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CATTLE DRIVE 2021

The Texas Legislature has finally gone home after three Special Sessions. It seemed that the Session would never end, but the Governor has stated he is done. The redistricting lines have been drawn, and we will now wait for the courts to decide if the new district boundaries are constitutional. We will soon be in the next two budget years, and the future is almost unpredictable. Covid 19 is still with us, and now, we are seeing new proposed tax regulations and increased inflation.

Once again agriculture, especially cattlemen, is being left behind. Sure we have higher meat prices on the retail level, but cattle prices have not kept up. ICA and our partners are working diligently to remedy this situation and create a fair and open market. The packer concentration has become a monopoly, and because of this concentration, many cattlemen are leaving our industry. At our urging the USDA and the Department of Justice have convened meetings to study the situation. Hopefully with our urging, steps will be taken to improve our markets...

As our population increases the needs for more funding for education, law enforcement and health services are escalating. The state of Texas will have to have a source of revenue to meet these future needs. ICA will be in Austin to protect our members. Open space evaluations and sales tax exemptions must be maintained if we are to survive.

Your ICA staff, officers, directors and our legislative consultants will be in Austin to educate the new and old lawmakers on these issues important to agriculture and our rural lifestyle. You can also bet there will still be the animal rights groups in attendance trying to make your ranch livestock into pets and your ranches open for public inspections.

Hopefully, the violent protests of this past year are a thing of the past, but no matter, ICA will be there just like we have for over fifty-five years. We will not be protesting, but will be justifying our industry and our families. "Fake meat, eminent domain, trespassing, and the right to farm and ranch will be our issues along with **no** new taxes.

Please help us build a war chest to maintain these strategies by donating to the 2021 Cattle Drive. Your generous donations will help ICA deliver agriculture's message to our legislators and state leaders. We will face an uphill battle the next two years, but with your help, we will be successful.

Brad Cotton

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ICA 2021 Cattle Drive

Please update your contact information, if necessary, and return with your donation in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Organization:

Name::

Address:

County:

City:

State:

Phone:

Email:

Option 1 - Check or Credit Card Donation

Please make check to ICA

Enclosed is my contribution to the 2021 Cattle Drive of:

___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 ___ other (\$)

Please charge my 2021 Cattle Drive contribution of \$ _____ to the credit card indicated below:

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Card Type (AMEX/DISCOVER/MC/VISA): _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Option 2—Calf or Cow Donation:

I'll donate the proceeds of a calf or cow sold at _____ auction market.

(Just notify the livestock auction market staff to send the proceeds to ICA)

Thank you for supporting the 2021 Cattle Drive!