

# The Cattlemen



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Cattle Raisers at the Capitol

TSCRA officers, leaders and staff traveled to Washington D.C. at the end of June to meet with legislators and policy makers on topics important to the beef industry. Major topics of discussion included trade, especially NAFTA, taxes and fever ticks.

Visit TSCRA on Facebook to watch a Facebook Live replay of U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, Texas-Dist. 19, talking with TSCRA President Richard Thorpe and First Vice President Bobby McKnight about Texas agriculture, TSCRA and the cattle industry.



Left to right are: TSCRA Director Federico Nieto, Raymondville; President Richard Thorpe, Winters; Second Vice President Hughes Abell, Austin; and First Vice President Bobby McKnight, Fort Davis.

### Attend YLS Conference in San Antonio July 28-29

Join TSCRA and fellow young ranchers for a Young Leadership Series (YLS) Leadership Conference in San Antonio, July 28 and 29. The conference is an event for ranchers ages 19 to 40 and will feature industry tours of H-E-B, Whataburger, Dean and Peeler Meatworks, and more! Don't miss the chance to network with other young producers and TSCRA leadership. Cost for TSCRA members: \$40, non-members: \$50.

For a full agenda, registration, housing rates, and more, visit [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) and click on the "Young Leadership Series" menu option under "What We Do."

The YLS program is generously sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

### Get Texas Ranch Roundup Passes Before Aug. 4

TSCRA has teamed up with the Texas Ranch Roundup to offer TSCRA members two free trade show passes during the event in Wichita Falls



Aug. 18-19, 2017, a \$20 value! Reserve your passes by Aug. 4. Don't miss the TSCRA booth along with a great trade show, entertainment, a ranch rodeo and more. Trade show passes do not include admission to the ranch rodeo performances. For more information, visit [tskra.org/trr](http://tskra.org/trr).

The Texas Ranch Roundup is the "original" event designed to replicate the big cattle roundups of the late 1800s and early 1900s and, in 1981, was the first of the hundreds of ranch rodeos that now occur all over North America. The first event committee determined that the participating ranches would be full-time, historic Texas cattle ranches, and that the participants would be only owners, full time hands, and immediate family members. They also determined that the ranch families should be involved outside the arena to showcase real ranch life and the talents that exist in the families.



TSCRA officers and staff talk with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

## Recruit New Members for a Chance to Win

Recruit a new member to TSCRA from June 1 – Aug. 31, 2017, to be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$500 McCoy's gift card or a Priefert Calf Table, valued at \$1,299.

For each member you recruit, your name will be added to the drawing. You must fill out the recruiter information section of the provided application to be entered in the drawing.

Visit [tscra.org/getamember](http://tscra.org/getamember) for more information or to download the application.

## BQA Tip of the Month: Horn Fly Control

Horn fly control is important for animal welfare, performance and herd health. Research has shown that if horn flies are not controlled, animal gains are often reduced by 0.09 lbs/day for nursing calves and 0.20 lbs/day for stocker cattle and replacement heifers. To reduce problems with resistance, chemical classes of topical insecticides should be rotated each year. The topical products currently available can be classified as pyrethroids, organophosphates or avermectins. Remember to rotate chemical classes and not just brand names or application methods.

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](http://texasbeefquality.com) for more information.



## Reward Offered for Information in Killing of Steer in Randall County

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger H.L. Dempsey and local authorities are seeking information after an Angus steer was found shot to death on a ranch south of Canyon.

A cash reward of up to \$3,000 is being offered for information leading to the indictment or arrest of the person or persons responsible for the crime. Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a \$500 reward, with the victims offering a combined \$2,500 additional reward.

On June 27, a landowner found the 600-pound Angus steer dead in his pasture. It is believed the animal was shot from FM 1714, also known as Buffalo Lake Road, sometime after the afternoon of June 25.

The case is being investigated by the Randall County Sheriff's Department with the assistance of TSCRA's Special Rangers. Anyone with information that could help identify the perpetrator should call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at (888) 830-2333, Special Ranger H.L. Dempsey at (806) 356-6101, or the Randall County Sheriff's Department.

All information is kept confidential and tips may be provided anonymously.

## TSCRA MEMBERS

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## TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR *You Are Welcome to Attend!*

**Jul. 11:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, New Braunfels  
**Jul. 13:** Wichita Falls Cattleman's Luncheon, Wichita Falls  
**Jul. 18:** Ranching 101 - Genetics, EPDs and AI, Fort Worth  
**Jul. 20:** Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Gainesville  
**Jul. 21:** Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Clarksville  
**Aug. 1:** Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Laredo  
**Aug. 3:** Texas Beef Quality Assurance Training, Odessa  
**Aug. 3:** Ranch Gathering, Carthage  
**Aug. 7-9:** Texas A&M University Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station

**Aug. 15:** Ranch Gathering, Ben Wheeler  
**Aug. 15:** Ranching 101 – Range & Pasture Management, Fort Worth  
**Aug. 23:** Ranch Gathering, Alva, OK  
**Aug. 24:** Ranch Gathering, Glen Rose  
**Aug. 24:** Ranch Gathering, Pampa  
**Aug. 28:** CattleFax Market Outlook, Seymour  
**Aug. 29:** CattleFax Market Outlook, Fairfield  
**Aug. 30:** CattleFax Market Outlook, Gonzales