Oklahoma and Texas are famous for their cattle heritage. A large part of this heritage was the cattle drives. Cattle drives in the late 1800’s moved millions of head of cattle from central and south Texas, through western Oklahoma, to the railheads in Kansas and in some cases as far north as Montana. Two of the more famous cattle trails were the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western Trail. The Chisholm Trail started in central Texas and crossed the Red River northwest of Nocona, Texas. It moved up through central Oklahoma near the towns of Waurika, Duncan, and Oklahoma City. The Great Western Trail began near Bandera, Texas and moved cattle through central Texas passing east of Abilene, Texas. The trail crossed into Oklahoma at the historic Doan’s Crossing near Vernon, Texas and proceeded through Western Oklahoma to its conclusion near Dodge City, Kansas.

The land area between these two cattle trails still records cattle movements. Today, it is either in the mode of cow-calf operations or stocker cattle movements. This area is the home of the Cattle Trails Cattle Conferences.

The Cattle Trails Cattle Conferences are a joint effort between Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The vision of the planning committee is to create annual conferences that will provide up-to-date information on topics that will influence wheat and cattle profits. In effect, the conference will assist wheat producers and cattle operators in driving their operations to profits.

The expected audience is wheat producers and cattle operators from the Southern Oklahoma and North Texas area. The conference alternates between Oklahoma and Texas each year. In 2016, the Wheat & Stocker conference will be held at the MPEC (Multi-Purpose Event Center) in Wichita Falls, Texas on July 26, 2016. The registration fee is $25 per participant. This will include a noon meal, break refreshments and materials of the topics discussed.

Pre-registration is encouraged for meal count.

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### Speakers

- **David Graf**, Wichita County Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wichita Falls, Texas
- **Dr. Emi Kimura**, Assistant Professor and Extension Agronomist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Vernon, Texas
- **Stan Bevers**, Professor and Extension Economist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Vernon, Texas
- **Dr. Chris Richards**, Professor, Extension and Research Beef Cattle Nutrition Specialist, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- **Dr. Tom Hairgrove**, Prog. Coordinator for Livestock and Food Animal Systems, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, Texas
- **Dr. Ron Gill**, Associate Department Head, Animal Science, Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, Texas

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