

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Ranching 101 Comes to You

TSCRA is taking its popular Ranching 101 series on the road this fall with meetings in Mt. Pleasant, Gonzales, Navasota, Palestine and Center in October. Ranching 101 seminars give participants practical, sound guidance on the tools and equipment used in ranching.

While these seminars are designed for people starting off in the ranching business or looking to improve their existing operation, anyone interested in the cattle business is invited to attend.

Topics will include equipment selection, cattle health, Resource Management such as stocking rates, range health, marketing, and chuteside demonstrations with live cattle.

Check our events calendar at [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) to see if we're having a Ranching 101 in your area!

### High School Ag Mechanics Challenge

Your school's great idea and craftsmanship could win an expense-paid trip to the 2017 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo and a prime spot as the sole ag mechanics exhibit at the largest beef cattle ranching event in Texas and the Southwest.

Win the Cattle Raisers Ag Mechanics Challenge and we'll help you connect with some of the leading ranchers, agricultural business people and potential employers in Texas and the surrounding states.

Previous winning items included a "Ring the Bull" game and a custom trophy animal photography stand. Let the imagination, creativity and technical skills of your agricultural or vocational program shine by providing us with a winning idea!

Winners of the challenge will receive \$500 for building materials and other expenses necessary to bring your project to life. Your class builds it and brings it to the Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo in San Antonio, March 31 to April 2, to show off to the event's more than 4,500 visitors and attendees!

Then we'll sell your item in a live auction in the Cattle Raisers Expo. All proceeds from the sale of the item will be paid directly to your school.

Deadline to enter your idea is Dec. 15, 2016. For more information visit our website — [tskra.org/challenge](http://tskra.org/challenge).



### Get *The Cattleman NOW* App for All the Latest Cattle Raisers News

*The Cattleman NOW* app is a free download available exclusively to TSCRA members. Use the app to read the same cattle industry headlines delivered in the daily *The Cattleman Update* e-mail, get a daily market report from CattleFax, and find valuable resources, including finding your special ranger and livestock auction by name or by county. You can also catch up on goods and services for sale in classified ads and keep up with TSCRA events and cattle sales in the events calendar. To get the app, visit [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) and log in to the Member Center.



## Thinking of Making Insurance Changes in the New Year?

Open enrollment for individual policyholders under age 65 begins November 1.



**CATTLE RAISERS INSURANCE™**

Hardworking Insurance for Hardworking Families™

If it looks like health insurance shopping is in your future, give Cattle Raisers Insurance a visit to explore your individual medical options.

There is a good possibility you could qualify for group health insurance. A group plan can expand your coverage selections, lower your premiums and offer less volatility in your insurance coverage. It is worth investigating.

Visit the Cattle Raisers Insurance website at [cattleraisersinsurance.com](http://cattleraisersinsurance.com) or call the Cattle Raisers Insurance Team at 800-252.2849.

## BQA Tip: Be Aware of Herbicide and Pesticide Restrictions

Herbicides and insecticides are applied to pastures to control weeds and insects. When using these pesticides, it is important to read and follow label directions for grazing and haying restrictions. Additionally, only products that are labeled for use in pastures and hayfields should be used. Labels for many of these pesticides can be found at [cdms.net/label-database](http://cdms.net/label-database).

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



## Reward Offered for Information on Saddle Stolen in Wichita Falls

TSCRA Special Ranger John Bradshaw, Dist. 9 in North Central Texas, and local law enforcement authorities are seeking information on a saddle stolen in Wichita Falls on Sept. 14. The saddle is a Bob Marrs roping saddle on a Buster Welch tree, with a 16-1/2 inch rough-out seat and skirt and swells tooled with a floral pattern. There is a steer on each corner of the skirt and the stirrups are aluminum.

The victims are offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the location and recovery of the saddle. In addition, they are also offering a separate \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect or suspects involved in the theft.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or TSCRA Special Ranger Bradshaw at 940-389-6123. Individuals may choose to remain anonymous.

### TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

*You're welcome to attend!*

- Oct. 4: Ranching 101 - Mt. Pleasant
- Oct. 5: Ranch Gathering - Tilden
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- Oct. 6: Ranch Gathering - Fredericksburg
- Oct. 11: Ranch Gathering - Hamilton
- Oct. 12: Ranching 101 - Navasota
- Oct. 13: Ranching 101 - Palestine
- Oct. 14: Ranching 101 - Center
- Oct. 17: Ranch Gathering - Kingsville
- Oct. 18: Ranching 101: Choosing the Right Equipment - Fort Worth
- Oct. 18: Ranch Gathering - Victoria
- Oct. 19: Ranch Gathering - Damon
- Oct. 20: Ranch Gathering - Bastrop

TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!