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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., May 16, 2003 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.08 million cattle on feed on May 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 4 percent from last year and 8 percent below May 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 320,000 head, up 23 percent from 2002 and 28 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 420,000 head, up 11 percent from last year and 22 percent above April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 during April 2002 and 5,000 during April 2001.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on May 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below May 1, 2002 and 6 percent below May 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.87 million, 29 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent below 2002 but 9 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during April, 24 percent below 2002 and 29 percent below 2001.

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