The PRCA has continually called upon 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 148 rodeo performances held during the 2010 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 .00046.

Veterinarians Report on Rodeo Livestock

The complete results of the survey are as follows:

TOTAL ANIMAL EXPOSURES: 60,244
NUMBER OF RODEO PERFORMANCES: 148
SECTIONS OF SLACK: 70
NUMBER OF INJURIES: 28
INJURY RATE: .00046
COMMENTS FROM VETERINARIANS PARTICIPATING IN THE SURVEY

"Excellent. Well fed, good body condition. All classes and species."
Abilene, KS Veterinarian

"Stock was well cared-for and in satisfactory condition."
Bakersfield, CA Veterinarian

"All animals look good upon arrival and at rodeo end."
Burwell, NE Veterinarian

"Cattle and horses are in good condition."
Elko, NV Veterinarian

"Stock all in good shape."
Estes Park, CO Veterinarian

"Good to Excellent for all events - bucking stock in good condition - roping stock are of good weight & appear robust."
Tucson, AZ Veterinarian

"Good - cattle in good body conditions, horses had good coats and body weight appeared normal."
Springville, CA Veterinarian

"All of the stock involved in this rodeo arrived healthy and in good condition - all left as they arrived."
Sisters, OR Veterinarian

"Everyone looks well fed, and no lame critters noted."
Riverton, WY Veterinarian

"Rough stock - excellent. In good body condition. Timed event steers and calves, good body condition."
Shelby, MT Veterinarian

"All of the stock was in good health. There were no issues that were observed."
Ringgold, GA Veterinarian

"Excellent stock - Excellent care and management."
Jasper, TX Veterinarian

"All stock on arrival and at end of rodeo was in excellent condition. Animals were fed 15 tons of high quality hay and 3 tons of grain."
Cody, WY Veterinarian

"Stace Smith does an excellent job of maintaining his stock. I commend his employees."
Coleman, TX Veterinarian

"Well cared for, in and out in a timely manner."
Dodge City, KS Veterinarian

"Excellent. All observed to be in good flesh, no signs of shipping stress, no apparent injuries upon arrival."
Poway, CA Veterinarian