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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., January 18, 2002-Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.23 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 7 percent from last year and 3 percent below January 1, 2000.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 325,000 head, down 4 percent from last year and 19 percent below December two years ago.

Placements during December totaled 300,000 head, down 12 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 head during December 2000 and 20,000 head during December 1999.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 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 January 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2001 but 1 percent above January 1, 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent above 2000 but 2 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during December, 2 percent below 2000 but 3 percent above 1999.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.58 million, 7 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 413,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 272,000.

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