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## Press Release Announcement – April 20, 2007 - For Immediate Release

### Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2007, Arizona had 340,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 11,000 head from a year ago, but up 11,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 46,000 head during March, 16,000 head more than a year ago. During March, 33,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2007, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head during March, up 9,000 head from last year. During March, 65,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 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 11.6 million head on April 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2006 but 7 percent above April 1, 2005. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.43 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, up 4 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.97 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 12 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.89 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 640,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.85 million, down 6 percent from 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during March, 20 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005.

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