

# Heifer Ranch at Arroyo Seco, LTD

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### **From John's Desk:**

- Well, pretty much a dull month. The weather went from the teens to 90°. The wheat has started growing but is taking a lot of water. We had virtually no moisture through out the winter and none in the forecast. Spring winds have come and the pens are dusty from dry conditions. We run a water wagon on the roads and feed lanes daily to keep as much dust down from

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vehicles as possible. Without rain the water situation in the Texas Panhandle will be somewhat lacking.

- The ethanol plants are still shut down. There are only two plants in the whole area that are still running and we are using product from one of them. Feed cost have remained stable, no increases or decreases. The only variation we can see is if the plant we are currently getting product from shuts down. Our animal number head count has virtually remained the same. We ship about 2000 springers a month and received about 2000 little heifers. We have been staying between 26,500 head to 27,000 head on average. Any rain you can send our way will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you  
John

### **From Justin's Desk:**

- We have our new computerized feed system fully functioning. We were able to work out most of the kinks and get all 8 feeders trained on the program. We are happy with what we have seen thus far. It has allowed us to track feeder performance and ingredient usage much more efficiently along with giving us up to date feed cost.
- This month we are going to start the process of scanning RFID'S and entering incoming heifers that way. Eventually we want to get to doing most dairy comp information entering with the handhelds.