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**Cattle Producers to Gather in San Antonio for
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas
32nd Annual Convention and Trade Show**

Lockhart, Texas – May 5, 2006 – For Immediate Release – The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas is heading to San Antonio "With a Mission" June 14-16, 2006, for ICA's 32nd Annual Convention and Trade Show. Cattle producers from across Texas will gather at the north end of the Riverwalk at the El Tropicano, a Clarion Hotel, for an event filled with educational programs and time to visit with fellow producers.

Members, exhibitors and guests will get into the "swing" of the fun on Wednesday, June 14, with the ICA Golf Tournament sponsored by Lyssy & Eckel Feeds and Wellmark International. It kicks off at 1:30 p.m. at The Republic Golf Course.

On Thursday, June 15, the trade show opens at 8 a.m., with vendors displaying and discussing products ranging from animal health supplies and feed supplements to information services and agricultural financing. The trade show concludes at noon on Friday.

The opening session on Thursday, June 15, is designed to give attendees an overview of today's cattle and beef industry. Speakers include Richard Wortham, Executive Vice President of the Texas Beef Council; Chuck Kiker, President of R-CALF USA; and a representative from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. In addition, ICA members will hear from State Senator Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio and Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams. Thursday afternoon, Novartis Animal Health will present the Cattlemen's Conference with Dr. Kerry Barling and Dr. Jim Rhoades. Dr. Barling will address "Considerations: Cow Herd Immunity," and "Lepto Hardjo Bovis...Easier to Prevent than to Detect" will be discussed by Dr. Rhoades.

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Thursday evening will be all about fun and fundraising with the annual social sponsored by Larry Windham & Associates and Livestock Marketing Association of Texas. The excitement will include award presentations, the 2006 Drawdown and the always-spirited live auction.

On Friday, June 16, the first session begins with a market outlook from Dr. David Anderson, Economist for Livestock and Food Products, Texas Cooperative Extension. Friday's second session features Dr. Bob Hillman, Executive Director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, and Neil Hammerschmidt, USDA Coordinator for the National Animal Identification System, to provide updates on premise identification and the status of animal identification.

Monte Reese, Chief Operating Officer of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, will be the featured speaker at the 2006 Headliners Luncheon. ICA leaders will be recognized at the luncheon with the annual Trailblazer, Cattlemen's Council and President's Council awards. The luncheon is sponsored by AgCredit of South Texas, ACA; AgriLand FCS; AgTexas FCS; Capital Farm Credit, ACA; Great Plains Ag Credit, ACA; Heritage Land Bank, ACA; Southwest Texas ACA; and Farm Credit Bank of Texas.

The convention wraps up Friday afternoon with the annual meeting of the ICA Board of Directors and House of Delegates.

Additional event sponsors include American National Bank, Farnam Companies – Livestock Division, Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare, and Westway Feed Products.

The fee for a full registration is \$130 on or before May 22 and \$165 after May 22. A full registration includes all the educational programs, meal functions, social and trade show. If attendees can only be in San Antonio for one day, there is a special Thursday-only or Friday-only registration that includes all the programs and meal functions on that day. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the El Tropicano at 1-800-288-3927. 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.