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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 4 Percent From Last Year

On September 1, 2008, Arizona had 362,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 14,000 head from a year ago and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 33,000 head during August, 3,000 head less than a year ago. During August, 27,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 head from last year.

On September 1, 2008, California had 505,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year and a decrease of 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during August, 17,000 head less than last year. During August, 45,000 head were marketed, down 17,000 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 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007 and 9 percent below September 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 2.01 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. During August, placements of cattle and

calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 566,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 9 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 2 percent below 2007 and 17 percent below 2006.

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