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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 6 Percent from Last Year

On November 1, 2006, Arizona had 342,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from a year ago and up 6,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during October, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During October, 27,000 head were marketed, unchanged from last year.

On November 1, 2006, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 71,000 head during October, up 7,000 head from last year. During October, 62,000 head were marketed, up 12,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.34 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 840,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 485,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 455,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005 but 2 percent below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 percent above 2004.

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