

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Cattle Raisers Convention Registration Is Open



TSCRA IS HOSTING THE 2016 CATTLE RAISERS CONVENTION AND Expo April 8-10, at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

It's worth your while to register early! Best value is the full convention registration, but day packages are available to suit your schedule.

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

Hotels offering special convention rates include the Omni Fort Worth Hotel at 817-535-6664 and the Hilton Fort Worth at 817-870-2100. Be sure to refer to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. You can also reserve online at cattleraisersconvention.com.

Congress Repeals COOL Meat Label Rules

LAWMAKERS PASSED IN DECEMBER THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, H.R. 2029 THAT CONTAINED language to repeal the country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements for muscle cuts of beef and pork, and ground beef and pork. Effective immediately, USDA is not enforcing the COOL requirements for muscle cut and ground beef and pork outlined in the January 2009 and May 2013 final rules.

USDA will be amending the COOL regulations as expeditiously as possible to reflect the repeal of the beef and pork provisions. In addition, all imported and domestic meat will continue to be subject to rigorous inspections by USDA to ensure food safety.

Canada and Mexico had threatened more than \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs.

"Repealing COOL will benefit ranchers by preventing the imminent threat of more than \$1 billion in tariffs from being implemented by Canada and Mexico, two of our largest trading partners," said TSCRA President Pete Bonds. "We appreciate Senator John Cornyn and House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Mike Conaway for their tireless efforts to repeal COOL."

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Ends Jan. 31



CATTLE RAISERS INSURANCE™

Hardworking Insurance for Hardworking Families™

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL POLICYHOLDERS ENDS in just a few short days on Jan. 31, 2016. The Cattle Raisers Insurance team is here to guide you through the open enrollment process and answer all of your questions.

After Jan. 31, the Affordable Care Act will not allow you to make any changes to your health care insurance plan until the next open enrollment period begins on Oct. 1, 2016, and closes Dec. 15, 2016. However, if you have a "qualifying event" between Jan. 31 and Oct. 1, then you will be eligible to change your health care insurance coverage. Call 800-252-2849 to visit with Michele Woodham, Veronica Gomez and Samantha Ristau, your Cattle Raisers Insurance team, for more information.



Pete Bonds
TSCRA President

TSCRA Leaders Meet With Committee Chairman Kevin Brady



TSCRA LEADERS ENJOYED MEETING WITH U.S. HOUSE Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady on Dec. 14, at the Santa Rosa Ranch in Navasota. Participants discussed federal issues such as Trans-Pacific Partnership, COOL, WOTUS, the death tax and other issues important to cattle raisers.

Brady represents Texas' Dist. 8 north of Houston.

Murchison Is New Special Ranger in District 20

TSCRA IS PROUD TO WELCOME KENNY MURCHISON as a Special Ranger serving District 20 in south Central Texas. Murchison has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, most recently with the Travis County Sheriff Office's Auto Theft Task Force.

District 20 covers the counties of Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Travis, Washington and Williamson. Murchison replaces Doug Hutchison, who has retired after many years of service to TSCRA.



Kenny Murchison
TSCRA Special Ranger

BQA Tip of the Month: The Right Dose for the Right Weight

WHEN ADMINISTERING antibiotics, make sure to calculate the proper dose based on the weight of the animal. Under dosing will likely reduce product efficacy and over-dosing increases withdrawal time and cost.

If individual animals are treated with antibiotics, they should also be individually identified and procedures put in place to prevent marketing before withdrawal times listed on the label are complete, or as recommended by your veterinarian.



TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- Jan. 15-Feb. 6: Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- Jan. 19: Ranching 101 – Cattle Selection and Buying Basics, Fort Worth
- Jan. 27-29: Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, San Diego, Calif.
- Feb. 16: Ranching 101 – Cattle Health, Fort Worth
- March 1-20: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- March 8: TSCRA Ranch Gathering - Decatur
- March 11: TSCRA Ranch Gathering - Waxahachie
- March 15: Ranching 101 – Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth
- March 15: Ranch Gathering - Salado
- April 8-10: Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo, Fort Worth

TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!

