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The New E-Newsletter

Greetings from Lockhart, Texas!

Welcome to our first issue of The Independent Cattlemen's Newsletter. We hope you find the information useful. Throughout this legislative year, we will occasionally send these updates.

Springtime in Texas



Update From The Capitol

- Although there are several different bills concerning imminent domain, Senate Bill 533 by Senator Duncan may emerge as the bill that meets the needs for rural Texans concerning imminent domain. During the past week several authors of various imminent domain bills have been meeting and they should soon decide on which bill will emerge.
- Several animal cruelty bills are currently being heard in committee. ICA and other livestock groups are closely monitoring these bills to protect the rights of not only livestock owners but also other animal owners, such as dog breeders and small poultry breeders, who would be affected by these proposed laws.
- House Bill 3143 sponsored by Ag Committee Chmn. Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles would raise the weight limit of trucks being used to haul Ag products from their primary origin. ICA supports this bill.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Bill Hyman at 512-620-0162.



Trichomoniasis Regulations

Final Rulings:

1. Beginning April 1, breeding bulls older than 24 months or not certified as virgins will need negative test results for Trichomoniasis within 30 days before entering Texas for breeding purposes.
2. Trichomoniasis test results in Texas will be reported to the TAHC within 48 hours, regardless of test outcome.
3. Bulls that test positive for Trichomoniasis may undergo a confirmatory test. Infected bulls would be taken to slaughter directly or through a livestock market.
4. Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, non-virgin bulls changing possession within Texas will need to be tested prior to transfer to new owners. Beginning in 2010, bulls without certification as virgins or without negative Trichomoniasis tests that are changing possession will be allowed only to be sold for slaughter or moved under hold order and movement permit to a site specified by the TAHC. At that site, they will be isolated from female cattle and undergo testing.

Membership Drive

Don't forget about our membership drive that is going on now. When you help the ICA recruit new members you get rewarded!


Sign up **one** new member: ICA Windbreaker

Sign up **three** new members: ICA Vest

Sign up **five** new members: Paid registration to the June 2009 Convention.

2009 Convention

ICA is busy finalizing the program, schedule, and events for the 2009 Convention that will be held in San Marcos, Texas at the brand new Embassy Suites. The 35th Annual Convention and Trade Show will be June 17-19, 2009. More information for the 2009 Convention is posted ICA website. Click [here](#) for more information.




*“Operation *New* Fences”*

Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Todd Staples has requested assistance with a new project relating to the, ‘Operation New Fences’ program.

On Sept. 12, 2008, Hurricane Ike slammed into the Texas coast, devastating parts of rural Southeast Texas and inflicting terrible loss on all citizens in the region, including our farmers and ranchers. Ike decimated cattle herds, washed away shelters and fences, and contaminated agricultural lands and water supplies. Surviving livestock roamed injured and emaciated.

At this time fencing supplies, feed, and volunteers are still needed. Operation New Fences will be spending one day, **Saturday, April 25, 2009** rebuilding more than 1,700 miles of fencing that was destroyed by the storm. For more information on this project please visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on “Operation *New* Fences.” You will find donation instructions as well as an area to sign up for assistance.

Please share this information with your neighbors and every member in your association so we can help those in need by collecting as many supplies and volunteers as possible. For more information, please contact Lance Williams, the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Producer Relations Specialist, at (512) 463-3258 or Lance.Williams@TexasAgriculture.gov.



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