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6th Annual ICA Beef Expo Scheduled for Jan. 14-15

Lockhart, Texas – January 3, 2006 – For Immediate Release – The 6th Annual ICA Beef Expo will be held at the J B Wells Complex in Gonzales, Texas, on January 14-15, 2006. The ICA-sponsored event will include Texas Club Calf Association-sanctioned heifer and steer shows along with showmanship competitions.

The steer show will begin on Saturday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m., and the heifer show will start Sunday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. A short Sunday service is planned at the barn the morning of the 15th. In addition, a complimentary cowboy stew will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings, prepared by the Gonzales County Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee.

All entrants receive an ICA T-shirt and an ICA junior or collegiate membership. The ICA Beef Expo is unique in that collegiate students are allowed to compete in the two day event. Showmanship contests will be held prior to both shows with ICA belt buckles awarded to the winners, including the champion adult showmen. Belt buckles will be awarded to all breed winners in both the steer and heifer events. The exhibitor of the overall champion steer will receive a \$500 U.S. savings bond. Heifer division winners will be given ICA jackets.

Proceeds from the annual event are used to provide scholarships for high school senior ICA exhibitors. The 2005 ICA Beef Expo raised enough money to provide five scholarships to graduating seniors during the past year. Scholarship applications will be available for senior exhibitors at the show office. Last year's scholarship recipients were Reese Hagan of Yoakum, Craig Meredith of Danbury, Kelly DeAnn Orsak of Fayetteville, Lisa Marie Shaw of San Antonio, and Travis Lee Schoppe of Somerville.

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RV sites will be available at the complex. Wood shavings also will be available, along with a food concession and show supply trailer. For additional information contact Bill Hyman at 830-857-3500 or Donna Kelley at 830-857-4126.

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