

## **GIPSA Releases Packers and Stockyards 1998 Statistical Report**

Washington, DC (August 15, 2000) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today released its Packers and Stockyards Statistical Report for 1998.

Published annually, this report on livestock marketing and meat packing contains data on industry concentration, packing plant size, volume of livestock fed by packers, packer financial performance, number of animals purchased by source of supply (public versus direct market), and method of procurement (live versus carcass basis). It includes data on slaughtering packers; market agencies buying or selling livestock on commission, including auction markets and selling agencies at terminal stockyards; and livestock dealers buying and selling livestock for their own accounts. It includes data from the 1998 reporting year and selected data for earlier years.

All slaughtering packers operating in commerce in the United States are subject to the annual reporting requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act. Data contained in this report are derived from the annual reports submitted by all except small volume packers.

"This report," said GIPSA administrator James R. Baker, "contains a wealth of data showing major structural changes in the livestock and meatpacking industries."

The report is available in its entirety on GIPSA's home page at: <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/pubs/stat98/stat98.htm>. Hard copies of the report may be requested from Henry Wang, GIPSA Economic and Statistical Support Staff, at 202-720-7455; FAX 202-690-1266; or email [henry.wang@usda.gov](mailto:henry.wang@usda.gov).

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