

CATTLE FEEDYARD WORKER HEALTH STUDY

SIGNIFICANCE

- Cattle feeding is an important industry in the Central States region of the Midwest, with Nebraska (#2), Kansas (#3), and Iowa (#5) ranking in the top five states for the number of cattle on feed in the United States.¹
- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "Cattle production is the most important agricultural industry in the United States, consistently accounting for the largest share of total cash receipts for agricultural commodities."²
- Our research indicates that about half of all feedyards and feedyard workers are located in the Central States region of the country.³



ABOUT

The Cattle Feedyard Worker Health Study is a longitudinal descriptive study exploring how stress is associated with physical health, psychological health, and social well-being outcomes across time and industry-specific seasons among cattle feedyard workers in the Central States region. This study includes the use of multiple methods including health assessments conducted through onsite health fairs at cattle feedyard operations, one-on-one interviews with workers, and ethnographic field work. This study may help us to understand more about health, stress, and workers' lives.

ONSITE HEALTH FAIRS AT CATTLE FEEDYARDS

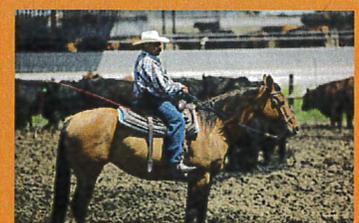
All services are provided in English and Spanish and are free to feedyards and workers. Health assessments include:



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We want to be a partner with agricultural operations in helping to keep workers healthy, happy, and safe. This research can contribute to the long-term viability of the cattle feeding sector.

For more information about the study or to have your feedyard participate, please contact Dr. Athena Ramos, Principal Investigator, (402) 559-2095 or via email at: aramos@unmc.edu.

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