

## **USDA Charges Jim L. Leslie Owes Livestock Sellers \$402,420.84**

WASHINGTON, February 22, 2007 - On January 4, 2007, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Jim L. Leslie (Leslie), Dacoma, Oklahoma. Leslie is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account as a dealer and is registered as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account.

GIPSA has evidence that Leslie:

- issued non sufficient funds checks;
- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases;
- failed to keep accounts, records, and memoranda which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in his business as a livestock dealer; and
- owed \$402,420.84 to livestock sellers as of the date this complaint was issued.

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, Leslie may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and suspended as a registrant.

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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