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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., July 18, 2003-All cattle and calves on hand July 1, 2003, in Nebraska totaled 6.6 million head, down 6 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below 2001, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows on hand July 1, at 1.95 million head, were 4 percent below last year and 7 percent below two years ago. The 2003 calf crop is projected at 1.76 million head, down 3 percent from 2002 and 2001.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

All cattle and calves on hand July 1, 2003, in the United States totaled 103.9 million head, 1 percent below the 105.1 million on July 1, 2002 and 2 percent below the 105.8 million two years ago.

All cows on hand July 1, at 42.7 million head, were slightly below last year and 1 percent below two years ago. The 2003 calf crop is projected at 38.0 million head, down 1 percent from 2002 and 2001.

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