

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Harvey Update: If You Need Help or Want to Help

The cleanup and recovery after the initial storm and ongoing flood will be an effort that continues for some time. We have had many offers of help, supplies and prayers, which are greatly appreciated. For those that need help or would like to help, we have gathered information and resources at tscra.org/hurricaneupdate.

Lost or Found Livestock

If you have lost or found livestock, email missinglivestock@tscra.org or visit tscra.org/hurricaneupdate for a link to an online form.

If You Want to Help or Donate

- **Monetary:** TSCRA has established the **Cattle Raisers Relief Fund** to support relief efforts for ranch families affected by natural disaster. The Cattle Raisers Relief Fund (CRRF) is administered by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Donations may be made online or by mailing checks to TSCRF, 1600 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. More information, including distribution standards and applications, is available at tscra.org/relieffund/.
- **Pasture, Trucking, Other:** The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) **HAY HOTLINE** helps connect forage with those in need. If you can offer transportation or have shelter, pasture and land available for evacuated animals, visit texasagriculture.gov and search TDA Hay Hotline or email HayHotline@TexasAgriculture.gov.
- **Animal Supplies:** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has set up supply points in the affected areas and are accepting all donations of feed, supplies and help. Examples of items accepted include square bale horse quality hay, various types of hay for cattle in round or square bales, all-stock feed, range cubes protein supplement, fence supplies and other ranch items. Call 979-845-7800 if you would like to donate or volunteer help. For an up to date list of supply points, please visit tscra.org/hurricaneupdate.

If You Need Hay or Supplies

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has established livestock supply points in the affected area and are currently receiving and distributing donated resources to producers impacted by Harvey. If you are in the affected area and have a need, contact your local AgriLife Extension Agent to coordinate or call 979-845-7800.

Contact County Judge or Emergency Management Coordinator to Request State Assistance for Stranded Livestock

If you are in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and need hay or livestock feed delivered to stranded livestock, contact your county emergency management coordinator or your county judge to obtain a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) form. This will start the process to access assistance. These requests must start at the local level. In exceptional circumstances where feed needs to be delivered via non-conventional means (such as by helicopter or boat) to stranded livestock, the STAR procedure is necessary.

To find your county emergency management coordinator or county judge, use your favorite search engine to search on the name of your county and emergency management coordinator or county judge (example, Brazoria County Emergency Management Coordinator or Brazoria County Judge).

Important Contact Numbers

Dial 2-1-1 for shelter, food, housing, health and more.
FEMA 800-621-3362

AgriLife Extension Livestock Supply Point
Coordination 979-845-7800

TSCRA lost/found cattle 800-242-7820 or
missingcattle@tscra.org

Texas Animal Health Commission 800-550-8242
Report Price Gouging and Scams to Atty. General's
Office 800-621-0508

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

Cattle Raisers will gather at The Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio Sept. 27-29 for TSCRA's 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. The upcoming national elections and Texas legislative session will also be discussed.

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, September 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 for more information or keep an eye on your email inbox.



Individual Health Insurance Open Enrollment Begins Nov. 1

Cattle Raisers Insurance is here to help you shop for your insurance needs before the fall season gets too hectic. Visit with the CRI team to see if you qualify for group medical insurance. Group medical plans offer a variety of medical plans at a competitive price and a larger physician and hospital network selection.

Open Enrollment for Individual Health Plans begins Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2017, for a Jan. 1, 2018, effective date. Call Cattle Raisers Insurance at 1-800-252-2849 to consult with one of our experienced insurance team specialists who understand the insurance needs of the ranching community.

BQA Tip for September: Fenceline Weaning

Good weaning programs are important to minimize stress on calves and prepare them to perform as stockers, feeders and replacement heifers. Fenceline weaning works well because the cows and calves can see and hear each other, which reduces stress on both groups. A key to successful fenceline weaning is to separate the cows and calves with as little excitement as possible. An ideal weaning pasture would be about 5 to 30 acres in size, have good shade along the fence line and have a good water source within a few hundred yards of the fence.

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 or call 899-242-7820 for more information.



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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR
You Are Welcome to Attend!

- Sept. 5:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Three Rivers, CANCELLED
- Sept. 6:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Refugio, CANCELLED
- Sept. 7:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Edinburg, CANCELLED
- Sept. 12:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Chickasha, OK
- Sept. 12:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Tulia
- Sept. 13:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Breckenridge
- Sept. 13:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Kellyville, OK
- Sept. 14:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Bartlesville, OK
- Sept. 14:** Wichita Falls Cattleman's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- Sept. 19:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Huntsville
- Sept. 19:** Ranching 101 – Land Leasing, Fort Worth
- Sept. 20:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Georgetown
- Sept. 21:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Hempstead
- Sept. 27-29:** TSCRA Policy Conference, San Antonio