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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 8 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2006, Arizona had 339,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 8 percent from a year ago but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head, 2,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 34,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last July.

On August 1, 2006, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year, and down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head, down 17,000 head from last year. During July, 67,000 head were marketed, up 8,000 head from last July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000, 600-699 pounds were 403,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

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