

Georgia Livestock Dealer Suspended

WASHINGTON, DC (December 15, 1999) -- The U. S. Department of Agriculture has suspended E. I. Whitmire, doing business as Calico Livestock Farm, Gainesville, Georgia, and ordered him to cease and desist violating the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Mr. Whitmire was ordered to cease and desist from issuing insufficient funds checks and failing to pay for livestock purchased. Whitmire is suspended as a registrant under the Act for 5 years. However, a supplemental order may be issued terminating the suspension after the expiration of 90 days if Whitmire can show that all of the unpaid livestock sellers have been in full. The order further provides that the order may be modified after 90 days to permit Whitmire's salaried employment by another registrant or a packer.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade 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 and provide financial protection.

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