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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., November 15, 2002--Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.11 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 4 percent from last year and 11 percent below November 1, 2000.

Placements during October totaled 520,000 head, down 12 percent from last year and 21 percent below 2000.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 360,000 head, up 9 percent from last year but 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2001 and 10,000 head during October 2000.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. The inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 84,000 during October, 24 percent above 2001 and 27 percent above 2000.

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