

### **USDA Fines A.J. Peachey \$900**

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2005 - On Dec. 16, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against A.J. Peachey & Sons Inc. (Peachey) of Belleville, Penn. USDA ordered Peachey to pay when due for livestock purchased, and assessed Peachey with a civil penalty of \$900. Peachey buys and sells livestock for slaughter and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

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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