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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 683,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on August 1, 2008, down 6 percent from July 1, 2008, and down 12 percent from August 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 475,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from both last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 208,000 head on feed, down 8 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year.

Placements during July totaled 69,000 head, up 41 percent from last month but down 21 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head, up 24 percent from last month but down 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 18,000 head. This is up 125 percent from last month but down 22 percent from last year.

Marketings for July were 108,000 head, up 14 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 75,000 head, up 25 percent from last month and 3 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 33,000 head, down 6 percent from

last month and down 18 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, July 1, 2008	500	225	725
July Placements	51	18	69
July Marketings	75	33	108
July Other Disappearance	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2008	475	208	683