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**Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas
33rd Annual Convention and Trade Show to be Held in College Station**

Lockhart, Texas – May 10, 2007 – For Immediate Release – College Station, Texas, will be the site for the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas 33rd Annual Convention and Trade Show. This year's events will be held June 27-29, 2007, and headquartered at the Hilton College Station.

New to the 2007 event is a day of pre-convention educational activities. The Beef Cattle Basics program will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 27, at the Louis Pearce Pavilion on the campus of Texas A&M University. The day-long event will include "Body Condition, Nutrition and Reproduction of Beef Cows" with Dr. Joe Paschal, Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist; "Animal Health Issues" with Dr. Bob Hillman, Executive Director, Texas Animal Health Commission; and "Producing and Marketing High-Value Calves" with Dr. Jason Cleere, Assistant Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist. Dr. Paschal and Dr. Cleere will wrap up the program with a session on "Low Stress Cattle Handling." Registration for this event is \$15, and lunch is sponsored by Proconn.

The popular ICA Golf Tournament sponsored by Lyssy & Eckel Feeds and Central Life Sciences will take place on Wednesday at the Traditions Club. The fun tees off at 11:30 a.m.

Another new addition is Wednesday evening's ICA Family Fun Night Barbecue sponsored by AgriLand Farm Credit. The games and family activities will take place at the Louis Pearce Pavilion.

The convention activities at the Hilton College Station kick off on Thursday, June 28, with the opening of the Trade Show at 8 a.m. and “Coffee & Kolaches” sponsored by Farnam Livestock Tracking Systems. This year’s Trade Show will feature a variety of exhibitors with products ranging from animal health supplies and livestock feed and supplements to agricultural financing and information services. The Trade Show concludes at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

The Cattlemen’s Conference sponsored by Novartis Animal Health begins Thursday’s educational programs with Dr. Mike Moore on “Vaccination or Immunization” and Dr. Kerry Barling on “Causes of Bovine Abortions.” After a lunch sponsored by American National Bank, Thursday continues with an exclusive Trade Show hour and a welcome from ICA President Bruce Dopslauf. The afternoon program offers participants a chance to visit the Texas A&M University Rosenthal Meat Science Center and hear from Dr. Davey Griffin, Associate Professor and Extension Meat Specialist, and Dr. Dan Hale, Professor and Extension Meat Science Specialist.

Thursday wraps up with the annual social, sponsored by Larry Windham & Associates and Livestock Marketing Association of Texas. A time of fun and fundraising, the evening will include the presentation of the Steffany Lynn Sklar Scholarship and Agribusiness Council Awards as well as the ICA Drawdown and live auction.

The final day of events, Friday, June 29, begins with a buffet breakfast and a program by Richard Wortham, Executive Vice President of the Texas Beef Council. Dr. Don Rennie, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, will present a program on “Laws and Regulations,” and CEUs will be available for that session. The day continues with “Attributes of the 21st Century Farm & Ranch Executive” with Dr. Danny A. Klinefelter, Professor and Extension Economist. After a morning break sponsored by Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance, participants will be able to hear updates from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and the United States Cattlemen’s Association. The session continues with a cattle market outlook from Dr. David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension Livestock and Food Products Marketing Economist, and a legislative update.

The highlight of Friday’s activities will be the annual Headliners Luncheon, which will feature guest speaker Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples. The Trailblazer Awards, Cattlemen’s Council Awards and President’s Council Awards also will be presented.

The convention culminates in the annual ICA business meeting – the Full Meeting of the Board of Directors and House of Delegates. In addition to the President’s Address and Executive Directors Report, voting delegates will elect the 2007-2008 leadership and take action on proposed policy resolutions.

The fee for a full registration is \$130 on or before June 13 and \$165 after June 13. A full registration includes all the educational programs, meal functions, social and trade show on Thursday and Friday. There also are special “Thursday-only” or “Friday-only” registrations which include all the programs and meal functions on those days. Registrations for the Wednesday educational program and Family Fun Night Barbecue are \$15 each, and the golf tournament registration is \$100.

Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Hilton College Station at 979-693-7500. Be sure to ask for the Independent Cattlemen’s Association block to get the group rate.

More information, including a complete schedule and a printable registration brochure, can be found on the ICA Web site at www.icatexas.com. Or, contact the state ICA office at 512-620-0162 or tica@icatexas.com.

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