

## **USDA Charges Randall Bond with Violating the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 7, 2007 - On March 30, 2007, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Randall Bond (Bond), Sweetwater, Texas. Bond is a dealer and market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis. He is not registered as a dealer or market agency with the Secretary of Agriculture.

GIPSA has evidence that Bond purchased livestock from four posted stockyards in Texas without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and did not have a bond.

Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint within the time allowed would be considered an admission of the allegations. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Bond may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

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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