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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 28, 2005 -- All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2005, in Nebraska totaled 6.35 million head, up 2 percent from both 2004 and 2003 according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.97 million head, were 3 percent above last year but 2 percent below two years ago. The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 1.8 million head, up 2 percent from 2003 but 1 percent below 2002. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 2.47 million head up 1 percent from last year and 7 percent above two years ago.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004. The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 13.7 million head down slightly from last year.

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