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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.40 million cattle on feed on April 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 6 percent from last year and 9 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the largest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 335,000 head, up 12 percent from 2005 and 14 percent above March 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 370,000 head, up 6 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 15,000 compared with 10,000 during March 2005 and 5,000 during March 2004.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

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 April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from both 2005 and 2004. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

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