

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

It's Island Time! Join Us in Galveston for Summer Meeting



Come to the TSCRA Summer Meeting, June 15 to 17, at Hotel Galvez and Spa, Galveston, to keep up with the latest developments in the beef industry, to enjoy some relaxing time with your family, and to catch up with your friends in peaceful surroundings.

The TSCRA Summer Meeting is a unique opportunity to combine family and fellowship with the important work of the cattle industry. TSCRA's officer team will share their perspectives on the challenges facing ranchers and beef producers and all TSCRA committees will meet to discuss pertinent issues.

Hotel Galvez provides the ideal setting for rejuvenating family vacations, highly productive business functions and extraordinary social gatherings.

More information is available online at tscra.org/summermeeting.

Horses, Tack and Polo Equipment Stolen in West Texas

TSCRA Special Ranger Kenny Wadsworth, Dist. 17 in West Texas, reports the theft of 4 horses, saddles, tack and polo equipment from a property in Midland sometime between March 5 and 8. Stolen were a large dark bay Thoroughbred mare with a small star and a roached mane, age 6; a smaller dark bay gelding with a large star shaped like the continent of Australia and a roached mane, age 8; and two chestnut or light bay mares. The stolen bridles are marked and/or stamped "5 Star." The stolen saddles are three light suede; a dark suede; a smooth Texas polo saddle; and a large smooth saddle. The polo mallets are marked JW, NW and MW. There were at least 30 mallets.

A reward is offered for information leading to the recovery of the stolen items.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Wadsworth at 325-392-2552 or the Operation Cow Thief tips hotline at 888-830-2333. Anonymity is guaranteed.

Cattle Raisers Trading Co. Has New Summer Stock

If you haven't dropped by the Cattle Raisers Trading Company lately, you're in for a treat! New items have been added, including two new t-shirt designs, a coffee mug, baby bib, hitch cover and more! Visit tscra.org and look under the "What We Do" for a link to the Cattle Raisers Trading Company website.





Truckload after truckload of hay destined for one of three Livestock Supply Points arrived in the Texas Panhandle last month. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Cattle Raisers Help Fire Victims in Panhandle

After fires ravaged areas of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas last month, Cattle Raisers from across the state chipped in to do what they could to help. They sent hay, feed, supplies and offered their prayers and money. We would like to thank everyone who answered the call for help for fellow ranchers, landowners and farmers.

Cattle Raisers were deeply saddened by the loss of three young ranchers who died trying to save livestock in the fires. Lost were Cody Crockett, 20; Sydney Wallace, 22; and Sloan Everett, 35. The Cattle Raisers Memorial Fund has been established to accept donations, which will directly benefit their families. More information is available at tscra.org; search for "Cattle Raisers Memorial Fund."

A fund has been established to support relief efforts for ranchers affected by the natural disaster. The Cattle Raisers Relief Fund (CRRF) will be administered by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Elanco has pledged an initial donation of \$10,000 and the Alabama Farmers Ag Foundation, associated with the Alabama Farmers Federation, has also pledged a donation of approximately \$20,000. Donations to the CRRF may be mailed to TSCRF at 1600 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.



Volunteers turned out to help deliver the hay as well as run equipment to unload trucks that arrived from as far away as Nebraska and Arizona. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

BQA Tip for April: When You Should – And Shouldn't – Disinfect Needles

Never disinfect needles when giving vaccines. Disinfecting needles can reduce the efficacy of the vaccine. If a needle gets dirty, dispose of it and get a new one.

In contrast, clean implant needles between each use. This can be done by soaking a sponge in a solution of water and disinfectant (e.g. chlorhexidine). Wipe the implant needle across the wet sponge between usages on each animal. A new paint tray works well to hold the sponge and implant gun. Never dip the needle in the disinfectant solution because it will create problems when trying to administer the next implant.

Are you a certified Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) producer? If you're not, the training is free and available online and in person at select meetings across the state. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information.



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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR
You Are Welcome to Attend!

April 5: Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Uvalde

April 11: Ranch Gathering, Menard

April 12: Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Alvin

April 12: Ranch Gathering, Ballinger

April 18: TSCRA Ranching 101, Topic: Livestock Marketing, Fort Worth

April 26: Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, San Angelo

April 27: Ranch Gathering, Harleton

Jun 15-17: TSCRA Summer Meeting, Galveston

Sept 27-29: TSCRA Policy Conference, San Antonio