

Beef Expo 2008

FARM TOURS

TWO FARM TOURS IN THE PERTHSHIRE
Ballathie Estates, Kinclaven, Stanley, Perthshire
Incheoch Farms, Alyth, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.
TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2008

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There are 300 places for delegates wishing to visit the two farms above. The cost is £14.01 per person and includes coach from Perth Agricultural Centre (Mart). Coffee will be provided at the mart on your arrival and a packed lunch will be provided. Delegates should arrive at the mart at 8.30 am in the morning and the coaches will leave at 9.00 am, and return in time for those delegates wishing to attend the conference. Details of the farms are on the back of this application form.

	No Tickets Required	Cost per person	Total	VAT @ 17.5%	Total Cost	Office Use Only
Farm Tour		@ £ 12.00				
		Total £	£	£	£	

Guest Names –

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If more than four guests, please attach a separate list of names.

Payment can be made by cheque made payable to "NBA Beef Expo" or by reserving the tickets by debit/credit card. Payment by debit/credit card will be taken from your account on receipt of this form.

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Farm Tours

BALLATHIE ESTATE, KINCLAVEN, STANLEY, PERTSHIRE

The 1500-acre Ballathie Estate, owned by businessman, John Milligan, is home to the Ballathie herds of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus and Charolais cattle, as well as a 300-cow beef suckler herd, a purpose-built livery providing a flushing and ET service, as well as show and sale preparation, and a recently-opened farm shop. Located within a loop of the River Tay, the estate is a role model in demonstrating how modern farming practices can co-exist with effective conservation and environmental measures.

Dr Temple Grandin will conduct a working demonstration on the livestock handling system at Ballathie Estate.

Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed are located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a centre track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behaviour have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling.

She has also developed an objective scoring system for assessing handling of cattle and pigs at meat plants. This scoring system is being used by many large corporations to improve animal welfare. Other areas of research are: cattle temperament, environmental enrichment for pigs, reducing dark cutters and bruises, bull fertility, training procedures, and effective stunning methods for cattle and pigs at meat plants.

INCHEOCH FARMS, ALYTH, BLAIRGOWRIE, PERTSHIRE

Pedigree herds of Simmental and Luining are the basis of the extensive beef enterprise run by Finlay and Neil McGowan at Incheoch, Alyth. The farm extends to 1200 acres and stocking comprises 200 suckler cows, including 100 Luining, and 1100 ewes, including 700 Lleyens and 40 Texels. An easy-care system has been adopted based on producing the Sim/Luining cow which has been the family's preferred choice of suckler cow for more than 30 years. Selection is based on functional, efficient and robust maternal lines with emphasis also placed on ease of calving, growth rates and eye muscle. Steers are finished on the farm and heifers sold for breeding.

Robert McNee and Neil McGowan will demonstrate the scoring of functional dam traits using the Luining Cattle Society's unique dam classification system which was designed to assist selection of maternal bulls.