Minnesota Horse Industry Tour

Afternoon of Thursday, June 1

Minnesota’s horse racing industry generates an estimated $409.2 million of economic activity in the state each year and supports an estimated 5,590 full and part-time jobs. Canterbury Park, Minnesota’s first racetrack, has been the home of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing since 1985. Canterbury Park has a history of steady attendance and has seen multiple years with visitors averaging 6,000+ each day. Enjoy lunch and learn about the Minnesota racehorse industry from Canterbury officials, trainers, jockeys and efforts to rehome retired racehorses.

Ames Percherons – http://amespercherons.com/
Percherons have been an Ames family tradition since 1915 and their love and respect for the Percheron has been passed from generation to generation. Though the Percherons began as workhorses on the farms, showmanship and competition has become the mainstay for the present day teams. The Percheron teams perform as ambassadors for Ames Construction in competition and shows throughout the United States and Canada. Presently, 32 Percherons reside at the farm, all dapple-grey geldings, ranging from ages 3 to 11 years. We will meet the team and trainers, be treated to a driving demonstration, tour the farm, and see equipment needed to transports draft horses across the U.S and Canada.

Cedar Ridge Arabians – http://cedar-ridge.com/
More than 40 years ago, Cedar Ridge Arabian Farm was launched to focus on breeding Arabian and Half-Arabian halter and performance horses. Cedar Ridge Farm is a full-service training, breeding and marketing facility. The Ames family participates in horse shows across the country, and serves on the boards and committees of numerous Arabian horse-related organizations. The Ames family has been awarded the APAHA’s “Breeder of the Year” award for the Cedar Ridge-bred horses. This tour stop will focus on the breeding operation and highlight the farm’s stallions, broodmares, foals and facilities.

St. Paul Campus, Leatherdale Equine Center and Experimental Horse Pastures
https://www.cfans.umn.edu/about/about-college/about-campus
https://www.equine.umn.edu/
The St. Paul campus is home to the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine and serves as a Research and Outreach Center with high-tech laboratories and expansive research fields. The campus is also home to approximately 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 200 acres of research plots. The campus also houses livestock research and teaching barns including dairy, beef, swine, poultry, sheep and horse units. The Leatherdale Equine Center opened in 2007 and houses a state of the art equine hospital, the Piper Equine Clinic, Barencoche Arena and the Nutrena Conference Center. Next to the Equine Center are the experimental pastures and seasonal horse herd who are responsible for spending their summers grazing through various forage and horse-health research projects. Experience a tractor-drawn tour of campus with stops at the Equine Center and experimental horse pastures.