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## **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 15 Percent From Last Year**

On March 1, 2008, Arizona had 377,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 48,000 head from a year ago and up 4,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 36,000 head during February, 12,000 head more than a year ago. During February, 30,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2008, California had 545,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from last year but down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during February, unchanged from last year. During February, 63,000 head were marketed, down 4,000 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 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.

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