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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., July 23, 2004 -- All cattle and calves on hand July 1, 2004, in Nebraska totaled 7.0 million head, up 6 percent from a year ago but 1 percent below 2002, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows on hand July 1, at 2.04 million head, were 5 percent above last year and slightly above two years ago. The 2004 calf crop is projected at 1.78 million head, up 1 percent from 2003 but 2 percent below 2002.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves on hand July 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers on hand July 1, at 42.5 million head, were slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago. The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

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