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Arizona All Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2008, is estimated at 970,000 head, up 3 percent from last January's inventory. The beef cow inventory decreased by 10,000 head to 165,000 head, but the milk cow inventory increased 10,000 head from a year ago to 185,000 head. Other classes of cattle inventory include steers at 375,000 head, up 35,000 head; milk replacement heifers at 50,000 head, unchanged; beef replacement heifers at 30,000 head, down 3,000; and calves at 130,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2008, and the change from January 1, 2007, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, down slightly. Beef replacement heifers, 5.67 million, down 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.46 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.88 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, down 1 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, down slightly.

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

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