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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., October 17, 2003 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.83 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 7 percent from last year, and 6 percent below October 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 520,000 head, up 16 percent from both 2002 and 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 345,000 head, up 3 percent from last year and 10 percent above September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 5,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 5,000 during September 2001.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

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