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## TAHC Welcomes New Director of Public Information

**AUSTIN** - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Yvonne "Bonnie" Ramirez of Seguin, TX has joined the agency as the new Director of Public Information. Ramirez joined the agency on April 1. She previously worked at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo as the Marketing Coordinator. Prior to transferring to the Marketing department, she served as the Assistant Livestock Director.

Ramirez attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Animal Science and a minor in Speech Communications. She was a member of the Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Teams and Block and Bridle organization during her collegiate career, among other extracurricular activities.

Currently she is a volunteer feature writer for the Texas High School Rodeo Association *Extreme Sports News* publication. Ramirez enjoys living the western way of life as she announces at team roping events during her spare time and enjoys going to ranch rodeos and supporting some of her favorite hometown teams. Ramirez has an agricultural background as she grew up showing heifers and hogs. She was very active in her local FFA chapter, Falfurrias FFA.

Ramirez is the daughter of Ariel and Sonia Ramirez of La Vernia. She calls home, Encino, a small rural community in South Texas.

"I am extremely honored and excited to join the TAHC as the new Director of Public Information," Ramirez said. "My roots are deeply rooted in the livestock industry and it is a pleasure to represent the agency as the Public Information Officer. I look forward to working with a great team and bringing forth new, fresh and professional ideas."

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock. The agency's mission and role is to assure the marketability and mobility of Texas livestock.

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