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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 20, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.43 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 6 percent from last year and 7 percent above January 1, 2004. This equals the highest inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements during December totaled 350,000 head, down 10 percent from 2004 but equal to 2003.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 305,000 head, down 20 percent from last year and 10 percent below December two years ago. This is the lowest December marketings since the series began in 1994. Other disappearance during December 2005 totaled 15,000 head, compared with 10,000 head both last year and two years ago.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005 and 5 percent above January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 8 percent above 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 1 percent below 2004 but 1 percent above 2003.

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