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**2006 Cattle Drive Fundraiser Kicks off for
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas**

Lockhart, Texas – Aug. 22, 2006 – For Immediate Release – The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas kicks off its annual Cattle Drive fundraiser on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Wharton Livestock Auction and will continue at auction markets across Texas until early October. This annual fundraiser supports ICA's lobbying efforts in Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C., on behalf of cow/calf producers.

Each event is held in conjunction with regularly-held sales at the participating auctions. Dates and locations for the 2006 Cattle Drive include:

- Sept. 6 at the Wharton Livestock Auction
- Sept. 7 at the Lockhart Auction Inc.
- Sept. 11 at the Nixon Livestock Commission
- Sept. 12 at the El Campo Livestock Co.
- Sept. 15 at the Luling Livestock Auction
- Sept. 18 at the Giddings Livestock Commission
- Sept. 20 at the Sulphur Springs Livestock and Dairy Auction
- Sept. 23 at the Gonzales Livestock Market
- Sept. 25 at the Raywood Livestock Market
- Sept. 26 at the Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co.
- Oct. 2 at the Edna Livestock Auction
- Oct. 4 at the Seguin Cattle Co.

ICA has been representing cow/calf producers since 1974 when it began with Goliad rancher T.A. Cunningham and a group of like-minded cattle producers. Over the past three decades, this grassroots organization has grown to represent thousands of agricultural families on issues ranging from private property rights to science-based environmental and animal health rulemaking. Most recently, ICA officials worked on behalf of producers to voice opposition to the estate tax and to encourage a common sense approach to issues such as animal identification and rural water rights.

For more information on ICA and its support of cow/calf producers, contact the state office at 512.620.0162 or visit www.icatexas.com.