



TEXAS CATTLE FEEDERS ASSOCIATION

ISSUES UPDATE

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Movement Restrictions for Cattle Entering TEXAS from NEW MEXICO OR CALIFORNIA

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On Sept. 11, 2008, USDA announced a downgrade in Tuberculosis (TB) status for the state of New Mexico from Accredited Free to Modified Accredited Advanced. On Sept. 18, 2008, the same action was taken by USDA for California. The new rules mean that certain cattle moving out of New Mexico and California face additional restrictions for entry into Texas. The tables below are inclusive of the requirements for both USDA and Texas Animal Health Commission:

Movement to feedyards:

	<u>Approved Feedyards*</u>	<u>Non-Approved Feedyards</u>
Beef Steers or Spayed Heifers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• No TB test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No individual i.d.• No TB test
Beef Feeder Heifers (intact)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• No TB test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No individual i.d.• No TB test
Bulls / Cows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• No TB test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• One TB test required within 60 days of shipment or <2 months of age with permit

*Approved Feedyards -- those feedyards that have applied for and obtained authorization from the Texas Animal Health Commission to receive TB exposed cattle.

Movement to backgrounding feedyards, pastures or auctions:

Beef Steers or Spayed Heifers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No individual i.d.• No TB test
Beef Feeder Heifers (intact)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• No TB test
Beef Breeding Heifers / Bulls / Cows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• One TB test required within 60 days of shipment or <2 months of age with permit

Movement of DAIRY cattle from ANY state to ANY location in Texas:

Dairy Steers or Spayed Dairy Heifers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• No TB Test
Dairy Heifers (intact), Bull Calves or Cows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual i.d.• One TB test required within 60 days of shipment of <2 months of age with permit

Refer to a separate TCFA Issues Update regarding OKLAHOMA entry requirements for cattle from New Mexico and California. Also, please avoid fence-line contact between Mexican-origin or dairy cattle with any animals that may return to pasture.

Please contact Josh Winegarner or Ben Weinheimer for more details.