

## **USDA Issues Consent Decision Suspending Nathan Shaul D.B.A. Highmore Auction Sales And HS Cattle**

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2005 - On Dec. 20, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against Nathan Shaul doing business as Highmore Auction Sales and HS Cattle in Highmore, S.D. Shaul operated Highmore Auction Sales as a registered market agency and HS Cattle as a registered dealer subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

Shaul was suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for a period of five years or longer until he can demonstrate solvency. However, if after a year Schaul can demonstrate that all livestock consignors have been paid in full and that Schaul is solvent, the suspension order may be modified. After nine months, Schaul may apply to GIPSA to become a salaried employee of another registrant.

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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