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GUILLEN SUPPORTS CATTLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Agrilife Expands Beef Quality Assurance Program to South Texas

AUSTIN - The Texas Beef Council and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service is presenting a three-part series of hands-on workshops and field trips focusing on promoting beef management and marketing. Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) is applauding the addition of the Brush County Beef 706 program in Atascosa, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, and other south Texas counties.

"Beef and cattle are the state's top ag commodities, employing thousands of Texans and generating over \$10 billion annually in cash receipts. However, uncertainty across several key factors, like animal health, weather, and international trade, threaten our prized ag economy," said Guillen. "By ensuring producers have the latest and best knowledge and resources, these programs improve our products, which, in turn, bolsters certainty and economic stability for the industry."

The purpose of this program is to help cattle producers gain a more thorough understanding of the process after the cattle go into the feedyard. In the first session, producers will be able to choose a calf to monitor through feedyard and packer sectors. In the second session, producers review cattle as finished market steers and learn more about factors that effect feedyard performance and finished steer value. In the third session, the focus is on the final parts of beef processing.

As a sixth generation cattle rancher and South Texan, Representative Guillen is a strong supporter of ranchers in his district. He has consistently fought to defend their land rights, eliminate cattle fever ticks, and protect their property tax exemptions.

"What our farmers and ranchers in South Texas produce goes on not only to feed and clothe our fellow Texans, but the rest of the country and the world," said Guillen. "Just as we all rely on our Ag production, our Ag producers rely on our support."

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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