

## **Alabama Livestock Dealer Agrees to USDA Order**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 1, 1997)--Tommy Hanback, doing business as H & H Livestock, Florence, Alabama, has agreed to a suspension and cease and desist order issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hanback agreed to cease and desist from failing to pay promptly the full purchase price of livestock and was suspended as a registrant under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for 28 days. In agreeing to the penalties, Tommy Hanback neither admitted nor denied the charges filed by USDA under the P&S Act.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is an antitrust, fair trade practice, and payment protection law. It is designed to ensure free and open competition, and to prevent unfair and deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat, and poultry.

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