

## **Gary Goldberger is Assessed a Civil Penalty of \$15,000**

WASHINGTON, July 17, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision and order with respect to respondent Gary Goldberger (Goldberger), Eagan, Minn., on June 19, 2007. Goldberger was ordered to cease and desist from:

- Failing to pay the full amount for livestock purchases; and
- Issuing checks in payment for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds on deposit to cover the checks.

Goldberger can not register to conduct business as a dealer or market agency for two and a half years. He can not operate as a dealer or market agency without being registered. Goldberger was assessed a civil penalty of \$15,000.

The decision and order resolves charges that were filed on April 19, 2006, in which GIPSA alleged that GFI America, Inc. under the direction, management, and control of Goldberger purchased livestock; failed to pay for the livestock; and issued checks in payment for livestock purchases totaling \$3,027,316.24 without having sufficient funds on deposit to cover the checks.

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.

#

GIPSA Release #63-07

Catherine M. Grasso 202-720-7201  
[Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov](mailto:Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov)