

# Scenic Vistas, Expanding Horizons

## Maryland details announced for AFBF Convention

It's all in the details - and Maryland Farm Bureau Administrator Mel Hollingsworth has announced the particulars of the delegation trip to the 2007 American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Fly from Baltimore on Friday, January 5, 2007  
Return to Baltimore on Tuesday, January 9, 2007
- Accommodations:  
Little America Hotel and Towers  
Located in downtown Salt Lake City  
Minutes from shopping, restaurants, cultural sites and convention center  
Spacious, oversized guest rooms
- Maryland Delegation Agricultural Educational Tour and Dinner:  
Saturday, January 6, 2007

**Antelope Island** Rich in scenic beauty and natural features American Bison introduced to island in 1893, now numbering some 600 animals View bison up close and learn the workings of a buffalo ranch

**Wade Dairy Farm** Innovative dairy farm that converts cow manure into clean, methane fuel Methane used to power internal combustion engine to produce electricity sold to a power company Methane also compressed to run natural gas vehicles

### Tour includes lunch and scenic views of the Great Salt Lake

The day will conclude with a relaxing dinner at the award-winning, Log Haven Restaurant. Serenely nestled among the pines and waterfalls in the Wasatch Mountains, the scenery is breathtaking, and the setting and ambience incredible.

### •AFBF Convention - Sunday & Monday, January 7-8, 2007:

The national convention will offer a wide array of national speakers, interesting special interest sessions, plus the annual meeting/policy discussion. There will also be many activities specially designed for young farmers and women.

If you choose to go early or stay longer in the Utah state, there are many activities for the "to-do" list. The heart of downtown Salt Lake features more than three-square blocks of free attractions. Search for your ancestors, tour the conference center, enjoy the sounds of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or stroll the beautiful grounds just around the corner from the convention center.

Perhaps a sunset dinner cruise on the Great Salt Lake interests you - or travel back in time as you tour an authentic pioneer village. Dig up facts about dinosaurs, history, mining - or your very own ancestors. There are 15 national parks and monuments within a day's drive of the city - and four major ski resorts surround the city. Don't forget that Salt Lake City was the site of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games!

Are you interested in learning more about the 2007 AFBF Convention Trip? Brochures with additional trip details and exact pricing will be available in August. To be sure you receive a brochure as soon as they are available, notify the Maryland Farm Bureau office. Call us at (410) 922-3426, email us at melh.mdfb@erols.com or send the form below to Maryland Farm Bureau, 8930 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133.

Please send me a brochure detailing the Maryland Delegation Trip to the AFBF Convention in Salt Lake City. I understand that the brochure is informational only and that I am under no obligation by requesting one.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Maryland Agriculture Offers Family Fun This Summer

## Guides to State's Farmers' Markets, Agricultural Fairs and Shows and Pick-Your-Own Operations Now Available

Want to know where you can buy locally grown farm-fresh sweet corn and tomatoes this summer? Would you rather pick your own strawberries straight from the farm? What about catching a watermelon-eating contest and a sheep-herding competition right in your own county? Guides and directories for some of the summer's most anticipated and enjoyable activities are available through the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA).

"Summer is a great time for Maryland agriculture," said Agriculture Secretary Lewis R. Riley. "It is truly our chance to shine with fresh produce available at 75 farmers' markets located across the state, pick-your-own opportunities at farms all over Maryland, and more than 30 agricultural fairs and shows to visit this season. We encourage the public to get out to a farm, visit a farmers' market or attend a fair or show not only to enjoy themselves, but also to see where their food comes from and to learn about the importance of agriculture in Maryland."

This year's Maryland Farmers' Market Directory, Maryland Agricultural Fairs and Shows Guide and Maryland Direct Farm Market and Pick Your Own Directory can all be obtained through MDA's Marketing Division at 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway in Annapolis or by phone at 410-841-5770. The Farmers' Market Directory and the Pick Your Own listings can be found online at [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us). A listing of the state's agricultural fairs and shows can be found at [www.maafs.com/](http://www.maafs.com/). The Maryland Direct Farm Market Association, publisher of the Maryland Direct Farm Market and Pick Your Own Directory can be reached at 410-665-0154.