

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Register Early to Save on Convention Registration



TSCRA is hosting the 2016 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo, April 8-10, at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth.

It's worth your while to register early! Best value is the full convention registration where you will save \$100 off on-site prices.

Visit cattleraisersconvention.com to see the entire lineup of programs. Many of the School for Successful Ranching programs will be repeated on Saturday, April 9, allowing time to attend nearly all the sessions you want during the run of the convention.

Visit The Expo!

Take a walk around the Expo, where more than 200 exhibitors will display everything from ranch vehicles, equipment and supplies to clothing, jewelry, boots and hats. The Expo will also feature a Learning Lounge with a wide variety of educational sessions, live cattle-handling demos and more! There will be something for everyone in the Expo!

Texas Lawmaker Visits with Cattle Raisers



TSCRA leaders and representatives visited with U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, Dist. 23, on Jan. 25 in Austin. TSCRA appreciates Rep. Hurd for the hard work he does on behalf of ranchers. District 23 covers the counties from San Antonio south to the Mexico border and west to El Paso.

TSCRA's Jason Skaggs, executive director of government and public affairs, left, presented Congressman Hurd with his own personalized gate sign.

The Cattleman NOW App Update Ready to Download

The latest version of *The Cattleman NOW* app is available for download in the Member Center at www.tscra.org. The new version of this daily news and TSCRA resources app is a free download available exclusively to TSCRA members.

Get a daily market report from CattleFax, find your special ranger, read the daily headlines and keep up with TSCRA events and cattle sales in the calendar.

We've kept *The Cattleman NOW* app similar to the well-regarded original app, and have simplified its operation and appearance.



Cattle Raisers Convention Bonus!

Stop by *The Cattleman* booth in the Cattle Raisers Expo. Show us *The Cattleman NOW* app on your smartphone or tablet and we'll enter your name in a drawing for a \$300 gift certificate to one of our outstanding Cattle Raisers Expo exhibitors!

BQA Tip of the Month: Resource Management Part of Cattle Management

Caring for natural resources ensures that cattle production is ecologically and socially sustainable. Grazing and forage management should prevent range and pasture deterioration and avoid negative impacts on water and air quality by eliminating or reducing soil erosion and dust production. Monitor and adjust stocking rates based on current resource conditions to maintain and improve forage and cattle performance.



Multi-State ATV Theft Ring Busted



Seven out of a possible 22 suspects accused of participation in an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) theft ring in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma have been arrested on charges of organized criminal activity. TSCRA Special

Rangers and local law enforcement authorities have recovered 14 stolen ATVs so far, with more possible. TSCRA Special Ranger Toney Hurley and Sulphur Springs Police Department Sgt. Bo Fox are leading the investigation with assistance from TSCRA Special Rangers Troy McKinney, Wayne Goodman and additional law enforcement departments in the 3 states.

Seven suspects believed to be involved in the theft ring were arrested between Jan. 6 and Jan. 29: Joshua Christopher Terry, 35, of Kemp; Laronda Kay Reed, 30, of Kemp; Darrell Wayne Waites, Jr., 35, of Deville, La.; James Lindy Minter, 38, of Kemp; Ricardo Saldivar, 35, of Combine; Brian Wheeler, 42, of Balch Springs; and David Paul Rockwell, 35, of Terrell.

Multiple ATV units were reported stolen on Nov. 23, 2015, from Nor-Tex Tractor in Sulphur Springs. An investigation revealed that the Nor-Tex theft was linked to other ATV thefts reported on April 23, 2015, in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

So far, 6 ATV units valued at approximately \$74,000 have been recovered from the Nor-Tex theft and an additional 8 units have been recovered from the April 2015 thefts. The ATVs were recovered in Kemp, Seagoville, Terrell, Dallas, Balch Springs, Scurry, River Oaks, Sulphur Springs, and Deville, La.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional arrests are expected. Authorities continue to receive information from multiple jurisdictions on related criminal activities as far as eastern Tennessee.

Information Sought in Freestone County Thefts

TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson and local authorities are seeking information leading to the arrest or indictment of a suspect or suspects involved in the theft of cattle and equipment in Freestone County. Dickson and the Freestone County Sheriff's Department are currently investigating numerous cattle and equipment thefts that occurred over the past several months.

According to Dickson, several of the crimes occurred in or near Donie, east of Waco. Cattle have been stolen from several individuals who had cattle held in pens. Dickson said a red OK Corral portable pen trailer is also missing.

Anyone with further information regarding this case should contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call Jimmy Dickson at 903-586-8733. A cash reward may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of suspect(s). Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.



TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- March 1-20: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- March 7: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Throckmorton
- March 8: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Decatur
- March 10: Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- March 11: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Waxahachie
- March 11-20: Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
- March 12-26: Rodeo Austin
- March 15: Ranching 101 – Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth
- March 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering & Belles of Cowtown Preview, Salado
- April 8-10: Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo, Fort Worth

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