

## **GIPSA Issues a Complaint Against Andrew Pudliner, DBA Publiner Packing**

WASHINGTON, September 22, 2006 - On August 30, 2006, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint and notice of hearing against Andrew Pudliner (Pudliner), d/b/a Pudliner Packing, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Pudliner is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for purposes of slaughter; engaged in the business of slaughtering cattle and manufacturing or preparing meat or meat products for sale or shipment in commerce, and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA alleges that Pudliner, despite letters of notice, failed to pay for livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act.

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, Pudliner may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and be assessed a civil penalty.

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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