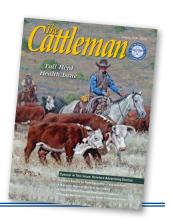
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### See If We Are Having an **Event in Your Area!**

Please join us for a TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Producer Training, or CattleFax Outlook in your area this summer and fall! These events are free, and everyone interested in ranching is invited. Registration is required.

TSCRA Ranch Gatherings are a great opportunity to catch up with TSCRA at the local level while connecting with friends and meeting new ones over a great beef meal.

**BQA** Producer Training sessions offer proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry thereby raising consumer confidence. These sessions cover beef quality assurance principles, record keeping, environmental stewardship and good management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling, vaccination, medicinal treatment, and other important topics. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information.

CattleFax Market Outlooks are an informative market outlook presented by Randy Blach, CEO of CattleFax.

Check out our full calendar at TSCRA.org/events. **WE ARE ADDING MORE ALL THE TIME!** 



#### Join Us for the 2019 Policy Conference in San Antonio

Make plans to join Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) in San Antonio for the 2019 Policy Conference, Sept. 25 to 27, at the Westin Riverwalk. 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 policy committees will meet during the Policy Conference to consider new policy and renew existing policies.

Key topics addressed typically include private property rights, transportation issues, water rights, sustainability, property taxes, surface damages, border issues, research priorities, and much more. Don't miss Ross Ramsey, executive editor and co-founder of *The Texas Tribune*, as he discusses the political climate and issues of the day at the Opening General Session on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Visit tscra.org/policymeeting and keep an eye on *The Cattleman Update* daily emails for registration and housing information, schedule updates, and more.

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#### **TSCRA Crime Watch**

- ➤ TSCRA Special Ranger Ben Eggleston, District 2 in Central Oklahoma, reports 67 head of steers missing from a property east of Mutual in Woodward County. The mixed-color steers weigh approximately 800 to 850 pounds each and have white or gray tags in the left ear. Most have a crooked arrow brand on the right hip. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Special Ranger Eggleston at 806-852-4741.
- ➤ TSCRA Special Ranger Hal Dumas, District 21 in Central Texas, reports the theft of a utility trailer, welder, and 12 head of cattle, most with brands, from properties in Limestone, Robertson, and Burleson counties:
- Limestone County: Black 5x10 utility trailer with a white toolbox on front and no tail gate; and a blue Lincoln welder with a missing front shroud. Last seen on July 1. Missing since July 12 are three roping stock bulls: one black, one red and one red and white spotted. These bulls have a 'backward K connected to H' brand on the left hip.
- Robertson County: Missing since June are three crossbred cows with a '7 over bar' brand on the left hip. Missing since April are a Hereford bull and a black heifer, both with a rafter C brand on the left hip. Missing Since June are two crossbred cows with a DE brand on the left hip; and one yellow bull with no brand and an ear tag with "353."
- Burleson County: Missing since May is a Brahman bull with a 'crowned K over 48 over 8' brand on the left hip. Anyone with information on any of these cases is urged to contact Special Ranger Dumas at 979-828-5832.
- TSCRA Special Ranger Marvin Wills, District 15 in Central Texas, reports the theft of an ATV from a property in Falls County sometime after July 5. The 4x4 Polaris is a 2005 Magnum 330 ATV, VIN # 4XACD32A552761439. Special Ranger Wills also reports a horse missing from a pasture near Marlin in Falls County. Last seen on June 1, the 22-year-old sorrel mare has a white interrupted face stripe and left rear sock. Anyone with information on these or other cases is urged to contact Special Ranger Wills at 254-223-2330.

TSCRA offers a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and/or grand jury indictment of individuals for theft of livestock or related property. Anonymity is guaranteed. To provide information, call 888-830-2333.

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## U.S. Marshals Task Force Captures Fort Stockton Men Wanted for Theft

Joshua Ray Greathouse, 34, and Christopher James Duforat, 32, both of Fort Stockton, are in custody following charges of third-degree felony theft. The arrests are the result of an investigation led by the Pecos County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Clay McKinney.

A Pecos County rancher contacted McKinney and the sheriff's office in May to report that their ranch shop and residence had been burglarized. The stolen items included two dune buggies, a trailer-mounted welder, and numerous other pieces of equipment and household items. The nature of the items taken led the rancher to suspect the involvement of a former employee, identified as Greathouse.

Investigators found additional evidence implicating Greathouse and an accomplice, Duforat, in the theft. The men managed to elude investigators for several weeks but were eventually nabbed by a fugitive task force that included the U.S. Marshals Service, Pecos County Sheriff's Office, Fort Stockton Police Department and TSCRA Special Rangers.

Greathouse and Duforat were located by the task force on June 13 and taken into custody without incident. They were booked into the Pecos County Jail and remained in custody as of writing. Greathouse is being held without bond on a parole violation warrant and has an \$8,000 bond for the theft. Duforat is being held on a \$50,000 bond for the theft and additional unrelated charges.

If convicted, each man could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine in connection to the ranch theft. The investigation is ongoing, but to date, more than \$50,000 worth of stolen equipment has been recovered.

#### **TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR**

#### You Are Welcome to Attend!

Aug. 7: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Sulphur Springs

Aug. 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Boerne

Aug. 20: TSCRA Ranching 101, Fort Worth

Aug. 27: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Rio Grande City

Aug. 28: CattleFax Market Outlook, Abilene

Aug. 28: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Laredo

**Aug. 29:** Beef Quality Assurance Producer Training, New Boston

Aug. 29 CattleFax Market Outlook, Belton

Aug. 29 TSCRA Ranch Gathering, George West

Aug. 30: Beef Quality Assurance Producer Training, Mineola