

GIPSA Issues A Complaint Against Philip O. Mattes, Jr., d/b/a R or M Cattle Company

WASHINGTON, June 14, 2006 - On June 12, 2006, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Philip O. Mattes, Jr. (Mattes), d/b/a R or M Cattle Company (R or M), Thorp, Wisconsin. GIPSA alleges that Mattes doing business as R or M Cattle, issued checks in payment for livestock purchases which were returned unpaid by the bank from which they were drawn and failed to pay the full purchase price of livestock.

Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint within the time allowed constitutes an admission of the allegations. If the allegations are admitted or proven in an oral hearing, Mattes and R or M may be ordered to cease and desist from the violations found to exist; suspended; and assessed civil penalties as are authorized under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

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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