

## **USDA Charges Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation with Violating the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 7, 2007 - On March 29, 2007, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint and notice of hearing against Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation (Cargill), Wichita, Kansas. Cargill buys livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and is a packer.

GIPSA has evidence that Cargill did not maintain and operate an accurate scale to determine livestock carcass weights at its slaughter facility in Schuyler, Nebraska.

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, Cargill 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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