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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 18, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.01 million cattle on feed on June 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below June 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 390,000 head, up 8 percent from 2003 and 11 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 470,000 head, down 6 percent from last year but 6 percent above May two years ago. Other disappearance during May totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 15,000 during May 2002.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003 but 3 percent below June 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

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