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Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on July 1, 2008 totaled 200,000 head, 9 percent below the July 1, 2007 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory was down 15,000 head from the number on feed June 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during June totaled 33,000 head, down 11 percent from June 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during June totaled 47,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during June, unchanged from June 2007.

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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