

TEXAS CATTLE FEEDERS ASSOCIATION

2009 Annual Convention



Members learned about grocery retailers efforts to promote beef during a panel discussion with (left to right) moderator Jim Henger of NCBA, Dave Weaber of Food Lion and Cathy East of Safeway.



Miss Texas Kristen Blair entertained members at the Awards luncheon with some country music classics.



TCFA Chairman Monte Cluck told members he was inspired by the strength cattle feeders have shown in the midst of the industry's hard times.

October 28-30, 2009
Amarillo, TX



TCFA Vice Chairman Bo Kizziar served as master of ceremonies for the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



TCFA's outgoing directors were recognized for their years of leadership and thanked for their commitment to the association.



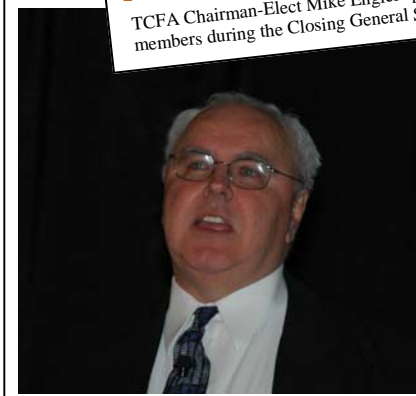
TCFA Chairman-Elect Mike Engler spoke to members during the Closing General Session.



NCBA CEO Forrest Roberts outlined NCBA's efforts to restructure and make the organization more responsive to today's challenges for beef producers.



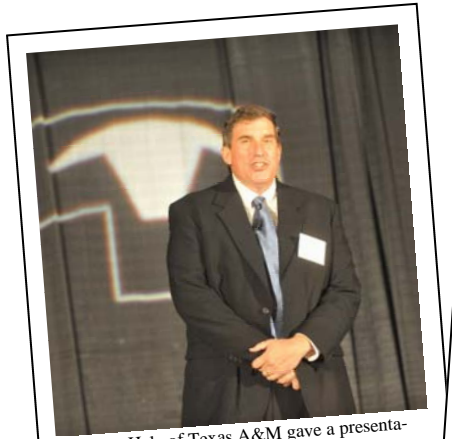
Cattle-FAX Executive VP Randy Blach told members that fed cattle prices could see significant improvement next year as the economy turns around.



Jim Wiesemeyer of Informa Economics provided his assessment of Washington D.C. issues including environmental regulation, animal rights activism and positioning for the 2010 elections.



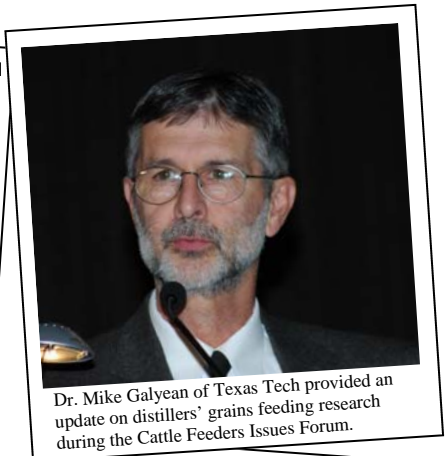
Outgoing TAHC Executive Director Dr. Bob Hillman (center) received special honors during the Awards Luncheon including a plaque presented by TCFA Chairman-Elect Mike Engler (left) and TCFA President & CEO Ross Wilson.



Dr. Dan Hale of Texas A&M gave a presentation on instrument grading during the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



Dr. Guy Loneragan of West Texas A&M University spoke on food safety during the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



Dr. Mike Galyean of Texas Tech provided an update on distillers' grains feeding research during the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



Dr. Bob Smith of Cow-Doc Cattle Co. addressed animal care during the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



TCFA members partied at the Welcome Reception to celebrate the opening of the Convention.



Shawn Twing of Sprouse Shrader Smith P.C. gave an overview of labor law during the Cattle Feeders Issues Forum.



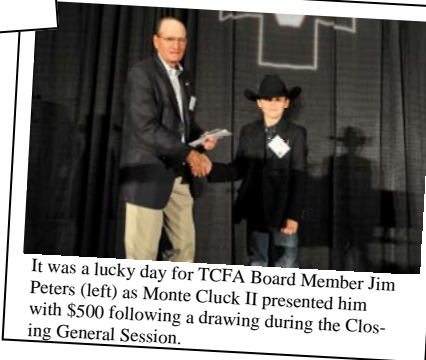
The fantastic items on sale at the Beef-PAC Auction at the Amarillo Civic Center had members working hard to outbid each other.



TCFA Chairman-Elect Mike Engler (left) led members in giving special thanks to TCFA Chairman Monte Cluck and his wife, Katsy, for their hard work and dedication to TCFA.



Miss Texas Kristen Blair presented Walker Carson of Turkey with a plaque for winning Junior Division Overall Champion honors at the 2009 TCFA Junior Fed Beef competition.



It was a lucky day for TCFA Board Member Jim Peters (left) as Monte Cluck II presented him with \$500 following a drawing during the Closing General Session.



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