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Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 5 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 October 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is up 12 percent from September 1, 2012. The October 1 cattle on feed inventory was made up of 137,000 steers and steer calves, 89,000 heifers and heifer calves, and 4,000 cows and bulls. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 61,000 head, down 9 percent from September 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during September totaled 35,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during September.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent below October 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 8 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.00 million, 19 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 515,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 690,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.60 million, 12 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 64,000 during September, 14 percent below 2011.

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