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"Racing Forward with a Vision"
January 31 – February 1, 2003

Plans are well underway for the 4th Annual Convention of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association. The convention is set to take place on January 31st and February 1st, 2003 at the Dodge House Hotel and Convention Center in Dodge City, Kansas.

The Dodge House Hotel has agreed to block rooms for the Kansas Cattlemen's Association. The price of the rooms will be \$58.00 per night plus tax. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the Kansas Cattlemen's Association. Room reservations need to be made by January 24, 2003. The Dodge House Hotel is located at 2408 West Wyatt Earp Boulevard. The hotel telephone number is (620) 225-9900.

We have some great speakers lined up for this year's convention. The speakers are Barry Weber, Dennis McDonald and Pat Goggins. Barry Weber, author of the Weber Report will be the guest speaker at the Friday evening banquet. Dennis McDonald, R-CALF USA Trade Committee Chairman is scheduled to speak on Saturday morning. Dennis will provide information about the Free Trade Areas of the America's. He attended a Business Forum in Quito, Ecuador in October. Pat Goggins, past president of the Livestock Marketing Association and Publisher of the Agri News and Western Livestock Reporter will be the guest speaker at the noon luncheon on Saturday. As many of you know, Pat was scheduled to be at last year's convention, but came down with the flu and had to cancel. We are excited to have Pat agree to come back this year.

The convention will run differently than last year, with registration beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, January 31, 2003. A couple of workshops are scheduled for that afternoon. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment along with KFRM Radio will be presenting a workshop on water quality issues. With the proposed CAFO regulations going into effect at the first of the year, everyone is bound to have a lot of questions. Some of the top officials from KDHE will be on hand to answer your questions and provide input so be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity.

An R-CALF USA informational and update meeting is also scheduled for Friday afternoon. If you haven't had the chance to hear about R-CALF USA or would like to know what they have been working on, you won't want to miss this meeting. It will be well worth your time.

There are some new things planned for the Annual Convention this year. A great trade show is being put together as well as a silent auction, heifer auction and saddle raffle. The silent auction will take place on Friday evening during the social and banquet. Items are still being accepted for this event. If you have an item to donate, please call the KCA office. KCA members, Nathan and Brad Pike of Minneola, Kansas have donated a heifer. This heifer will be auctioned off at the noon luncheon on Saturday. Tickets are currently being sold for the saddle raffle. Walco of Dodge City has generously donated a saddle to the Kansas Cattlemen's Association. The drawing for this saddle will be held at the Business meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Your KCA Board of Directors hopes that you will make plans to join us for the 4th Annual Convention. We think that it will be very informative. Please, invite a friend to come along. Remember, new members are always welcome. See you in Dodge City!