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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., February 14, 2003-Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.22 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 3 percent from last year and 9 percent below February 1, 2001.

Placements during January totaled 480,000 head, down 2 percent from 2002 but equal to 2001.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 390,000 head, down 4 percent from last year and 9 percent below January two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 10,000 head compared with 25,000 head during January 2002 and 20,000 head during January 2001.

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 10.7 million head on February 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below February 1, 2002 and 11 percent below February 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.97 million, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 4 percent from 2001. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during January, 16 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001.

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