

## **Monthly Feed Purchase Record by Type of Feed and Cattle Production Activity or Category Feed Is Charged To**

The purpose of this spreadsheet is to record feed purchases and summarize the purchases by type of feed and the cattle the feed is purchased for. This spreadsheet complements the business accounting system that are not efficient in reporting quantities of feed purchases and reporting feed purchase by cattle production activity. The user **does not have to identify** the cattle category the feed is purchased for. **Use other category of cattle.** Feed records can accomplish this and in operations with multiple cattle categories it's difficult to predetermine which cattle will be fed each feed. Starting in September better matches the production year.

The reason that feed purchase recording and monitoring is so important is that feed is major cost of production and subject to management. Having good feed purchasing can help to select sources to buy feed and for cash flow planning.

The data becomes part of the overall inventory reconciliation of feed purchases and use for the breeding herd, yearlings or stockers grazing or grow yard cattle.

### **Input Data**

The different feed types and cattle production activities the feed is charged to is set up in the first sheet. Feed and cattle names are entered and the percent dry matter (DM) reporting units and pounds per unit are input. The summary page uses feed dry matter (DM) and reporting units set up in August.

Feed purchases are recorded by date, purchased from - source, quantities of units purchased pounds per unit purchased and total cost then the code assigns to the feed type and cattle production activity the feed is charged to.

### **Reports**

A monthly report is generated by type of feed and the cattle activity the feed is charged to. Head of cattle by category can be entered to calculate per head values. The annual report summarizes all feed purchases by type of feed and cost per pound and ton of dry matter (DM). The monthly report shows the feed purchased by month and type of feed.