

USDA Charges J. Edward Diehl Failed to Pay the Full Purchase Price of Livestock

WASHINGTON, February 8, 2007 - On December 14, 2006, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against J. Edward Diehl (Diehl), Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Diehl is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for his own account; engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account and as a market agency to buy livestock in commerce on a commission basis.

GIPSA has evidence that Diehl purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, 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, Diehl may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and/or 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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