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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., January 17, 2003-Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.14 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 4 percent from last year and 11 percent below January 1, 2001.

Placements during December totaled 340,000 head, up 13 percent from 2001 but equal to 2000.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 370,000 head, up 14 percent from last year and 9 percent above December two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head during December 2001 and 10,000 head during December 2000.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below January 1, 2002 and 10 percent below January 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 6 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2001 but 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during December, 6 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000.

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