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## **Press Release Announcement – July 29, 2008 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 4 Percent From Last Year**

On July 1, 2008, Arizona had 356,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 13,000 head from a year ago, but down 9,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during June, 7,000 head less than a year ago. During June, 40,000 head were marketed, up 5,000 head from last year.

On July 1, 2008, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year, and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 52,000 head during June, down 1,000 head from last year. During June, 55,000 head were marketed, down 5,000 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 10.3 million head on July 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.43 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 3.82 million head, down 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.51 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 325,000, 700-799 pounds were 383,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 8 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during June, 15 percent above 2007, but 5 percent below 2006.

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