

## **Kansas Livestock Dealer Suspended**

WASHINGTON, DC (January 20, 2000)--The U. S. Department of Agriculture has suspended Marysville Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Marysville Hog Buying Co., and James L. Breeding, and ordered them to cease and desist violating the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Marysville Enterprises and Mr. Breeding were ordered to cease and desist from issuing insufficient funds checks and failing to pay promptly for livestock purchased. Their registration as livestock dealers under the Act was suspended for 5 years. A supplemental order may be issued after 150 days permitting the salaried employment of Mr. Breeding by another registrant or meat 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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