

Kansas Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention to be Held in Salina

The 2010 Kansas Cattlemen's convention and tradeshow will be held in Salina, Kansas at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center January 29th – 30th. This year's convention will cover a variety of topics from animal welfare to property rights.

Friday's events will include Dr. Dan Thomson discussing producer communication with the public and the battle with animal rights activist that are right here in Kansas. Addressing healthy soil and keeping plants and cattle in good condition for better growth and health will also be a topic of discussion of Mid States Consulting Joe Knopp.

Tate Berlier from Silveus Insurance is a young producer who is passionate about the industry but also sees how young people are less involved and aware of what is happening in the cattle industry. He will provide a perspective from a young producer viewpoint. "KCA hopes that college and high school students will come out and learn more about what is going on in their industry so KCA is offering free registration to any student who comes to the convention with student ID. We think this is a prime opportunity to get younger people involved," explained Executive Director Brandy Carter.

The day will conclude with a banquet supper featuring R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard and an overview of industry successes along with the presentation of the legacy award, and a roll over heifer auction. The heifer has been graciously donated by Luthi Land and Cattle.

Saturday begins with a discussion from Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty regarding agriculture issues including water rights. KCA is also very lucky to have G.B.Oliver of the Paragon Foundation speak. The Paragon Foundation provides education and empowerment for every American and works to maintain private property rights. And, as the future is important to the cattle industry, Sherry Myers of Farm and Family Insurance will address estate planning and long term care.

The afternoon luncheon provides a great opportunity for every citizen to come out as Senator Jim Barnett, one of the candidates for Representative Jerry Moran's District 1 of the U.S. Congress will be in attendance to discuss his views for the future. Senator Barnett's visit will be followed by a saddle auction.

The day will conclude with the annual meeting. This is the time where producer members come together to propose new policies and nominate new Board members for the association. Anyone who has a current membership at the time of the annual meeting and is involved in the production of raising, growing, feeding or operation of cattle has the opportunity to vote at the annual meeting

and will also receive a mail in ballot to vote on the issues brought up at the annual meeting.

In order to obtain meal counts, pre-convention registration is encouraged. Please call the Kansas Cattlemen's Association at (785) 238-1483. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center, and reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at (785) 823-1739 and asking for the Kansas Cattlemen's Association rate.