

## **Minzenmayer Subject Of USDA Default Decision**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 2004 - On April 22, 2004, USDA issued a default decision against Curtis Minzenmayer (Minzenmayer) of Abilene, Texas. Minzenmayer is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and as a registered dealer subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act.)

The default decision was issued after Minzenmayer failed to respond to and answer the allegations in a complaint issued by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) on Dec.16, 2003. The failure to answer the complaint constitutes an admission of the allegations. Minzenmayer has been ordered to stop issuing checks for the payment of livestock without having sufficient funds on deposit; and to stop failing to pay, when due, for the full purchase price of livestock. He was suspended as a registrant for a period of 5 years. After 180 days of his suspension have been served, Minzenmayer may ask USDA to modify his suspension to allow his salaried employment by another registrant or packer.

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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