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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2007, Arizona had 334,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 12,000 head from a year ago, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 33,000 head during January, 6,000 head less than a year ago. During January, 32,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 10,000 head from last year, and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 64,000 head during January, down 7,000 head from last year. During January, 72,000 head were marketed, up 10,000 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 11.7 million head on February 1, 2007. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2006 but 3 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.69 million, 23 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.59 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of January since the series began in 1996. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 545,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.84 million, up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during January, 17 percent above 2006 and 33 percent above 2005.

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