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**Invitational Ranch Rodeo Will Return to 111<sup>th</sup> National Western Stock Show**

*Denver, CO.* - The National Western Stock Show is excited to host the second annual Invitational Ranch Rodeo in the Events Center in 2017 following a successful and entertaining inaugural event during opening weekend of the 2016 show. Details are still to come but plan to see some of the top ranch hands and horses compete in January. Ranch rodeos, based on traditional ranching activities, feature teams of cowboys/cowgirls from working ranches competing against other ranches.

The 2016 Ranch Rodeo boasted eight teams competing in four events: Team Sorting, Cut and Brand, Double Mugging and Wild Cow Milking. Many of the teams have also qualified for the Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA) World Championship Ranch Rodeo. Crutch Ranch of Borger, Tex. won the Team Sorting and Double Mugging en route to a win in the inaugural event. Reigning Reserve World Champion Team Sandhill Cattle Company (Earth, Tex.) won the Cut and Brand and fourth overall while Flying A Beatty Canyon (Swink, Colo.) won the Wild Cow Milking and was second overall. Bud Higgs of the reigning World Champion Team Lonesome Pine (Cedar Point, Kan.) was named the Top Hand and Motown on the Sandhill Team was the Top Horse.

Grounds admission and event tickets for the 2017 National Western Stock Show will be available at [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com) and all King Sooper locations in the fall.

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**About the National Western Stock Show**

Just completed the 110th year, the National Western Stock Show is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization that provides college and graduate level scholarships in agriculture and medicine for practice in rural areas. It is also our mission to serve producers and consumers throughout the world by being the premier Stock Show, Rodeo, Horse Show and center for year-round events. The 16-day show also serves as an entertainment arena, hosting one of the world's richest regular season professional rodeos, largest horse show and Colorado's largest western trade show. For more information, visit [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com).