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5th Annual Independent Cattlemen's Association Collegiate Forum to be Hosted by Texas State University

Lockhart, Texas – January 10, 2007 – For Immediate Release – On Saturday, January 27, college students and high school juniors and seniors are invited to the campus of Texas State University in San Marcos for the 5th Annual Collegiate Forum hosted by the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas and Texas State University.

The Collegiate Forum will kick off at 9 a.m. in the Texas State University Agriculture Building with a welcome from ICA State President Bruce Dopslauf and Texas State University Agriculture Department Chairman Dr. C. Reed Richardson.

Agriculture industry experts are slated to speak, including Richard Wortham of the Texas Beef Council, Dr. Bob Hillman of the Texas Animal Health Commission, and Dr. Joe Harris of the Southwest Meat Association. From the Office of the Governor, Economic Development Advisor Mark Ellison will speak. Additional speakers have been invited from the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Water Development Board, Camp Cooley Ranch and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

“This forum provides a unique opportunity for young people involved with agriculture to hear directly from industry professionals on the issues and challenges these students will be dealing with in the future,” said Bill Hyman, ICA Executive Director. “This is a tremendous educational and networking opportunity for everyone involved, and especially for high school students who may be interested in attending Texas State University after graduation.”

Lunch will be provided with a meal highlighting “Tailgating with Beef.” The day’s program will wrap up at 4 p.m.

There is no charge to attend the Collegiate Forum, but seating is limited so interested participants should register for the event by contacting the ICA office at 512-620-0162 or tica@icatexas.com. A complete schedule can be found at www.icatexas.com.