

# The Cattleman



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**NEWS BRIEFS**

## Cattle Raisers Applaud Commitment to Protect Agriculture in NAFTA Negotiations

U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer announced on July 17 his key objectives for renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which include maintaining duty-free agricultural trade. Richard Thorpe, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), issued the following statement in response to the USTR plan:

“Since its inception in 1993, NAFTA has been extremely valuable to cattle raisers, especially in Texas where beef

exports to Mexico account for more than \$338 million each year. I am very pleased that USTR and the administration have heeded the concerns of our ranchers and are taking this step to ensure cattle and beef exports will be safeguarded in the negotiations. We look forward to continuing our work with officials and lawmakers in Washington to expand trade opportunities for cattle raisers in Texas and across the Southwest.”

## Attend TSCRA Policy Conference Sept. 27-29 in San Antonio

 **Policy Conference**  
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2017 • SAN ANTONIO

**Register early for your chance to win a complimentary 2-night stay during the TSCRA Policy Conference, Sept. 27 to 29.**

**Early Registration Deadline is Sept. 18.**

Cattle Raisers will gather at The Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio Sept. 27-29 for an annual Policy Conference. The event will offer in-depth perspectives and a broad range of sessions highlighting the intersection of ranching and public policy.

Topics will include private property rights, water rights, sustainability, property taxes, surface damages, border issues, research priorities, and much more. Participants will include ranchers, landowners, public policy makers, and elected officials from around the region. TSCRA members are invited and encouraged to attend. All association policy committees will meet during the conference to consider new policies and renew existing policies.



Register for the event on or before close of business, Monday, Sept. 18 to be entered in a drawing for a complimentary two-night stay at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel during the conference. The winner will receive complimentary lodging at the host hotel for the TSCRA Policy Conference. *The prize may not be transferred and has no cash value.*

Visit [tscra.org/policyconference](http://tscra.org/policyconference) for more information or keep an eye on your email inbox.

## Get A Member for a Chance to Win

Recruit a new member to TSCRA from June 1 through Aug, 31 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 to TSCRA, 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.

For applications, rules and further information, visit [tscra.org/getamember](http://tscra.org/getamember) or call 800-242-7820.

## BQA Tip of the Month: Drug Withdrawal Times

Withdrawal times are established for antibiotics and other animal health products to allow time for elimination of the drug from the animal or for drug residues to drop below FDA tolerance levels. Withdrawal times for commonly used antibiotics range from 4 days for Excenel to 42 days for Micotil 300. Oxytetracycline products like LA-200, Bio-Mycin 200, Noromycin 300, and others have a withdrawal time of 28 days. When using antibiotics, record information on each animal treated and make sure the withdrawal time has completely passed before marketing that animal.

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.



## Crime Alert: Watch Out For Check Fraud

TSCRA Special Rangers are warning folks about a recent case of fraud concerning the purchase of cattle online and reminding sellers to take precautions when accepting cashier's checks. If a buyer presents a cashier's check, do not accept a payment amount for any price other than the one that was agreed. Often, thieves will present a check for above the asking price and ask for this difference back, or to pay a driver for transportation of hay or animals. It could take weeks before the scam is discovered, since many banks will hold a cashier's check for a period of time. It pays to be suspicious in this situation. If you suspect a transaction may be a scam, contact your special ranger.

## Information Sought in New Braunfels Cattle Theft

TSCRA Special Ranger Michael Barr and local law enforcement authorities are seeking information following a cattle theft in New Braunfels. Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a cash reward for information leading to the indictment or arrest of the person or persons responsible for the crime. Anyone with information about the identities of the suspects could also be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from the Comal County Crime Stoppers.

On May 16, an unknown suspect or suspects unlawfully entered a property at the corner of Rueckle Road and Morningside Drive. An unlocked gate allowed the perpetrator or perpetrators access to steal six head of cattle, estimated to be worth nearly \$10,000.

The case is being investigated by TSCRA special rangers and the Comal County Sheriff's Department. Anyone with information that could help identify the perpetrator should call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or Special Ranger Michael Barr at 830-997-7585. Tips may also be made electronically through the Comal County Crime Stoppers Program at [www.comalcrimestoppers.org](http://www.comalcrimestoppers.org).

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

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



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

- 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:** Ranching 101 – Range & Pasture Management, Fort Worth
- Aug. 18-19:** Texas Ranch Roundup, Wichita Falls
- 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