

GIPSA Charges Ty Wayne McMurtry with Violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Ty Wayne McMurtry (McMurtry), Amarillo, Texas, issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; failed to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; failed to re-weigh cattle; increased the invoice weights of livestock shipped to his customers; and operated without a bond as required by the P&S Act and regulations.

On April 27, 2007, GIPSA filed a complaint against McMurtry. McMurtry had 20 days to respond in accordance with the P&S Act and to date, has not done so. Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint within the time allowed is considered an admission of the allegations. McMurtry potentially faces a cease and desist order for violating the P&S Act, a suspension and/or assessment of a civil penalty.

McMurtry currently operates as a dealer and is registered as a dealer selling and buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis. 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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