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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the March Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Director*

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2008 totaled 235,000 head, 6 percent below the March 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was unchanged from the number on feed February 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 39,000 head, unchanged from February 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 38,000 head, down 5,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during February, unchanged from February 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	March 1, 2007	February 1, 2008	March 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of February
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	329	373	377	115	101
California	530	555	545	103	98
Colorado	1,010	1,090	1,050	104	96
Idaho	250	235	235	94	100
Iowa	530	570	560	106	98
Kansas	2,420	2,430	2,410	100	99
Nebraska	2,510	2,510	2,490	99	99
New Mexico	130	160	160	123	100
Oklahoma	350	355	350	100	99
South Dakota	230	230	235	102	102
Texas	2,790	2,930	2,920	105	100
Washington	170	153	151	89	99
Other States	350	375	370	106	99
United States	11,599	11,966	11,853	102	99

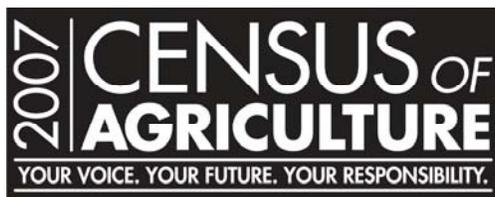
^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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