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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., November 21, 2003--Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.14 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 1 percent from last year but 3 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements during October totaled 640,000 head, up 23 percent from last year and 8 percent above 2001.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 320,000 head, down 11 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2001. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2002 and 10,000 head during October 2001.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 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 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002 but 7 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 2001.

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