

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS



Join the Texas Traceability Pilot Project

Do you want to strengthen the U.S. cattle industry's ability to respond to a disease outbreak? Are you interested in implementing radio frequency identification (RFID) tags at your operation as a management tool? Do you want to explore marketing your cattle for premiums associated with value-added data? If you market enough cattle to make a truckload and sell cattle to or place with a Traceability Pilot participating feedyard, you could be eligible to take part in a pilot traceability program.

The program is a voluntary, industry-driven solution to cattle disease traceability with an optional value-added component. Your data is confidential and secure and will not be shared without your explicit permission. Disease traceability information will only be shared with a state animal health official when requested for a specific traceback, and carcass data may be available.

Visit tscra.org/texas-traceability-pilot for more information.



Policy Conference

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2019 • THE WESTIN RIVERWALK, SAN ANTONIO

2019 Policy Conference in San Antonio

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will host the 2019 Policy Conference Sept. 25 to 27 at the San Antonio 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*, who will speak about today's political climate and issues of the day at the Opening General Session on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

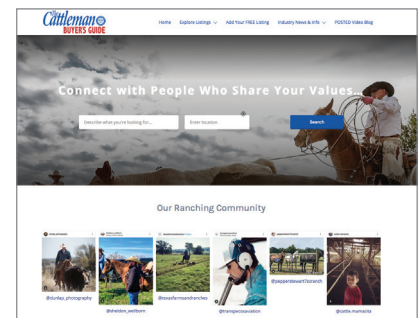
Visit tscra.org/policymeeting for registration information, schedule updates and more.

Have You Checked Out Our Buyer's Guide?

Connect with people who share your values at *The Cattleman Buyer's Guide*. Anything you need, we have a category: animal health and nutrition, equipment, markets, livestock, services, and more. *The Cattleman Buyer's Guide* is designed for easy use on all devices, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers.

In addition to exploring listings by keyword, location, and category, visitors can read industry news updated daily, catch up on the latest social media posts and watch special POSTED videos for contests and visits with cattle industry folks!

If you're a business looking to reach out, contact us for a free basic entry with additional add-on packages for every budget and marketing level. *The Cattleman Buyer's Guide* is the best way to be found by people looking specifically for your products.



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Stolen Forklift Recovered Near Pecos

A stolen \$80,000 forklift has been recovered, thanks to an investigation by Deputy Sam Cobos of the Reeves County Sheriff's Office and TSCRA Special Ranger Clay McKinney.

The investigation began on Aug. 2, 2019, after a representative from Komatsu Southwest, a Carlsbad, New Mexico, equipment rental company, contacted the Reeves County Sheriff's Office to report the stolen forklift. The representative told authorities that they discovered the missing Xtreme Telehandler Forklift during a recent inventory. It was last rented to a Pecos area company in June 2017.

The following week, McKinney was contacted and asked to assist in the investigation. He interviewed numerous individuals and quickly developed several leads to the possible location of the stolen equipment. McKinney eventually found the forklift on a ranch approximately 20 miles southeast of Pecos. Deputies from the Reeves County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene and took possession.

Special Ranger McKinney and Deputy Cobos are actively investigating the theft. According to McKinney, they have identified a suspect but are not releasing the name at this time.

The suspect will likely face a third-degree felony theft charge, which comes with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines if convicted.

Anyone with information that could aid the investigation is urged to contact the Reeves County Sheriff's Office at (432) 445-4901 or TSCRA Special Ranger McKinney at (432) 448-9367.

Skiatook Man Sentenced in 2018 Cattle Thefts

Michael Joseph Demaro, 44, of Skiatook, was convicted and sentenced in August, on multiple counts of larceny of domestic animals, cattle. The convictions are the result of an investigation by TSCRA Special Ranger Bart Perrier.

According to Perrier, from June 21 to 27, 2018, cattle thefts were reported from three victims near Avant in rural Osage County. After an investigation, some of the stolen animals were located at livestock markets across northeastern Oklahoma and southern Kansas. With the assistance of local law enforcement and special agents with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Perrier was able to identify additional stolen cattle belonging to the victims.

Demaro, along with an accomplice, Cody Joseph Porter, 32, of Sperry, were identified as suspects in the thefts and charged with three counts of larceny each. Demaro entered a guilty plea Aug. 13 before the Osage County District Court and was sentenced to 20 years in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for each charge, to run concurrently. He will serve 10 years in prison and another 10 on probation. Restitution will also be required, but the amount has not yet been determined.

His accomplice, Porter, was sentenced in February.

TSCRA Crime Watch

► TSCRA Special Ranger Joe Aguilar Jr., District 29 in far South Texas, reports 17 head of cattle missing from a property 30 miles north of Laredo on Highway 83. The 17 head of crossbred steers are branded with a JO on the left hip. Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Aguilar at 956-513-0297.

► TSCRA Special Ranger Tommy Charbula, District 24 in southeast Texas, reports the theft of two head of cattle from a property in southern Austin County near Wallis. Sometime after July 23, a thief or thieves entered unlocked double steel pipe gates to steal two tan Brangus-Jersey bull calves weighing approximately 175 pounds each. Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Charbula at 361-782-5209.

► TSCRA Special Ranger John Cummings reports cattle missing from a property in the Glencoe area of Payne County, Oklahoma. Stolen were 12 mixed black and red Angus calves weighing approximately 600 pounds each with yellow numbered ear tags in right ear; and six black and red 2-year-old Angus heifers with yellow custom ear tags bearing owner name and number. The black heifers had a circle with four points brand on the right hip. Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Cummings at 918 342-0888.

► TSCRA Special Ranger Bo Fox, District 12 in Northeast Texas, reports cows missing from a property in Red River County sometime after Aug. 14. The three 4-to 5-year-old cows are yellow, black and tiger stripe and have a J-W brand on left hip and purple numbered ear tags in left ear. Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Fox at 903-438-4042.

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.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

Sept. 5: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Eastland

Sept. 10: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, San Angelo

Sept. 11: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Plainview

Sept. 12: Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls

Sept. 12: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Canyon

Sept. 17: TSCRA Ranching 101, Fort Worth

Sept. 17: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Fort Stockton

Sept. 18: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Midland

Sept. 25-27: TSCRA Policy Conference, Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio

Check out our full calendar at tscra.org/events.

We are adding more all the time!