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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., May 21, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.1 million cattle on feed on May 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 1 percent from last year, but 3 percent below May 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 320,000 head, unchanged from 2003 but 23 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 420,000 head, the same as last year, but 11 percent above April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 during April 2003 and 10,000 during April 2002.

### 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 10.36 million head on May 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2003 and 6 percent below May 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 14 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million, 5 percent below both 2003 and 2002. Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during April, 54 percent above 2003 and 17 percent above 2002.

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