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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 12 Percent From Last Year

On February 1, 2008, Arizona had 373,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 39,000 head from a year ago, and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 35,000 head during January, 2,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 29,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2008, California had 555,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year, but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 76,000 head during January, up 12,000 head from last year. During January, 72,000 head were marketed, unchanged 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 February 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2007 but 1 percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

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