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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., December 19, 2003—Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.28 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 5 percent from last year and slightly above December 1, 2001.

Placements during November totaled 410,000 head, unchanged from 2002 but 5 percent above 2001.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 260,000 head, down 21 percent from last year and 15 percent below 2001. Other disappearance during November totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during November 2002 and 15,000 head during November 2001.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 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 11.3 million head on December 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002 but 5 percent below December 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million, 3 percent below 2002 but 1 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million, 11 percent below 2002 and 15 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during November, 8 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001.

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