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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., October 18, 2002--Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.96 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 1 percent from last year but 7 percent below October 1, 2000.

Placements during September totaled 450,000 head, unchanged from last year but 20 percent below two years ago.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 335,000 head, up 6 percent from last year but 9 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during September totaled 5,000 head compared with 5,000 head during September 2001 and 10,000 head during September 2000.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6 percent below October 1, 2001, and 5 percent below October 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during September, 15 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

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