

76th AHCA

# Annual Gathering

June 19 & 20, 2026 | Gettysburg/Hanover, PA

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

*Buses depart hotel lobby 8:00 AM sharp.*

- 7:00 AM-8:00 AM** Breakfast on Your Own
- 8:00 AM -8:30 AM** Buses to Sheppard Farm
- 8:30 AM-9:00 AM** Registration & Oh My Grind Coffee Truck  
Coffee truck will be at the farm all morning.
- 9:00 AM** Welcome to Pennsylvania

- Heather Sheppard Lunn, Co-Owner, Sheppard Farm on Apple Hill – Hanover, PA
- Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture

Come join us to celebrate our 50 years in Highland cattle. We are honored to host this event along with several area breeders. Russell Redding is looking forward to welcoming you to Pennsylvania and giving an update on agriculture in the state.

### **9:15 AM-11:45 AM** Farming, Pasture Management & Improvement

- Joel Salatin, Co-Owner, PolyFace Farm – Swoope, VA  
Joel co-owns with his family, Polyface Farm, which supplies more than 5,000 families, 10 restaurants and 5 retail outlets with salad-bar beef, “pigaerator” pork, pastured poultry and forestry products. Mixing mischievous humor with hard-hitting information, he both entertains and moves people. Seldom using a powerpoint and often speaking from an outline scribbled on a yellow legal pad, he depends on theatrics, style and compelling content to hold attention and defend innovative positions. When he’s not on the road speaking, he’s at home on the farm keeping dirt under his fingernails, mentoring young people, inspiring visitors and promoting local, regenerative food and farming systems. Joel is

editor of *The Stockman Grass Farmer*, granddaddy catalyst for the grass farming movement, and author of 16 published books and various columns around the country. Includes a hands-on pasture walk.

- 12:00 PM-1:00 PM** Pulled Pork Picnic Lunch
- 1:00 PM-2:00 PM** NEHCA & SHCA Regional Association Annual Meetings

### **1:00 PM-5:00 PM** Vendor Fair in the Grass Barnyard

Fair includes representatives from all aspects of agriculture that can benefit our Highland operations. From handling equipment, technology, animal health and store merchandise to farm grants and preservation. Free afternoon to network, enjoy camaraderie and talk all things Highland.

- 2:00 PM-3:00 PM** MAHA Regional Association Annual Meeting
- 2:00 PM-4:00 PM** Glamourview Dairy Ice Cream Truck
- 3:00 PM-4:00 PM** Create a Highland Porch Stander with Ivy Press (*optional*)

- Rob & Pam Adams, Ivy Press Designs, New Oxford, PA

We will be making an adorable wooden Highland Cow Porch Stander! Stands 32” tall by 15” wide when finished. This eye-catching piece is perfect for decorating your front porch, entryway or indoor space. It’s tall and narrow design makes it easy to display. You will be personalizing this sweet Highland to match your decor OR your favorite cow! <https://ivypressdesigns.com/products/national-highland-cow-association-craft-workshop> for photos and to sign up; the cost is \$50.

### **5:00 PM** Buses to Hotel & Dinner on Your Own

Enjoy scenic Gettysburg where tradition meets taste. From hearty tavern fare and farm-fresh seasonal dishes to cozy coffee shops and refined restaurants, you’ll discover a delicious variety of places to eat throughout town.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

**Buses depart hotel lobby 8:00 AM sharp.**  
**Group will split into three as buses are loaded and attendees will go on each tour.**

**7:00 AM-8:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own**

**8:00 AM -12:15 PM 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. A world class breeding establishment for nearly three-quarters of a century. Hanover sires have also produced a multitude of winners at 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 the cattle!

**11:45 AM-1:00 PM Sandwich Picnic Lunch**

**1:00 PM-2:00 PM Cultivating Connections: Bridging the Gap Between Farmers & Consumers**

- Michelle Miller aka "Farm Babe" – Archer, FL

With hundreds of thousands of followers and an average social media reach of 5 million per month, Michelle Miller (aka "Farm Babe") has made a name for herself as a dedicated myth-buster in the food industry. She brings a unique perspective as a big city globetrotter turned farm girl, and plants the seed for those looking to understand the truth about agricultural production. In a world where social media is the #1 source of information, how can farmers and ranchers better share the story of agriculture? Join the Farm Babe as she shares her journey to social media success and inspires others to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers. Learn how to counter misinformation, communicate effectively and celebrate modern farming.

**2:15 PM-3:00 PM Farming Lows, Grief & Loss**

- Toni Fillipone, MasterGrief Academy – Philadelphia, PA

A roundtable discussion on finding and utilizing the tools to cope and move through loss and adverse events on the farm.

**3:15 PM Buses to Hotel**

**Buses depart hotel lobby 5:00 PM sharp.**

**5:00 PM-5:30 PM Buses to Highland Taps & Tables**

**5:30 PM-6:30 PM "Snacktown and Cowtails" Reception**

Enjoy a cash bar featuring a selection of Pennsylvania liquor, wines and microbrews as well as locally produced Snackfood (Hanover is known as Snacktown, USA).

**6:45 PM-9:00 PM Farm-to-Table Dinner & Silent Auction**

Featuring Highland beef and locally produced foods with birthday cupcakes and conclusions courtesy of Peter H. Sheppard.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**HOTEL DEADLINE: MAY 8TH**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 18TH**

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ x \$180 = \_\_\_\_\_

Child (6-18 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \_\_\_\_\_

Child (5 yrs & under) \_\_\_\_\_ x Free = \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional

Day Pass:  Fri or  Sat \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 = \_\_\_\_\_  
*Adults only, please check one.*

Host Farm Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ x \$200 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration fee includes:

*All activities except optional, transportation during Gathering, two lunches and one dinner. Day passes offer the same inclusions for the selected day only. All fees non-refundable.*

*For additional sponsorship options, please contact Heather Sheppard Lunn [hsheppardlunn@gmail.com](mailto:hsheppardlunn@gmail.com) or 717.634.8101.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Enclosed  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Authorization Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

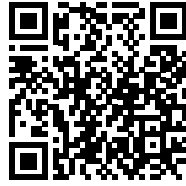
Please email or mail form and payment by May 18th to:

AHCA  
303.659.2399  
[info@highlandcattleusa.org](mailto:info@highlandcattleusa.org)

Historic City Hall  
22 S. 4th Ave., Ste. 201  
Brighton, CO 80601-2042

## Hotel Accommodations

Hotel Gettysburg, originally established as Scott's Tavern in 1797, 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. You can book with the QR code or call 866.378.1797 and mention American Highland Cattle to get your group rate \$219/night (1-4 people). The hotel is at 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg. Book early as summer is prime tourist season and rooms will go fast.



**BOOK NOW**  
Click or shoot QR Code

## RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 8TH.

## Camping/RV Facilities

Historic Gettysburg is a popular tourist destination so there are several camping and RV parks in the area. Just keep in mind that you need to provide your own transportation to/from the hotel both days if you plan to ride the bus to events.

## Travel Arrangements

Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) is the closest commercial airport to Gettysburg at a 1 hour drive (36 miles). Other nearby options for major commercial flights include Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) at 60 miles or 1 1/2 hours and Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) 75 miles or a 2 hour drive. Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is about a 2 1/2 hour drive (120 miles). All have rental cars available on site.

## Tourist Information

Famous for the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863, touring historic sites is extra special during our country's 250th anniversary. Highlights include the Gettysburg National Military Park with the iconic Gettysburg National Cemetery (where Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address), Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum with its immersive exhibits on civilian life during the war, Gettysburg

Museum of History, Shriver House Museum and more. Beyond the battlefield, the region offers a playground of outdoor adventures. You also won't want to miss a chance to browse the eclectic boutiques and galleries downtown which are full of handmade art, Civil War memorabilia and unique souvenirs. Oh, and did we mention that Gettysburg is one of America's most haunted places? Needless to say, there is something for everyone on this trip.

AHCA members will receive **10% off a Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour or Ghost Tour** with Ghostly Images of Gettysburg when they enter code AHCA Gettysburg at checkout. Visit [GettysburgBattlefieldTours.com](http://GettysburgBattlefieldTours.com) for tour times and information.

## Learn more about the area:

[destinationgettysburg.com](http://destinationgettysburg.com)      [mainstreethanover.org](http://mainstreethanover.org)  
[discoverhanoverpa.org](http://discoverhanoverpa.org)      [visitpa.com](http://visitpa.com)

## Or contact fellow Highland breeder:

Heather Sheppard Lunn  
717.634.8101  
[hsheppardlunn@gmail.com](mailto:hsheppardlunn@gmail.com)

## Banquet Auction

Saturday night's auction benefits the breed and these organizations. Contact the following to pledge your support by supplying an auction item(s) or we always encourage you to bid!

- **Mid-Atlantic Highland Association (MAHA)**  
Heather Sheppard Lunn 717.634.8101 or [hsheppardlunn@gmail.com](mailto:hsheppardlunn@gmail.com)
- **American Highland Cattle Association Juniors (AHCAj)**  
Ginnah Moses 303.659.2399 or [info@highlandcattleusa.org](mailto:info@highlandcattleusa.org)
- **Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF)**  
Mark Schulz 507.481.7367 or [mark@flatlandfarm.com](mailto:mark@flatlandfarm.com)

## Weather

All activities (except two tours) will be on Sheppard Farm or next door at their Highland Taps & Tables event venue. Dress in layers for unpredictable June weather and be ready to have a good time!

## THANK YOU EARLY BIRD SPONSORS!

### FARM SPONSORS



### VENDOR FAIR SPONSORS

