

USDA Orders J. Edward Diehl to Cease and Desist

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with J. Edward Diehl (Diehl), Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Diehl has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full amount owed to livestock sellers. He was also assessed a civil penalty of \$1,500.

The decision without hearing by reason of consent resolves charges that were filed December 14, 2006, in which GIPSA alleged that Diehl failed to pay, when due, the full amount owed to livestock sellers.

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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