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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 27, 2006 -- All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2006, in Nebraska totaled 6.55 million head, up 3 percent from a year ago and 5 percent above 2004, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.99 million head, were 1 percent above last year and 4 percent above two years ago. The 2005 calf crop totaled 1.8 million head, the same as last year but 2 percent above 2003. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled a record 2.6 million head, up 5 percent from last year and 6 percent above two years ago.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 14.1 million head up 3 percent from last year.

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