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## **Press Release Announcement – May 19, 2008 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 9 Percent From Last Year**

On May 1, 2008, Arizona had 370,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 30,000 head from a year ago but down 4,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during April, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During April, 37,000 head were marketed, up 7,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2008, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 30,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 64,000 head during April, down 21,000 head from last year. During April, 70,000 head were marketed, up 9,000 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 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007 and 4 percent below May 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. This is the highest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

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