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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 12 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., August 15, 2003 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.57 million cattle on feed on August 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 12 percent from last year and 13 percent below August 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 350,000 head, down 12 percent from 2002 but 9 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 460,000 head, down 7 percent from last year but 15 percent above two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 10,000 during July 2001.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.59 million head on August 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2002 and 12 percent below August 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, 8 percent above 2002 and slightly above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.27 million, 4 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 33 percent above 2002 and 2 percent above 2001.

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