FACTS Tour 2003 Announcement

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As most of you know, the annual FACTS Tour to Kansas is scheduled for April 10-13, 2003. Always an educational and enjoyable experience, the FACTS (Feedlot And Carcass TestS) Tour should follow much the same format as previous years’ trips. As currently planned, we will fly out of Louisville early Thursday morning and return sometime in the afternoon on Sunday. During the trip, we will see at least one feedlot, a packing facility, several producer-owned operations that include both purebred and commercial cow-calf in addition to stocker enterprises, and whatever else we can fit into the itinerary. We will have the opportunity to see spring calving and fall calving operations that utilize grass only and some that supplement with grain and/or silage. Additionally, at this time of the year, trip participants may get to see certain range management procedures such as grassland burning in practice. With Kansas still being in a three-year drought, it should be interesting to see different grass management schemes in use. This trip should be very beneficial whether you retain ownership or want to see the other end of the production cycle. The tour is open to anyone who would like to take part and those of you who have participated before are encouraged to participate again as the itinerary changes each year.

The cost to participate this year is $385.00. To be included, participants must fill out the attached participation form and send it with payment to FACTS Tour, attn: Greg Koch at the Kentucky Beef Network, 176 Pasadena Dr., Lexington, KY 40503. The deadline for trip registration and payment is March 3, 2003. For questions, or for additional participation forms, please contact your county extension agent or KBN at (859) 278-0899.