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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., February 23, 2007 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.54 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's, National Agricultural Statistics, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 2 percent from last year and 8 percent above February 1, 2005. This equals last month's inventory which was the highest inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements during January totaled 420,000 head, down 1 percent from both 2006 and 2005.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 405,000 head, up 14 percent from last year and 13 percent above two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 head during January 2006 and 15,000 head during January 2005.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on February 1, 2007. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2006 but 3 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.69 million, 23 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.84 million, up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during January, 17 percent above 2006 and 33 percent above 2005.

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