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Idaho Cattle on Feed down 7 Percent from Previous Year

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, 2012 totaled 200,000 head, down 7 percent from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is down 5 percent from June 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during June totaled 34,000 head, the same as June 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during June totaled 43,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during June.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on July 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, up 1 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 390,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 494,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 6 percent below 2011. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during June, 8 percent below 2011.

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