

USDA Charges Dane Fine/ d/b/a/ Dane Fine Meat Packing with Violating the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, February 22, 2007 - On December 14, 2006, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint and notice of hearing against Dane Fine (Fine), doing business as Dane Fine Meat Packing, Saxonburg, Pennsylvania.

Fine is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for purposes of slaughter and a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA has evidence that Fine purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for 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, Fine 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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