20th Annual KCA Convention & Trade Show Begins November 9th The Kansas Cattlemen's Association's (KCA) Annual Convention and Trade Show will kick off on Friday, November 9, 2018. Registration will begin at noon at the Meridian Center in Newton, Kansas. Livestock Brand Inspector and Special Agent, Kendal Lothman, will provide a presentation on "Livestock Theft in Kansas". Dr. Don Coover of SEK Genetics will follow with a presentation on quality herd production and genetics.

The KCA membership will hold the annual KCA business meeting at 4:30pm. The meeting consists of policy resolution review and approval. A mail-in ballot will then ratify the membership meeting decisions. Friday evening is set to include a cattlemen's bbq and social with free live entertainment by cowboy poet & western singer, Geff Dawson.

Saturday, November 10th, is set to be a day full of expert speakers beginning with a presentation by Lance Sharp of Copeland Insurance and Stephanie Bittner of State Auto on the State Auto Affinity Dividend Program. Shane New of Holton, an independent producer and soil conservation expert, will share his knowledge and expertise on optimum soil health and conservation. Dr. Tom Noffsinger of Production Animal Consultation will follow with a stockmanship presentation. Dr. Tom specializes in animal handling, facility design, and staff development. Tracy Hunt, a Wyoming livestock producer and attorney will wrap up with a talk on the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef initiative. He will discuss the impact GRSB has on independent producers and the cattle market.

The convention will close with an evening social sponsored by Ruma-Lic Liquid Feed, the KCA Annual Benefit Auction, and finally the KCA Banquet with keynote speaker, Robert Baker, Agriculture Research Specialist.

The KCA Trade Show will take place concurrent to the convention. With over 30 production-agriculture exhibitors, the trade show covers feed, pharmaceuticals, equipment, insurance, financial and commodity services, legal services, and much more. Visit the free trade show November 9th from noon to 4pm and November 10th 8:45am to 4pm.

All events free and open to the public. Meals are an extra charge, with a full registration providing the best value. Additional including the full schedule of events is available online at <u>www.kansascattlemen.com/convention</u>. Please RSVP or register online, or you may call 785-238-1483. KCA does provide student/child registration and press pass discounts.