

## **GIPSA Publishes Notice Proposing To Post, Posting, And Deposting Stockyards**

WASHINGTON, July 6, 2004 - Today the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration published a notice in the Federal Register announcing that the Agency is proposing to post nine stockyards. The Agency has received information that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted. Posted stockyards are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. In this instance the Agency has determined that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted. GIPSA is also deposing one stockyard. This facility can no longer be used as a stockyard and, therefore, is no longer required to be posted.

Section 302 (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet the definition of "stockyard," and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard must be operated subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposes the stockyard by public notice.

The 9 stockyards that the Agency is proposing to post are:

- Mid State Stockyards, LLP, Letohatchee, Alabama
- Red Ryder Ranch, Lancaster, California;
- Wig Wam Livestock Market, Inc., Horse Cave, Kentucky;
- 4 B Auction Company, Ada, Oklahoma;
- West Point Stockyard, West Point, Mississippi;
- Beach's Dairy Auction, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania;
- Martin & Martin Cattle, Inc., Williamston, South Carolina;
- Starr Mountain Auction, Etowah, Tennessee; and
- Tri-County Commission Company, Santo, Texas.

The 11 stockyards being posted are:

- Tulare Sales Yard, Inc., Tulare, California;
- B and B Livestock Auction, Madera, California;
- Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market, Fergus Falls, Minnesota;
- Solomon's Horse Sale, Belmont, Mississippi;
- Cameron Livestock Sales, Warrensburg, Missouri;
- Southwest City Livestock Auction, L.L.C., Southwest City, Missouri;
- Gainesville Livestock Auction, Inc., Gainesville, Missouri;
- Perkins Livestock Sales, Inc., Perkins, Oklahoma;
- Bakers Auction, Butler, Oklahoma;
- Shamrock Livestock Commission, Shamrock, Texas; and
- Wythe County Livestock Exchange, L.L.C., Wytheville, Virginia.

The single deposited stockyard is Troy Sales, Troy, Pennsylvania.

Further information on the proposed posting, posting and depositing of these stockyards can be found on the GIPSA website at [www.usda.gov/gipsa](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa) by following the link titled Rulemaking.

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