

# Kuner Feedlot



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## Team Members

60

## Cattle Capacity

98,000 head

## Feedlot Space

Feedlot Area: 418 acres  
Irrigated/Dryland: 522 acres

## Geographical Purchasing Region

California, Nevada, and Northwest Colorado

## Grain Storage/Bushel

300,000

## Moisture

Average Precipitation: 14 inches  
Average Snowfall: 24 inches

## Kersey, Colorado

The Kuner Feedlot was completed in 1974 as a 100,000-head feedyard. Kuner is located on Highway 34, a few miles east of Kersey, Colorado. Kersey, a town with a population of 1,500, is located near Greeley, Colorado. Five Rivers Kuner Feedlot is a proud member of the Kersey and Weld County community.

Located on the Great Plains of Northern Colorado, the Kuner Feedlot was the third 100,000-head feedyard built and owned by the Monfort family of Greeley. The original Monfort family feedlot, located north of Greeley, was voluntarily phased-out for environmental reasons upon completion of Kuner. In 1966, Monfort pioneered the practice of cooking, rolling and feeding grain warm to cattle. Today, most feedyards process their own corn flakes and other grains to enhance digestibility, palatability and the more efficient use of grain fed to cattle.

In 2011, after three years of construction and \$18 million dollars of investment, the Five Rivers Cattle Feeding Kuner Feedlot was transformed into the most state-of-the-art cattle feedyard in the industry. Kuner Feedlot stands as a signature showpiece of the modern cattle feeding industry for customers and industry visitors. From state-of-the-art environmental practices to enhancing cattle comfort, the new and improved Kuner Feedlot is designed to last well in to the future. In addition, Kuner has engaged in a pilot-scale gasifier unit that is designed to efficiently convert manure into power that, in turn, can operate the steam chests in the flaker mill.

Kuner was built by Monfort of Colorado and has carried the names of ConAgra Cattle Feeding Company, MF Cattle Feeding Company and Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding.

## Economic Impact

**Payroll:** \$3.3M+

**Livestock Payments:** \$275M+

**Payroll Taxes:** \$200,000+

**Area Unemployment:** 3.3%

**Utilities:** Nearly \$1M

