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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 770,000 head as of September 1, 2008. The latest inventory was up 3 percent from August 1, 2008, but down 9 percent from the 850,000 on feed on September 1, 2007. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during August 2008. This represented a 6 percent decrease from the July 2008 marketings, and an 11 percent decrease from the August marketings one year earlier. An estimated 190,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, up 73 percent from July 2008 placements and up 12 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in August, 8 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 11 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 55 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

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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.