

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Save the Date for the TSCRA Policy Conference at Lost Pines Resort

Make plans to join TSCRA for the 2018 Policy Conference on Sept. 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort in the scenic Texas Hill Country, between Bastrop and Austin. The Policy Conference is where Cattle Raisers tackle tough issues and develop grassroots policies that guide TSCRA leaders and staff in our activities in Austin and Washington, D.C.

All TSCRA members, family and friends are invited to attend the conference. All association policy committees will meet to consider new policy and renew existing policies.

A block of discounted sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines for \$199 per night. The discounted rates are available through Aug. 28. Attendees can make their room reservations by calling 512-308-1234



 **Policy Conference**
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and referencing the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) room block.

More information about the conference will be available in late July, including a schedule and registration options. Visit tskra.org and click on “Policy Conference” under Events or from the right slider menu.

TSCRA Welcomes New Special Rangers



Bo Fox
TSCRA Special Ranger



James Bennett
TSCRA Special Ranger



Joe Aguilar
TSCRA Special Ranger

Three law enforcement professionals have joined the TSCRA special rangers. Special Ranger Bo Fox serves District 12 in northeast Texas. Special Ranger James Bennett serves District 27 in south central Texas. Special Ranger Joe Aguilar

serves District 29 in South Texas/Rio Grande Valley.

These men come to TSCRA with long histories in law enforcement and deep ties to the districts they represent. If you see them around, say hello!

BQA Tip for July: Mineral Supplements

Mineral supplements are sometimes used to provide feed additives like fly control products, antibiotics, and ionophores. For these products to work effectively, it is critical that cattle consume the targeted amount of mineral regularly. Average mineral intake should be monitored to determine if any adjustments should be made. If there are 40 cows in the group and the targeted intake is 3 to 4 ounces per day, per cow, then they would need to consume 7.5 to 10 pounds per day or 52.5 to 70 pounds each week.

Are you a certified Texas Beef Quality Assurance (TBQA) producer? Training is free and available online and at one-day in-person workshops. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information or call 800-242-7820.

TBQA is a collaborative effort of TSCRA, Texas Beef Council and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

Guilty Plea in Feedyard Cattle Theft

A New Mexico man has entered a guilty plea following charges of Theft of Livestock in Bailey County, Texas. The charges and conviction are the results of an investigation led by TSCRA Special Ranger Dean Bohannon.

The investigation was launched in April after Bohannon was contacted by Frontera Feedyard. It was alleged that the cattle manager for the feeding operation, Jeffery Dean Provence, 52, of Texico, N.M., had been selling company cattle as his own. Auction records indicated that Provence would frequently bring cattle to the auction barn on behalf of the feedyard but would also check in a few animals under his own name.

When confronted by law enforcement officers, Provence agreed to an interview at the Muleshoe Police Department, during which he confessed to stealing all 95 head identified in the auction records. Soon after the confession, formal charges were filed in Bailey County. Provence turned himself in to authorities and on June 13, 2018, entered a guilty plea. He paid full restitution for the value of the stolen cattle and received a two-year deferred sentence.

Arrest in \$5.8 Million Fraud Case

Howard Lee Hinkle, 67, of Wichita Falls, was arrested on theft charges on June 27, 2018, in a case that encompasses more than 10 counties in Texas and Oklahoma, 8,000 head of cattle and outstanding loans of more than \$5.8 million. The arrest is the result of an investigation led by TSCRA Special Rangers John Bradshaw and Troy McKinney.

The investigation began more than a year ago, in March 2017, after Bradshaw was contacted by representatives of the First United Bank in Sanger. It was indicated that Hinkle had defaulted on several loans with past due balances totaling more than \$5.8 million. When bank officials acted on a court order to gather the approximately 8,000 yearling cattle put up as collateral, they were unable to locate any of the animals.

Hinkle had purportedly told the bank that the cattle were scattered across properties in 10 counties in Texas and Oklahoma. Bradshaw enlisted the assistance of fellow special rangers to help identify and interview numerous witnesses and collect vital evidence.

Bradshaw presented the evidence to a Denton County grand jury on June 14, 2018, and an indictment was handed down the following week for first-degree felony charges of theft, more than \$200,000. After his arrest, Hinkle was booked into the Wichita County Jail. He was released on bond pending trial. If convicted, Hinkle could face up to life in prison, plus possible fines and restitution.

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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

July 12: Cattlemen's Luncheon at McBride's Steakhouse, Wichita Falls

July 17: Ranching 101 – Genetics and EPDs, Fort Worth

July 19: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Salado

July 24: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Paris