

USDA Orders Nicholas Meat Packing and Eugene A. Nicholas to Cease and Desist

WASHINGTON, February 23, 2007 - On December 29, 2006, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a decision and order by reason of admissions against Nicholas Meat Packing and Eugene A. Nicholas (Nicholas), a slaughtering packer in Loganton, Pennsylvania. The decision requires that Nicholas Meat Packing and Nicholas:

- cease and desist from failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock within the time required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- assesses a civil penalty of \$5,000.

The decision results from an investigation that culminated in a complaint filed on April 27, 2006, in which GIPSA alleged that Nicholas Meat Packing under the direction, management, and control of Nicholas purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of the livestock.

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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