

## **2022 Midwest Tour Stop Information**

Below you will find a bit of history about each stop that we will be making on this tour. Please feel free to visit the website of each for additional information. Each stop will offer unique learning opportunities and take a look into different types of industries and operations.

### **CF Industries – 1000 Terra Dr, Woodward, OK 73801 (Western Route Only)**

At our core, CF Industries is a producer of ammonia. For decades, we have used the Haber-Bosch process to fix atmospheric nitrogen with hydrogen from natural gas to produce anhydrous ammonia. Up to this point, we have made a business of selling ammonia, and other derivative fertilizer products such as urea and UAN, for the nitrogen value of the molecule.

Today, we are focused on building on this legacy, committed to decarbonizing and aggressively scaling our ability to produce green and blue ammonia, positioning CF Industries at the forefront of clean hydrogen and ammonia supply.

Website: <https://www.cfindustries.com/>

### **Guthrie Greenhouses – Guthrie, OK 73044 (Central and Eastern Routes Only)**

Our roots run deep! Established in 1892, Guthrie Greenhouses is Oklahoma's oldest and largest wholesale greenhouse. For over 125 years, we have been the state's primary owner and distributor of annuals, perennials, vegetables and groundcovers. Utilizing over 13 acres of greenhouse space, we supply top-quality plants to independent garden centers, farm stores and hardware stores in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas.

Our local service area and regional expertise are points of pride here at Guthrie Greenhouses. All of our plants are grown locally where they are nurtured by our resident horticulturists and acclimated to our ever-changing central plains weather. By limiting delivery area to only Oklahoma's neighboring states, we are able to deliver blooming crops in the spring and fall at the peak of health, freshness and consumer demand.

In 2006, Guthrie Greenhouses launched the Red Dirt Plants brand. The Red Dirt Plants name has allowed us to brand our products for consumers and advertise for you, our customers. When they see Red Dirt Plants, they know they are looking at locally grown quality plants.

Website: <https://guthriegreenhouses.com/>

### **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum – 620 N Harvey Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102**

Few events in the past quarter-century have rocked Americans' perception of themselves and their institutions and brought together the people of our nation with greater intensity than the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

The resulting deaths of 168 people, some of whom were children, immediately touched thousands of family members whose lives will forever bear the scars of having had those precious to them taken away so brutally. Suffering with such families are countless survivors, including children, who struggle not only with the suffering around them, but with their own physical and emotional injuries and with shaping a life beyond April 19. Such losses and struggles are personal and, since they resulted from so public an attack, they also are shared with a community, a nation and the world.

But the story of the bombing does not stop with the attack itself or with the many losses it caused. The responses of Oklahoma's public servants and private citizens, and those from throughout the nation remain as a testament to the sense of unity, compassion, even heroism, that characterized the rescue and recovery following the bombing.

In the aftermath of the bombing, people of all colors, ages, religions and political philosophies reached out in love — from co-workers, bystanders and professionals who appeared almost instantly to help at the site to individuals thousands of miles away who sent letters of support or funds to provide for devastated families.

Within days of the bombing, the Mayor's office, the Governor's office, non-profit agencies and citizens of Oklahoma City began to receive suggestions, ideas and offers of donations related to the creation of a memorial. Mindful of the far-reaching impact of the bombing and aware of the historic nature of the event, Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick appointed a 350-member volunteer task force charged with developing an appropriate memorial.

Website: <https://memorialmuseum.com/>

### **OK Stockyards – 1010 North St, Oklahoma City, OK 73108**

The year was 1910, a scant three years after statehood, when the Edward Morris Company established a packing plant and livestock sales terminal on 120 acres two miles west of blossoming downtown Oklahoma City, providing 2,400 new jobs in a city of 60,000.

Until 1961, livestock sales were handled only by private agreement or treaty between the seller and buyer through the services of the on-premises commission companies. Then a second mode of trade was introduced, the auction, providing even greater competition for available livestock.

The auction helped supply a new spurt of growth and combined with the aggressive sales leadership of the commission firms, innovative market management and strategic location, the Oklahoma City livestock market rose to become the World's Largest Market of Stocker and Feeder Cattle selling yearly receipts of well over a half a million head.

Stockyards City was founded October 3, 1910, and was built to serve the nation as a primary source for meat processing and packing. By 1915, Morris, Wilson and Armour all established huge packing facilities to slaughter the cattle, hogs and sheep which were transported first by cattle drive and later by railroad and truck. The area's nickname for a time was "Packingtown." By 1961, faced with complete overhaul and updating of equipment, the packing plants decided to close. However, the Stockyards still retains its profitable cattle trading and related businesses. Since its founding, Stockyards City has been the place for cattlemen, horsemen, farmers, ranchers and real cowboys to come for apparel, equipment, supplies, a good meal, and the opportunity to catch up on what was going on over a cold sarsaparilla with fellow cattlemen. For over 80 years, Stockyards City has continually offered the kind of quality products and services which are synonymous with the heritage of the West.

Today, Stockyards City is part of the Main Street USA program. Area businesses are working hard to recapture the architectural flavor of the earlier part of this century, with gaslights and wooden storefronts. A number of special events have sprung up as well, including Longhorn Cattle Drive at the Christmas Parade each December, and sidewalk sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Stockyard City is the home of the largest stocker/feeder cattle market in the world. Since its inception, more than 102,000,000 head of livestock have passed through the iron gates leading to the Stockyards operation. Cattle auctions are held Monday and Tuesday each week.

Website: <https://www.onsy.com/about-us/>

## **Ft. Worth Stockyards – 131 E Exchange Ave, Ft. Worth, TX 76164**

Fort Worth is where the West begins, and nothing embodies Western heritage better than the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. From the original brick walkways to the wooden corrals, every inch of the Stockyards tells the true history of Texas's famous livestock industry.

In 1976, Charlie and Sue McCafferty founded the North Fort Worth Historical Society to preserve Fort Worth's livestock heritage.

This new venture helped establish the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historical District and bring about the restoration of landmarks including the Livestock Exchange Building, the Coliseum and the former Swift & Co. headquarters.

In 1989, the North Fort Worth Historical Society opened the Stockyards Museum in the historic Exchange Building. Today, the museum hosts thousands of visitors from all over the world each year and is constantly growing its facilities and its collection.

True to its history, the Stockyards still hosts the world's only twice-daily cattle drive. All this – plus more than a hundred new shopping, dining and entertainment venues – makes the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historical District one of Texas' most popular tourist destinations.

Day or Night, we invite you as you begin your adventure, where the brick streets welcome you into an authentic western experience.

Website: <https://www.fortworthstockyards.org/>

## **Oklahoma State University – 136 Agricultural Hall, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078**

As a land-grant institution, we work in collaboration with OSU Extension and OSU Ag Research to provide great breadth and exceptional quality in teaching, advising, research, extension and service.

### **OSU's Land-Grant Mission in Action**

#### **Research**

At our Stillwater campus and experiment stations throughout the state, faculty members conduct research on agriculture, natural resources, rural economies, and social issues to address the needs of Oklahomans.

#### **Instruction**

Faculty in the Ferguson College of Agriculture use the research to continually improve the quality and content of the college's undergraduate and graduate academic programs.

#### **Extension**

Through county educators, specialists and publications, OSU delivers the research to promote wellness, leadership, and economic development for all Oklahomans.

Website: <https://agriculture.okstate.edu/about/index.html>