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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up Slightly From Last Year

On October 1, 2007, Arizona had 350,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 14,000 head from a year ago and up 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 28,000 head during September, unchanged from a year ago. During September, 24,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last year.

On October 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year and up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during September, down 12,000 head from last year. During September, 47,000 head were marketed, down 17,000 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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006 but 5 percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 570,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 740,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005.

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