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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 14 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., October 20, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.22 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 14 percent from last year and 2004. This is the largest October inventory since the data series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 500,000 head, equal to 2005 and 6 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 320,000 head, the same as the last two years. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000, the same as last year and 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 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005 and 8 percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 percent above 2004.

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