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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 10 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., September 19, 2003 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.66 million cattle on feed on September 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 10 percent from last year, and 9 percent below September 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 470,000 head, up 6 percent from 2002 and 8 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 370,000 head, down 3 percent from last year and 12 percent below August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 5,000 during August 2001.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.83 million head on September 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2002 and 9 percent below September 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.37 million, 7 percent above 2002 and 8 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 5 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during August, 40 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

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