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Ranchers Gathering

Well, every year I think what a year can do to a cattle producer. Calf price averages are starting to average a little more than last year. It's hard to forget about the calf prices 2-3 years ago. While the prices are not at all time highs they are pretty good for good cattle. That being said, we cannot dwell on the past cow numbers and prices are at a point once again we need to think about good management of the cow herd to find the profit in your operation, instead of relying on the calf prices supporting you.

I am pleased to announce this year at the **Ranchers Gathering** we will have Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Professor and Livestock Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service out of the Midland/Odessa Region to come speak about "Managing Females for Fertility and Lifetime Value." So mark your calendars for the **2017 Ranchers Gathering** which has been set for Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Decatur. Doors will open around 5:30 p.m. for everyone to visit booths at the trade show. The trade show will feature over 20 agriculture related businesses offering the newest in technology for beef cattle producers. Dinner is set for 6:00 p.m. The \$10 registration fee covers the meal and makes you eligible for one of the many door prizes given away during the program.

This year's event is being sponsored by the Wise County Extension Livestock and Forage Committee. The registration *deadline is* Monday, July 31, 2017. To register, come by the Wise County Extension office at 206 S. State Street. Please make checks payable to: Extension Livestock Committee.