



2009 Rodeo Livestock Survey

About the Survey:

- The surveys are completed by on-site rodeo veterinarians at PRCA Rodeos.
- Veterinarians were asked to report on the condition of the livestock upon arrival and departure from the rodeo as well as report any injuries.
- The injury figure reported includes all injuries that happen in the arena during a PRCA rodeo to the livestock.
- The definition of injury in the survey is: *"Injury incurred in performing resulting in a significant change that would affect the animals well being, general health and/or ability to perform".*

Veterinarians Report on Rodeo Livestock



The PRCA has continually 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 194 rodeo performances held during the 2009 PRCA rodeo season. As in the past, the rate of injury is proving to be very low with the rate of injury calculating out to .00037.

The complete results of the survey are as follows:

TOTAL ANIMAL EXPOSURES:	75,472
NUMBER OF RODEO PERFORMANCES:	194
SECTIONS OF SLACK:	78
NUMBER OF INJURIES:	28
INJURY RATE:	.00037

COMMENTS FROM VETERINARIANS PARTICIPATING IN THE SURVEY

"All livestock noted to be in good athletic condition."
Los Fresnos, Texas Rodeo Veterinarian

"Excellent physical condition of all stock. Well fed, bright and alert."
Glen Rose, Texas Rodeo Veterinarians

"Riding stock, bulls and horse in good condition and weight"
Tucson, Arizona Rodeo Veterinarian

"These animals were in great condition and were all in good health - I haven't seen rodeo stock this good in a long time. The stock contactor was a pleasure to work with."
Sisters, Oregon Rodeo Veterinarian

"All stock arrived and left in good physical condition."
Central Arkansas PRCA Rodeo Veterinarian

"All animals clinically healthy, free of disease and injury."
Lehi, Utah Rodeo Veterinarian

"Visual Inspection only - stock are in good condition, nothing seem to warrant concern about welfare."
Preston, Idaho Rodeo Veterinarian

"Excellent care and monitoring of all events."
Prescott, Arizona Rodeo Veterinarian

Cattle and horses were well fed and content. I did not see any suffering from disease or injury."
Dalhart, Texas Rodeo Veterinarian

"All animals observed to be free of injury and/or illness."
Texarkana, Texas Rodeo Veterinarian

"Well Fed and in good condition."
Evanston, Wyoming Rodeo Veterinarian

"Excellent care! Beautiful condition."
Payson, Arizona Rodeo Veterinarian

"Excellent. Actually a little too fat."
Libby, Montana Rodeo Veterinarian



"Stock were in good travel condition, unloaded into safe pens with adequate space, food and water."
**Fort Benton,
Montana
Rodeo
Veterinarian**

