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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 13 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., August 18, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.95 million cattle on feed on August 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The inventory was up 13 percent from last year and 11 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the largest August 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 380,000 head, up 17 percent from 2005 and 23 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 410,000 head, up 1 percent from last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 5,000 during July 2004.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2004. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

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