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Re: Salute to Ag Luncheon to Feature the Latest on TTU Vet School Efforts

LUBBOCK, TEXAS – Each year the Lubbock Chamber recognizes the local agriculture community by hosting a luncheon on or near National Ag Day. This year the Chamber will host the Salute to Ag Luncheon presented by First United Bank on March 19 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center.

The Chamber's Salute to Ag Luncheon will feature Dr. Guy H. Loneragan, who will present information on the TTU Vet School efforts at the luncheon. A veterinary epidemiologist and Professor of Food Safety and Public Health and at Texas Tech University, Dr. Loneragan's research mission is to improve animal and public health by identification and exploration of solutions that address society's challenges.

Agriculture is a driving force in West Texas and the Lubbock economy. Texas produces nine percent of the U.S. cotton supply and 13 percent of the U.S. beef supply. The High Plains of Texas brings in over 130,000 jobs and makes up one-third of the region's economy. The Salute to Ag Luncheon allows the Chamber to honor and celebrate the agriculture industry and its contributions to the economy.

More information and sponsorship opportunities are available at LubbockChamber.com or by contacting the Lubbock Chamber at (806) 761-7000.

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The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1,900 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. Since 1913 the Chamber, as a catalyst for business growth; a convener of leaders and influencers; and a champion for a stronger community, has served as a unified voice of business by actively advocating for a pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-business climate.