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WEATHERFORD, TEXAS – A free outdoor stockmanship clinic focusing on increasing ranch profitability through reduced stress and improved cattle performance will be held on May 29 at the Wagley Ranch near Graford, Texas from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cattle production is a “for profit” business with increased economic benefits handling cattle properly. The half-day program will be devoted to effective stockmanship techniques to increase profit and make livestock handling easier. The program will address basic principles of livestock behavior and learning how to use their instincts to accomplish your goals. Texas AgriLife Extension Livestock Specialist Dr. Ron Gill will conduct this presentation.

Gill has been teaching stockmanship across the nation for the last six years. His interest in teaching these valuable tools has intensified over the years after seeing the performance and economic benefit from managing livestock behavior.

Dr. Glen Rogers, veterinarian and local cattlemen, will share his experiences how low stress handling techniques benefit animal health and rotational grazing systems on his heifer operation.

The Wagley Ranch is located 7 miles east of Graford on TX-254. Ranch entrance is on the south side of the road. Travel down ranch road 1.5 miles to pens where clinic will be held.

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The Cross Timbers Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas AgriLife Extension are hosting the clinic.

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