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 record cattle movements. Today, it is either in the mode of cow-calf operations or stocker cattle movements. This area is now the home of the Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference.

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 include up-to-date information on topics that will influence cattle profits. In effect, the conference will assist cattle owners and operators in driving their operations to profits.

The expected audience is cattle owners and operators from the Southern Oklahoma and North Texas area. The conference alternates between Oklahoma and Texas each year. This winter, the Cow-Calf Conference will be held at the MPEC (Multi-Purpose Event Center) in Wichita Falls, Texas on December 3, 2015. 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.
To register for the 2015 Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference, complete this form on the reverse side and mail, or contact your local County Extension Office.

December 3, 2015
MPEC
Wichita Falls, Texas