

## **Decision Reached in GIPSA's Case Against Richard Garver**

WASHINGTON, March 9, 2006 - On January 11, 2006, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration reached a decision without hearing by reason of consent agreement with Richard Garver, Wooster, Ohio, a dealer buying and selling on his own account; registered as a dealer buying and selling; and registered as a market agency to buy on a commission basis.

The decision follows a complaint issued on December 14, 2005, in which GIPSA alleges that Garver issued checks in payment for livestock purchases which were returned by the bank because Garver did not have and maintain sufficient funds on deposit and available in the accounts upon which the checks were drawn.

Under the terms of the decision, Garver, in connection with his operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act agreed to cease and desist from failing to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time periods required.

Garver was also suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for 5 years. The suspension will be terminated after 150 days upon demonstration by Garver that all unpaid livestock sellers identified in the complaint have been paid in full. The provisions of this order became final and effective on issuance.

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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