

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Go Inside Texas Politics With Evan Smith at TSCRA's Policy Conference

EVAN SMITH, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND CEO, *THE TEXAS TRIBUNE*, WILL KICK OFF TSCRA's Policy Conference with an in-depth look at key policy issues on Sept. 23, during the opening session of the event.



Admission to the opening session is included with all meeting registration packages. The TSCRA Policy Conference, Sept. 23 to 25 in San Antonio, is open to all TSCRA members. TSCRA policy committees will meet during the policy conference and allow extra time for thorough discussion of TSCRA policy positions and current topics.

Decisions made by state policymakers and regulatory agencies affect ranchers and landowners daily on issues such as water and property rights, transportation, wildlife, and agency funding. Smith will provide a unique insider's perspective on the workings at the state Capitol, as well as how lawmakers are tackling key policy areas.

In addition to recapping the 2015 Texas Legislative Session, Smith will look ahead to the 2016 elections and developments that may affect ranchers. With a non-partisan perspective and significant experience in public policy reporting, Smith will engage and inform attendees in his humorous, witty style.

For more information, full event schedule, housing, and registration, go to tskra.org or call 800-242-7820.

Frequently Asked Questions: What to Do About Estray Livestock

A COMMON QUESTION FIELD BY TSCRA'S SPECIAL Rangers is what to do about cattle that show up on your property. Many don't know there are laws about what you can — and can't — do about estrays.

Q: Who do I call about estray livestock?

A: Persons in possession of estray livestock are required to report the presence of the estray to the sheriff of the county in which the animal is discovered. State law requires an individual to report estrays or roaming cattle to the sheriff within five days of discovering the animals.

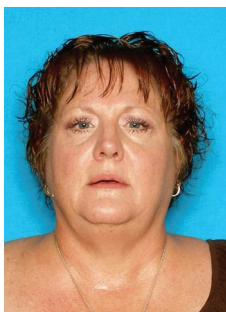
Q: Can I sell estray livestock if they are on my land?

A: No, that would be considered theft of livestock. Contact your local sheriff and your special ranger to report estray livestock.

Q: What should I do if my neighbor's cattle are on my property?

A: Notify the owner of cattle to remove them. If cattle are on your property and you do not know the owner, then notify the sheriff so cattle can be removed.

Freestone County Theft Suspect Surrenders



SHARON NEHRING, ALSO KNOWN AS SHARON JACOBY, 57, OF FREESTONE COUNTY, SURRENDERED TO AUTHORITIES Aug. 11 and was charged with felony theft of livestock.

TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson and other law enforcement authorities searched for Nehring for several months after an investigation into the allegation that she used a worthless check to purchase thousands of dollars worth of lambs and goats from the Freestone County Fair in June of 2014.

Nehring surrendered and was arrested on a \$5,000 bond. TSCRA received many calls from concerned citizens to Operation Cow Thief, an anonymous tip line that offers a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and/or grand jury indictment of thieves. More information on the program is available at tskra.org or by calling 888-830-2333.



BQA Advice for Hunters

HUNTING SEASON IN TEXAS STARTS THIS MONTH. MAKE sure your hunters know they are not to shoot any cattle with any weapon.

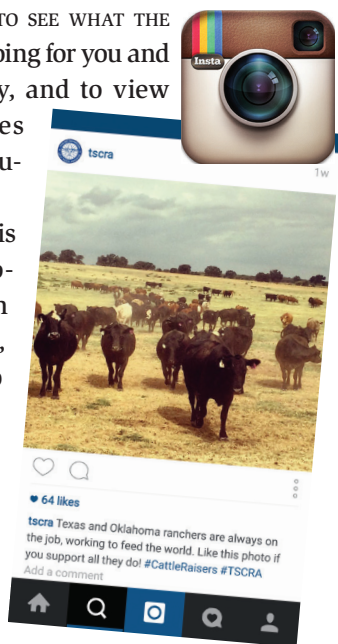
Metal detectors in beef processing facilities cannot detect lead, such as that found in birdshot or buckshot. If lead is detected by the packer, the entire carcass may be condemned. If lead is detected during ground beef production, the entire batch of ground beef must be condemned, which could be several thousand pounds.

Educate your hunters on the cost of a stray shot. Take extra precautions and remove cattle from pastures that will be hunted.

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To download this popular free photo-sharing app on your smartphone, visit your app store, such as Google Play or iTunes, and search "instagram" or go to instagram.com for more information.



Register Now for the TSCRA Policy Conference

TSCRA'S POLICY CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 23 TO SEPT. 25 AT THE Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio. The conference is open to all TSCRA members.

The informative event offers a broad range of sessions highlighting the intersection between ranching and public policy. Topics will include private property rights, water rights, animal health issues, the latest university research, and much more. Participants will include ranchers, academics and public policy makers from around the region.

For more information, visit tskra.org and click on the policy conference button.



You Are Invited to a TSCRA Ranch Gathering

WE HAVE A FULL SLATE OF FALL RANCH GATHERINGS PLANNED ACROSS TEXAS AND Oklahoma. Ranch gatherings are an excellent way for local ranchers, friends, family and guests to get together for an evening of fellowship, information and fun.

The events are free and include a complimentary beef dinner, along with presentations from industry leaders and TSCRA representatives, including your district's Special Ranger, who will give tips on how to prevent theft. If you would like to attend or host a ranch gathering, visit our Events Calendar at tskra.org to see if we are holding one in your area!

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- Sept. 3: Beef Quality Assurance Training, Floresville
- Sept. 8: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Kaufman
- Sept. 10: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Seymour
- Sept. 10: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Franklin
- Sept. 15: Ranching 101 – Topic, Range & Pasture Management, Fort Worth
- Sept. 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Cuero
- Sept. 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Kellyville, OK
- Sept. 16: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Guthrie, OK
- Sept. 16: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Rio Grande City
- Sept. 17: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Linn (at Edinburg)
- Sept. 17: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Okmulgee, OK
- Sept. 23-25: Policy Conference, San Antonio

TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!

