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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., February 20, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.28 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 3 percent from last year but slightly below February 1, 2002.

Placements during January totaled 380,000 head, down 21 percent from 2003 and 22 percent below 2002.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 360,000 head, down 8 percent from last year and 11 percent below January two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 20,000 head compared with 10,000 head during January 2003 and 25,000 head during January 2002.

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 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003 but 4 percent below February 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002. Other disappearance totaled 94,000 during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

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