

## Cattle and Calves

Arizona's inventory of cattle and calves on January 1, 2007 was estimated at 940,000 head, same as the previous year. The 2006 calf crop of 280,000 was down 5,000 head from 2005. The value of cattle and calves on January 1 was \$949 million, down 7 percent.

Monthly all beef cattle prices varied by \$19.10 per hundredweight during 2006, from a low of \$75.30 in November to a high of \$94.40 in July. The marketing year average price for beef cattle decreased \$5.10 per hundredweight from a year ago to \$88.30. The annual average steer and heifer price decreased \$1.00 to \$104.00 per hundredweight and the annual average calf price decreased \$1.00 to \$125.00 per hundredweight. The annual average price for cows decreased \$7.10 per hundredweight to \$45.40.

Cattle and calf marketings were up less than 1 percent to 812 million pounds and the gross income from these marketings decreased 5 percent to \$740 million.

Arizona's feedlot operators marketed 337,000 head during 2006. Feedlot inventories ranged from 334,000 head on January 1 to 351,000 head on March 1 and April 1.

Arizona's 14 livestock slaughter plants produced 386 million pounds of red meat during 2006, up 7 percent from the 2005 slaughter.

**Cattle Inventory**  
January 1, 1997-2007

