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CCALT holds annual BBQ in local Douglas County Ranch to benefit ranchland conservation

On Saturday, July 16th, the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) will hold their annual Sunset BBQ benefit at the historical Prairie Canyon Ranch, just 45 minutes outside of Denver near Franktown. The BBQ will be co-hosted by Douglas County and is the annual fundraiser for CCALT. Proceeds from the BBQ will be used by the Land Trust to protect additional ranches in the area.

CCALT was formed in 1995 by the membership of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) to help Colorado's ranchers and farmers protect their agricultural lands and encourage continuing agricultural production. CCA was the first state livestock association in the nation to form a land trust.

In its 16-year history, CCALT has developed an excellent track record in successfully completing transactions. To date, CCALT has helped over 252 landowners statewide protect more than 373,000 acres.

"We are thrilled to have the Sunset BBQ at Prairie Canyon Ranch this year. Douglas County acquired this working ranch, with its unique natural resources, history, and agriculture, with open space funds and assistance from Great Outdoors Colorado. Thanks to our conservation partner, CCALT, the values which we love to share with so many people will be protected for generations to come." said Jackie Sanderson, Natural Resource Specialist for Douglas County Open Space.

The annual fundraiser is held at a different ranch across Colorado each summer. This is the first time that the Sunset BBQ has been held at a property owned by Douglas County and protected by CCALT. In addition to cocktails and BBQ, the event will include a silent and live auction

and live entertainment. Auction items can also be purchased online in advance of the event at www.biddingforgood.com/ccalt2011.

All proceeds will go to support the Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust. Ticket prices are \$150/person. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Alyssa Street at 303-225-8677 or by e-mail at Alyssa@ccalt.org.

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