

01/15/2003 Entry: "Kansas Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention to be Held in Dodge City"

(Brewster, KS)-The fourth annual Kansas Cattlemen's Association convention and tradeshow will be held in Dodge City, Kansas at the Dodge House Hotel and Convention Center January 31st and February 1st, 2003.

This year's theme is "Racing Forward with a Vision," and that is exactly what the Kansas Cattlemen's Association is doing. As a producer run organization, KCA has become Kansas' fastest growing cattle association.

This year's convention will cover a variety of topics from water quality to marketing and trade.

A Water Quality Workshop put on by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and KFRM Radio will kickoff events on Friday, giving convention attendees the opportunity to talk one on one with KDHE representatives. Also on Friday, there will be an overview of livestock market reporting and an R-CALF USA meeting. The day will conclude with a silent auction and a banquet featuring Barry Weber from the Weber Report. His message will be "Stop Preaching to the Choir and Start Taking the Message to the Consumer."

Saturday begins with discussions on feedlot bio-security, drought recovery, and the Packers and Stockyards Act and its programs. Dennis McDonald, R-CALF USA's Trade Committee Chairman will provide information on FTAA (Free Trade Agreement of the Americas) and the Challenge to Kansas Producers. Pat Goggins, owner of the Western Livestock Reporter and Agri-News as well as Past President of the Livestock Marketing Association will be the featured speaker. Mr. Goggins will also auction off a heifer calf donated by Bar N Cattle Company of Minneola, Kansas with proceeds benefiting the Kansas Cattlemen's Association. In addition, we will hear a market analysis from Luke Schwieterman, Schwieterman Incorporated, followed by the business meeting where resolutions will be proposed, directors nominated, and the winning ticket for a Billy Cook Roping Saddle donated by Walco-Hi-Pro Animal Health will be drawn.

In order to obtain meal counts, pre-convention registration is encouraged. Please call the Kansas Cattlemen's Association at (877) 694-2906. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Dodge House Hotel and Convention Center, and reservations may be made by calling the Dodge House directly at (620) 225-9900 and asking for the Kansas Cattlemen's Association rate.