

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Register Early to Save on Convention Registration

TSCRA is hosting the 2016 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo, April 8-10, at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth.

It's worth your while to register early! Best value is the full convention registration where you will save \$100 off on-site prices.

Visit cattleraisersconvention.com to see the entire lineup of programs. Many of the School for Successful Ranching programs will be repeated on Saturday, April 9, allowing 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.



The Cattleman NOW App Update Ready to Download

The latest version of *The Cattleman NOW* app is available for download in the Member Center at www.tscra.org. The new version of this daily news and TSCRA resources app is a free download available exclusively to TSCRA members.

Find a daily market report from CattleFax. Find your special ranger, by name or by county. Catch up on goods and services for sale in Classified ads. Read the daily headlines in the News. Keep up with TSCRA events and cattle sales in the calendar.

We've kept *The Cattleman NOW* app similar to the well-regarded original app, and have simplified its operation and appearance.

Cattle Raisers Convention Bonus!

Stop by *The Cattleman* booth in the Cattle Raisers Expo. Show us *The Cattleman NOW* app on your smartphone or tablet and we'll enter your name in a drawing for a \$300 gift certificate to one of our outstanding Cattle Raisers Expo exhibitors!



New Member Wins 12g Shotgun at Tulsa Farm Show

TSCRA Special Ranger Bart Perrier, left, congratulates new member Cody Smith, Big Cabin, Okla., for winning a Baikal 12-gauge over-and-under shotgun in a drawing at the 2015 Tulsa Farm Show. New & renewing members who paid at the TSCRA booth at the Farm Show in December were entered into a drawing for the shotgun. Smith works with Sun Rise H Ranch, owned by Randy Hendricks.

BQA Tip of the Month: How Hot Is Your Truck Dashboard on a Sunny Day?

If it's 39 degrees Fahrenheit outside your truck, what's the temperature on your truck dashboard when the sun is shining? It's probably much warmer than 39 degrees. Do your saddlebags soak up the heat? How warm or cold is the area next to the chute where you are working cattle?

Be sure to store antibiotics at the right temperatures to keep them effective. Throwing a bottle or box of animal health medicines up on the dashboard could be the worst way to handle an expensive product.

Check the product label to find out the right storage and handling temperatures for each product.

TSCRA Active in Winter Storm Recovery

On Dec. 26 and 27, 2015, the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico were hit hard with a winter storm that produced up to 20 inches of snow with 6- to 8-foot snow drifts in some areas.

Thousands of stocker cattle in the region were displaced and were rounded up immediately after the storm. Through cooperative volunteer efforts, the cattle were secured behind fences and provided with feed and water. Days after the storm, death loss estimates showed the dairy and feedlot segments had been hard hit with losses in the thousands of head.



Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) was actively engaged in the winter storm recovery. TSCRA is the livestock law enforcement participant in the state Livestock Emergency Response Command under the lead of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

TSCRA Special Ranger Regional Director Scott Williamson was on-site shortly after the storm, conducting a visual assessment of needs. He was joined by Special Rangers Dean Bohannon, Harold Dempsey, Ben Eggleston, Howard Brittain and Kenny Wadsworth, who went into the affected areas to assist with identifying the ownership of comingled cattle.

Special rangers were available to assist with sorting and determining cattle ownership. This service was also extended to the New Mexico Brand Board to help recover cattle that may have been displaced across the state border.

TSCRA established a toll-free phone number to report missing cattle and an email address to alert the team of any new information. Brand books for 9 counties were created and distributed to special rangers and agencies to assist with identifying estray cattle. These brand books were posted to a special Winter Storm Recovery page at www.tscra.org, along with other useful recovery information.

Throughout the Winter Storm Recovery process, TSCRA volunteer leaders and staff collaborated with other livestock organizations, agencies and government offices.

Special Rangers Investigate Burglary at Raywood Livestock Auction

TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy Belt and Liberty County Sheriff's Office authorities are investigating the burglary of approximately \$85,000 of equipment from the Raywood Livestock Market.

According to Belt, authorities received notification on Jan. 4 of the theft of a GMC diesel truck, a 20-foot lowboy trailer, a Bobcat skid-steer and a Kubota Excavator from the property southeast of Houston. Total value of the equipment was approximately \$85,000. Belt and Liberty County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Investigator Chris Ungles conducted the investigation.

The stolen truck was recovered on Jan. 4 with the assistance of the Precinct 2 Constable's Office. Belt and Ungles recovered the other equipment on Jan. 7 from 3 different locations in South Liberty County.

The investigation is ongoing.

"I appreciate the work of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office on this investigation," said Belt. "This serves as an important reminder that equipment theft is frequently occurring, and locking up anything of value is of utmost importance to prevent becoming a victim."

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- Feb. 5-21: San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo
- Feb. 11-28: San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
- Feb. 16: Ranching 101 – Cattle Health, Fort Worth
- March 7: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Throckmorton
- March 8: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Decatur
- March 10: Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- March 11: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Waxahachie
- March 15: Ranching 101 – Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth
- March 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering & Belles of Cowtown Preview, Salado
- April 8-10: Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo, Fort Worth

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