bird Sponsors!**



Vendor Fair

Bull Sponsorship | \$1,000

- Up to a 10x40 space, listing in vendor fair list as a sponsor, promotional item in goodie bags, logo on national digital advertising, exclusive provider of "category" (ie: sole handling system) and may be set up for both days of the Gathering.

Cow Sponsor | \$600

- Up to a 10x20 space, listing in vendor fair list as a sponsor, promotional item in goodie bags and logo on national digital advertising.

Calf Sponsorship | \$300

- A 10x10 space, listing in vendor fair list as a sponsor and promotional item in goodie bags.

Just a Booth

- 10x10 space with only listing in the Vendor Fair list | **\$100**
- 10x20 space with only listing in the Vendor Fair list | **\$150**

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