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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 21, 2011 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.43 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 3 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 380,000 head, up 19 percent from 2009.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 400,000 head, up 14 percent from last year. This equals 1999 for highest marketings for the month of December since the data series began in 1993. Other disappearance during December 2010 totaled 10,000 head, compared with 20,000 head in 2009.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during December, 10 percent below 2009.

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