

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS



### JOIN US MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2, 2017

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center | San Antonio  
[cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com)

## Attend The Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo in San Antonio!

Ranchers and landowners are invited to attend the largest ranching event of the year at the Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo March 31 – April 2 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Register today to attend dozens of sessions on issues important to landowners and experience the Expo, featuring hundreds of exhibitors showcasing the products and services ranchers need. Enjoy the day or make it a weekend getaway. Early registration discounts are available through March 20. Day registration packages begin at only \$90.

Visit [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com) or call 800-242-7820 for registration information and full details.

### Come for the Day, Stay for the Fun!

From cattle and hunting equipment to western apparel and jewelry, live music and door prizes, there is something for the whole family at the Cattle Raisers Expo, March 31 and April 1! Watch live cattle handling demonstrations and participate in hands-on education sessions in the Expo learning lounge.

The Expo is open to all ranchers, landowners and cattle industry participants. Get your free expo day pass online at [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com). TSCRA members get in free, and passes are available for non-members at the door for \$10.

#### YOU HAVE 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Online at [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com)
2. By phone at 800-242-7820
3. You may request a paper registration form by emailing [registration@tscra.org](mailto:registration@tscra.org)



Please present this coupon at the Registration counter for free admission. Day pass is valid for individuals or groups. Coupon has no cash value.



#### EXPO HOURS

Friday, March 31, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 2017  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## Information Sought, Reward Offered in Henderson County Thefts

TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson and local authorities are seeking information regarding the theft of farm and ranch equipment from a property near Eustace. Investigators believe this theft may be related to others in the Henderson County area.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

Sometime between Oct. 13 and Oct. 14, 2016, an unidentified suspect or suspects cut a gate lock to unlawfully enter a property on FM 2709. A 2011 Massey Ferguson MF1529 tractor, lowboy trailer and Bosch miter saw were stolen. Oddly, the thieves also took food from a refrigerator but left it in a nearby pasture.

Then, in the overnight hours between Dec. 13 and Dec. 14, an unknown suspect or suspects cut a gate lock to unlawfully enter a property in Henderson County outside of Athens. A trailer and a 2016 Caterpillar compact track loader were stolen from the property located off State Loop 7 near U.S. Highway 175. A building on the property was also burglarized, with thousands of dollars in tools and equipment stolen. Items taken from the structure include a Hustler zero-turn lawn mower, plasma cutter and pressure washer.

The cases are being investigated by the Henderson County Sheriff's Department with the assistance of TSCRA's special rangers. Anyone with further information leading to the recovery of the items or the arrest of a suspect or suspects should call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at (888) 830-2333 or Dickson at (903) 586-8733. All information is kept confidential and tips may be provided anonymously.

## BQA Tip of the Month: The Critical Role of Colostrum

The consumption of colostrum shortly after birth is critical to calf survival and health. During calving season, monitor newborns to ensure they are nursing. If calves haven't nursed within the first 10 – 12 hours, provide assistance to ensure adequate consumption of colostrum; in some instances, you may want to provide colostrum sooner. Before calving season begins, it is a good idea to have an esophageal tube feeder and a source of colostrum on hand. Commercial colostrum products vary in the amount of immunoglobulin they contain, so make sure to get a product that is designed for replacement and not just supplement.

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.



## TSCRA Leader Testifies in Austin on Veterinarian Shortage

TSCRA Director Coleman Locke, Hungerford, testified Feb. 27 before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs in Austin. In his testimony, on behalf of TSCRA, he addressed a current shortage of large animal veterinarians to serve rural Texas. He conveyed a number of facts, including that Texas is tied for last in the country in the number of animals per veterinarian, and the situation is likely to worsen because 46 percent of rural veterinarians are over the age of 60. Locke closed by strongly asserting the need for the state legislature and Texas public universities to make a priority of addressing this growing shortage of food animal veterinary practitioners.

**TSCRA MEMBERS**  
ask about discounts from  
the following partners!

A collection of logos for various TSCRA member partners. The logos include: Cattle Raisers Insurance, CattleFax (The Deciding Factor), ICEHOLE (High-Performance Coolers), Olathe Boot Co., Ultimate Wild, American Hat Company, Inc., John Deere Partner Program, Ranch House Designs, Inc., Staples Link.com, Greely Hat Works, Stay-Tuff Superior Fence Products, NRSworld.com, L&H Branding Irons, CattleMax, Dell, Tru-Test, Ford Partner Recognition (X-Plan Vehicle Pricing), and others.

## TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

*You Are Welcome to Attend!*

- March 1:** Ranch Gathering, Muleshoe
- March 2:** Ranch Gathering, Turkey
- March 9:** Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- March 21:** Ranching 101, Topic – Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth
- March 21:** Ranch Gathering, Altus, OK
- Mar. 31 - Apr. 2:** Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo, San Antonio
- April 11:** Ranch Gathering, Menard
- April 12:** Ranch Gathering, Ballinger
- April 27:** Ranch Gathering, Harleton
- Jun 15-17:** TSCRA Summer Meeting, Galveston
- Sept 27-29:** TSCRA Policy Conference, San Antonio