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**Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas to Hold
Two Cattle Producer Meetings in South Texas**

Lockhart, Texas – Aug. 3, 2004 – For Immediate Release – Focusing on education and cattle producer interaction, the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas has planned two producer meetings to be held in South Texas Aug. 17-18.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, ICA, Five Star Feeds and Y-TEX Corporation will host a producer meeting at the Beeville Livestock Commission in Beeville, Texas, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doug Wilson of Five Star Feeds and Dr. Harry Anderson will speak on bovine fiber digestion and fly control. Jerry Andis of Y-TEX Corporation will give a presentation on RFID ear tags and fly control ear tags. ICA President Verlin Callahan and ICA Executive Director Shane Sklar will be on hand to discuss issues currently faced by ICA members and the beef industry, including animal identification and school finance. One CEU will be offered. A free dinner will be served.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, ICA, Texas Ag Finance and Y-TEX Corporation will host a producer meeting at Joe Cotten's BBQ in Robstown, Texas, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jerry Andis of Y-TEX Corporation will give a presentation on RFID ear tags and fly control ear tags. ICA Executive Director Shane Sklar will be on hand to discuss issues currently faced by ICA members. Nueces County Cooperative Extension Agent Harvey Buehring will present a program on weed and brush control. One CEU will be available. Jimmy Wright of Texas Ag Finance will speak, and Texas Ag Finance will provide the evening's dinner.

Issues of utmost importance to ICA include preserving ag-exemptions, protecting private property rights, improving the quality of life in rural Texas, along with many other industry

concerns on the state and federal level. ICA currently has 9 regional chapters and would like to form new chapters in South Texas.

Anyone who would like to attend should R.S.V.P. to the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas office no later than Friday, August 13, by phone at 512-620-0162, by fax at 512-620-0610, or by e-mail to tica@io.com. More information about ICA can be found on its Web site at www.icatexas.com.