

## **GIPSA COMPLAINT ISSUED AGAINST DEWEY B. VAUGHN D.B.A. VAUGHN CATTLE SERVICE**

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2003 - On March 11, 2003, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued an administrative complaint against Dewey B. Vaughn, d.b.a. Vaughn Cattle Service (Vaughn) of Stratford, Texas. Vaughn is operating subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) as a livestock dealer and as a market agency buying livestock on commission (order buyer).

The complaint alleges that Vaughn increased the amount of his livestock purchases making the \$10,000 surety bond he maintained to secure the performance of his livestock obligations inadequate, and that it was necessary for Vaughn to increase his bond or bond equivalent to \$90,000 before continuing his livestock operations. The complaint alleges that GIPSA informed Vaughn that he needed to increase his bond amount, but Vaughn continued to engage in the business of a dealer and a market agency without maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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