

# 2001 25 Largest Cattle Feeding Operations

## DIRECTIONS

Some operations that would qualify for this list chose not to be included.

Rank/Name	Head Office	Owner	Subsidiaries	CEO	2000 Marketings	Capacity	Total Feedyards	Feedyard Locations
1. Cactus Feeders, Inc.	Amarillo, Texas	Engler family and employees	none	Paul F. Engler	confidential	460,000	9	Texas, Kansas
2. Conti Beef, LLC	Boulder, Colorado	ContiGroup Company Inc.	hog and poultry production	John Rakestraw	confidential	425,000	6	Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma
3. ConAgra Cattle Feeding Company	Greeley, Colorado	ConAgra Beef Co.	Northern Co. Feeds	Don L. Willms	confidential	420,000	5	Colorado, Idaho, Texas
4. Caprock Industries	Amarillo, Texas	Cargill, Inc.	none	Zay Gilbreath	confidential	296,000	4	Kansas, Texas
5. National Farms, Inc.	Kansas City, Missouri	Bass Family	ranching	Bill Haw	confidential	270,000	7	Kansas, Colorado
(Tie) J. R. Simplot Co.	Boise, Idaho	Simplot family	Simplot Livestock Co.	Thomas J. Basabe	confidential	270,000	3	Idaho, Washington, Oregon
7. Friona Industries, L.P.	Amarillo, Texas	Privately Held	Hi Pro Feeds, Hi Pro Animal Health, Friona Ag Corp.	James E. Herring	confidential	235,000	4	Texas
8. Four States Feedyard, Inc.	Lamar, Colorado	Privately held	Timpas Feedyard LLC, Ordway Feedyard LLC, Herd Co. Bartlett Feedyard, Fall River Feedyard LLC, Rocky Ford Feedyard LLC, Oxtown Feeders LLC	Joe Spitz	confidential	215,000	4	Colorado, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska
9. Cattico Inc./Liberal Feeders LP	Ft. Morgan, Colorado	Privately held	none	David M. Johnson	confidential	210,000	4	Kansas, Colorado, Texas
10. Agri Beef Co.	Boise, Idaho	Rebholtz family	MWI Vet Supply, Perfor Mix Nutrition Systems	Robert Rebholtz Jr.	confidential	180,000	6	Kansas, Washington, Idaho
11. AzTx Cattle Co.	Hereford, Texas	Josserand family	TAG Finance Co.	Robert D. Josserand	confidential	172,000	4	Kansas, Texas
12. Irsik & Doll	Cimarron, Kansas	privately held	grain facilities, commercial feedmill	John M. Petz	confidential	170,000	6	Kansas
13. Hitch Enterprises, Inc.	Guymon, Oklahoma	Hitch families	Hitch Commodities, Hitch Pork Producers, Hitch Ag Credit, Hitch Farms	Paul H. Hitch	confidential	160,000	3	Kansas, Oklahoma
14. Cattle Empire LLC	Santana, Kansas	Roy H. Brown/ Paul J. Brown	N/A	Paul J. Brown	201,270	140,000	3	Kansas
15. Gottsch Feeding Corporation	Elkhorn, Nebraska	Gottsch family	N/A	Robert G. Gottsch	confidential	135,000	3	Kansas, Nebraska
(Tie) Barrett-Crofoot, Inc.	Hereford, Texas	Barrett families	N/A	Ed Barrett	confidential	135,000	3	Texas
(Tie) Harris Feeding Company	Coalinga, California	John C. Harris	Harris Farms, Inc. and Harris Ranch Beef Co.	David E. Wood	confidential	135,000	2	California, Nevada
18. Pinal Feeding Co.	Laveen, Arizona	Northside Hay Company	Northside Cattle Co., Sacate Pellet Mill	Earl A. Petznick	132,000	125,000	3	Arizona
19. Dinklage Feed Yard, Inc.	Sidney, Nebraska	corporation	Dinklage Feeding Company	Tom O'Connell	confidential	120,000	6	Nebraska, Wyoming
(Tie) Bar G Feedyard	Summerfield, Texas	Livestock Investors, Inc.	N/A	Johnny Trotter	confidential	120,000	2	Texas
21. Pratt Feeders, LLC	Pratt, Kansas	Privately Held	N/A	Jerry Bohn	200,000	115,000	4	Kansas, Oklahoma
22. Brookover	Garden City, Kansas	Brookover Family	ranching, farming, oil and gas, real estate, country club	E.C. Brookover	confidential	110,000	3	Kansas, Oklahoma
23. McElhaney Cattle Company	Wellton, Arizona	Gary Oden	none	Larry McDonald	confidential	105,000	1	Arizona
24. Timmerman & Sons Feeding Co., Inc.	Springfield, Nebraska	Gerald, James, Norman and Ronald Timmerman	Timmerman Land & Cattle Company	Gerald Timmerman	230,000	101,000	7	Nebraska, Colorado
25. Adams Land and Cattle Co.	Broken Bow, Nebraska	Adams family	N/A	Lawrence Adams	confidential	93,000	1	Nebraska