



2008 PRCA LIVESTOCK SURVEY

The PRCA has continuously called up by on-site, independent rodeo veterinarians at PRCA-sanctioned events to conduct livestock welfare surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to determine the rate of injury to rodeo livestock and the effectiveness of PRCA livestock welfare rules. Over the years, the results have continued to show a rate of injury that is very, very low. The most recent survey, conducted at 159 rodeo performances held during the 2008 PRCA rodeo season As in the past, the rate of injury is proving to be very low, a rate of injury of five hundredths of one percent, or .0005.



**Following are the results of the
2008 survey:**

TOTAL ANIMAL EXPOSURES:	58,656
NUMBER OF RODEO PERFORMANCES:	148
SECTIONS OF SLACK:	55
NUMBER OF INJURIES:	27
INJURY RATE:	.0004

COMMENTS FROM VETERINARIANS REGARDING HEALTH OF RODEO LIVESTOCK AT PRCA RODEOS

"All stock present appears healthy and in good condition."

Dr. Kellie Wallace, McComb, MS

"All stock seem in good condition."

Dr. Keith Tamor, McComb, MS

"Good Weight & Condition, timed event stock fast & strong."

Dr. Eddie Taylor, Tucson, AZ

"All stock appeared in great condition."

Dr. Matt Dredge, Pocatello, ID

"Stock in Good - Excellent condition upon arrival and after completion of competition."

Dr. Art Neves, Stonyford, CA

"All stock appears healthy, normal, good condition."

Dr. Cy Shurtleff, Conway, AR

"Excellent health & body condition. Arrived in good equipment and handled well during unloading. Housing for animals was clean and in good repair."

Dr. Russell W. Hackler, Hayward, CA

"Healthy & active."

Dr. Jeffrey Henry, Union, OR

"Excellent. Very well cared for. Animal Welfare very important to this stock contractor."

Dr. John Wenzel, Silver City, NM

"Excellent, no problems."

Dr. Kim Klein, Helotes, TX

"Very Good."

Dr. John Smith, Garden City, KS

"Good Health."

Dr. Robert Vesey/Ron Keeler, Abbeville, KS

"Stock was in good condition all four nights at end of each rodeo performance."

Dr. Jody Syring, Gladewater, TX

"All in good health and body condition."

Dr. Justin High, Weatherford, TX

"Good - Going to Greeley and are in excellent competitive shape."

Dr. G.V. Thompson, North Platte, NE

"Animals are in good condition; well fed and in good condition."

Dr. Daniel Wieger, Stanley, WI

"These animals arrived here in excellent condition. They appeared well care for and were active/frisky."

Dr. Eric Sharpnack, DVM, Sisters, OR

"Healthy & well-fed. All animals were in the same condition at the end of the rodeo as on arrival - healthy."

Dr. Michael Ryan, Truckee, CA

"Stock were well-cared-for throughout rodeo."

Dr. James R. Beaty, DVM. Mitchell, SD

"All appeared comfortable, in good body condition; no injuries noted in pen. All stock appeared sound, witnessed normal appetites, cattle chewing cut, and sufficient feed and water at all times."

Dr. Katherine Whitman, Logan, UT

"Stock handlers and caretakers seemed to really care about the animals."

Dr. Tim E. O'Neill, Springdale, AR

"All livestock in good condition and well cared for."

Dr. John Boyington, Phillipsburg, KS

"Visual inspection of stock showed no cause for concern. Animals were in good condition, no sign of disease, etc. Stock still looked good at the end of the rodeo. Were well fed and watered adequately & had sprinklers going on pens for dust control & to reduce heat."

Dr. Alan Atkinson, Lincoln Mumford, Clyde Williams, Preston, ID

"All stock appeared in excellent condition upon arrival and at conclusion of the rodeo."

Dr. Erika Cartright, DVM, Kingman, AZ

"Very Good."

Marvin Denny, DVM, Oklahoma City, OK

"Good - aoll stock appeared healthy for competition with no overt evidence of injury or illness."

Dr. Jillian Adler, DVM, Fort Collins, CO

"Well fed and comfortable."

Dr. Monty McInturff, Franklin, TN