

## **Decision Reached In GIPSA's Case Against Dressler D.B.A. Clover Lane Farm**

WASHINGTON, DC, May 12, 2003 - On April 3, 2003, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration reached a consent agreement with Jacob Dressler III, a.k.a. Jake Dressler III, d.b.a. Clover Lane Farm (Dressler), of Evans City, Pa. Dressler is a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce as a registrant under the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act).

The complaint alleged that Dressler issued 29 insufficient funds checks, failed to make timely payments for livestock, and failed to pay \$58,267.12 for livestock purchases. The complaint also alleged that Dressler failed to maintain records that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions in his dealer business.

Under the terms of the decision, Dressler, in connection with his operation subject to the P&S Act, agreed: (1) to stop failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock; (2) to stop failing to make timely payment of the full purchase price of livestock; (3) to stop issuing checks in payment for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds on deposit; and (4) to keep records that fully and correctly disclose the firm's business transactions as a dealer.

Dressler was also suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for a period of five years. The suspension may be terminated after 130 days upon demonstration by Dressler that the unpaid livestock sellers identified in the complaint have been paid in full. The provisions of this order became effective on the sixth day after service of this order.

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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