

## **GIPSA Complaint Issued Against Ronald C. Perkins**

WASHINGTON, July 29, 2003 - On July 18, 2003, USDA's Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) issued an administrative complaint against Ronald C. Perkins (Perkins) of Danbury, Neb. Perkins is engaged in the business as a registered market agency buying livestock on commission and as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

The complaint alleges that Perkins was served a letter of notice on August 27, 2002, informing him that his bond coverage needed to be increased from \$10,000 to \$35,000 to secure the performance of his livestock obligations under the P&S Act, but Perkins continued to engage in the business of a market agency buying livestock on commission without maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent.

Perkins has 20 days from receiving the complaint to file an answer to the allegations outlined in the complaint. Failure to file an answer will constitute an admission of those allegations. A denial of the allegations will result in an oral hearing. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Perkins may be ordered to stop violating the P&S Act, be suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act, and assessed a civil penalty.

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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