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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., March 24, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.45 million cattle on feed on March 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 6 percent from last year and 8 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 330,000 head, up 5 percent from 2005 but 6 percent below 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 360,000 head, up 9 percent from last year and 4 percent above February two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head during February 2005 and February 2004.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 73,000 during February, 5 percent below 2005 but 6 percent above 2004.

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