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Session Begins for 115th Congress

The 115th Congress officially kicked off on Tuesday in Washington D.C., just three weeks before President-Elect Donald Trump heads to the nation's capital.

New to the Texas delegation, Jodey Arrington (R-Lubbock) was elected to replace retiring Rep. Randy Neugebauer in District 19, and Vicente Gonzalez (D-McAllen) was elected to replace retiring Rep. Rubén Hinojosa in District 15. The makeup of the Texas House delegation remains 25 Republicans and 11 Democrats.

The makeup of the New Mexico House delegation remains unchanged with one Republican and two Democrats. The makeup of the Oklahoma House delegation remains unchanged with five Republicans. U.S. Senators from the three-state area remain unchanged with four Republicans and two Democrats.

To view a complete roster of the 115th Congress, visit www.govtrack.us/congress/members.

Trump Administration Continues to Grow

President-Elect Donald Trump nominated trade lawyer, Robert Lighthizer as U.S. Trade Representative this week. Lighthizer was Deputy U.S. Trade Representative under Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. Also this week, Trump nominated billionaire investor Wilbur Ross to serve as Commerce Secretary.

Trump has yet to nominate an Agriculture Secretary. TCFA will continue to engage with the Trump transition team throughout the remainder of the nominating process to promote qualified nominees and issues of importance to cattle feeders and U.S. agriculture.

To see the latest list of President-Elect Trump's cabinet nominations, visit <http://tinyurl.com/Trump-Nominations>.

Thornberry Proposes Death Tax Repeal Bill

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) submitted the Death Tax Repeal Act (H.R. 198) as his first bill of the 115th Congress. The bill, which is only two pages in length, would fully and permanently repeal the death tax, which is crippling to American businesses and agriculture. Thornberry has made this a priority issue, consistently authoring or cosponsoring a death tax bill throughout his time in Congress.

To view the proposed bill, visit www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/198.

Cliff Appointed to Serve on Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board

Last week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the appointment of 29 members to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, who will serve three-year terms. Among those appointed is TCFA member Roger Cliff of Gruver.

Other TCFA members currently serving include Board Chair Ann Anderson, Austin; Bill King, Moriarty, N.M.; Charlie Risinger, Terrell; and Richard Winter, Canyon.

To view all new appointees, visit <http://tinyurl.com/1-6-17-CBB>.

TCFA Launches Member Feedyard Job Openings Web Page

As recommended by the TCFA Human Resources and Industry Relations Committees, TCFA has launched a web page on the TCFA website to host feedyard job openings as a service to TCFA member feedyards.

Only TCFA member feedyards are eligible to post jobs to the site. However, anyone in search of a job may view and access the site. There will be no communication taking place on the website between job seekers and feedyards. If a person looking for a job sees the posting and is interested in further information, they must call the phone number or contact the email address directly that is listed on the posting. Job postings will expire after one month and will be taken down unless TCFA is otherwise notified by the entity which posted the job. This service is reserved for TCFA feedyard members only. Other member categories will not be eligible to post job openings.

To submit a job posting, email info@tcfa.org with the information you wish to post. You will then be asked to agree to the terms and conditions of site use, and TCFA will send you a draft of your listing to review before it is posted. Once you have reviewed your listing, it will be posted on the web page.

To view the web page and current listings, visit www.tcfa.org/news-events/jobs.html.

TCFA seeks to provide a valuable service both to member feedyards as well as to the general public in helping to connect job seekers with careers in the fed beef industry of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Jayce Winters at jayce@tcfa.org.

Report Projects Increased Global Beef Consumption

A new study from Grand View Research, Inc., is projecting the global beef market to reach \$2.1 trillion by 2020. According to the study, beef consumption is on the rise due to rising incomes in emerging markets, leading to a demand for higher-quality meat. The largest regional market for growth is expected to be the Asia Pacific region with a revenue of over \$580 billion in 2013.

To view a summary of the report from *Meatingplace*, visit <http://tinyurl.com/Meatingplace-1-6-17>.

TAHC Announces New Rule Adoptions

The Texas Animal Health Commission adopted two new rules at its recent Commission meeting.

The Trichomoniasis, Certification Period & Sample Submission Timeframe rule extends the certification period of veterinarians certified to perform Trichomoniasis (Trich) program functions from three years to five years. The definition of cattle and associated Trich testing requirements now exclude bison. Lastly, veterinarians must ship Trich samples and have them arrive at the lab within 96 hours of collection instead of 120 hours.

The Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Repeal & Replace Movement Restriction Zone/Carcass Entry Requirements rule defines CWD movement restrictions in Containment Zones, Surveillance Zones and interstate entry requirements. The Containment and Surveillance Zones are located in the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos regions and Medina County. The implementation of the Medina County Containment and Surveillance Zone will be delayed until March 1, 2017.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/TAHC-1-6-17>.

CFTC Chairman Timothy Massad Announces Resignation as Chairman

This week, Chairman Timothy G. Massad announced his resignation as Chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), effective on Jan. 20, 2017. Once sworn into office, President-Elect Donald Trump will appoint a new chair.

It is rumored Commissioner Christopher Giancarlo will be nominated as Chairman, creating one Democrat and two Republican vacancies on the five-member Commission, also to be appointed by the President.

To read the full press release, visit <http://tinyurl.com/CFTC-1-6-17>.

FDA Cites Compliance for GFI #213

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced this week that it has completed the implementation of Guidance for Industry (GFI) #213, a process begun in 2013 to transition antimicrobial drugs with importance in human medicine that are used in the feed or drinking water of food-producing animals to veterinary oversight and eliminate the use of these products for growth promotion. According to a news release from FDA, all affected drug applications have either aligned with the recommendations outlined in GFI #213, or their approvals have been voluntarily withdrawn.

FDA also noted its appreciation to the veterinary organizations, animal producer organizations, feed industry organizations, as well as various local, state, and federal agencies whose efforts and cooperation led to the success of this transition.

To read the full news release from FDA, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FDA-1-6-17>.

Boehringer Ingelheim Acquires Merial

Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) and Sanofi closed a transaction this week through which BI acquires Sanofi's animal health branch, Merial, and Sanofi acquires BI's consumer health care operations.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BI-Merial>.

FSIS to Collect Data on Consumer Food Safety Practices

USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) has announced plans to collect information by conducting observational studies on consumer food safety practices. The information gathered from this project will be used to develop food safety communication products and materials and public health education efforts. According to the *Federal Register* notice, FSIS has contracted with RTI International to conduct the observational studies. The observational studies focused on certain food safety handling practices will be conducted in North Carolina State University's test kitchen.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FSIS-1-6-17>.

Burger King and Wendy's Announce Antibiotic Policies

Burger King parent company, Restaurant Brands International Inc., announced that it plans to begin the process of transitioning to using chickens raised without antibiotics important to human medicine at Burger King's U.S. locations.

Wendy's International Inc. also made an antibiotic-related announcement, stating that 50 percent of its U.S. chicken supply is now being raised without antibiotics important to human medicine with a goal to reach 100 percent by the end of 2017.

NAMI Annual Meat Conference

The North American Meat Institute's 2017 Annual Meat Conference will be held Feb. 19-21 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. Event speakers include, Damian Mason, CSP, Business and Agriculture Speaker; Jim Hunter, J.D. Hunter Associates, LLC; Ron Elving, Senior Washington Editor and Correspondent, National Public Radio; Paul Aho, Economist and Consultant, Poultry Perspective; Randy Blach, CattleFax CEO; Steve Meyer, Vice President, Pork Analysis, EMI Analytics; Anne-Marie Roerink, Principal, 210 Analytics, LLC; and Danette Amstein and Michael Uetz, Principals, Midan Marketing.

To learn more or to register, visit www.meatconference.com.

Advertise in the 2017 Cattle Feeders Resource Guide

TCFA is accepting advertising contracts for the 2017 *Cattle Feeders Resource Guide*. Take advantage of this unique advertising opportunity by celebrating TCFA's 50th anniversary in this special edition. This publication will highlight the history of the industry as well as celebrate the future. Feel free to tailor your advertisement to reflect TCFA's 50th anniversary.

The deadline to reserve advertising space has been extended to Jan 13. You certainly do not want to miss this rare advertising opportunity! View the rate card at <http://tinyurl.com/2017-TCFA-RateCard>, or contact Scena Snider for more details at (806) 358-3681 or scena@tcfa.org.