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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., March 23, 2007 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.51 million cattle on feed on March 1, according to USDA's, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The inventory was up 2 percent from last year and 8 percent above March 1, 2005. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 360,000 head, up 9 percent from 2006 and 14 percent above 2005.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 380,000 head, up 6 percent from last year and 15 percent above February two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during February 2006 and 15,000 head February 2005.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on March 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below March 1, 2006 but 4 percent above March 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.71 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 5 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during February, 3 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005.

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