

GIPSA Charges Douglas Todd Mayfield, d/b/a Hominy Livestock with Violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, July 17, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Douglas Todd Mayfield (Mayfield), doing business as Hominy Livestock Market, Hominy, Oklahoma:

- Failed to deposit in its account an amount equal to the proceeds received from the sale of consigned livestock;
- Failed to properly maintain its custodial account for shippers proceeds which caused shortages in its account endangering payment to livestock sellers;
- Failed to pay the full amount owed to livestock sellers;
- Issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- Misused custodial funds for unauthorized purposes.

On June 29, 2007, GIPSA filed a complaint against Mayfield. Mayfield has 20 days to respond in accordance with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint within the time allowed is considered an admission of the allegations. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Mayfield may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Mayfield is registered as a market agency selling 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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