

## **USDA Schedules Public Meeting on Trust Provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 2009 - USDA's Grain, Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) will hold a public meeting on Monday, February 9, in East Peoria, Ill., to inform hog producers who have done business with Meadowbrook Farms Cooperative of their rights under the trust and bond provisions of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Meadowbrook temporarily ceased slaughtering operations effective Friday, January 30, 2009.

At the public meeting, GIPSA will provide information and the forms necessary for filing a claim under the trust provisions of the P&S Act and for filing a bond claim on payments due from Meadowbrook. GIPSA also will accept claims submitted at the meeting. Trust claims generally must be filed within 30 days from the date payment was due in a cash sale. Bond claims must be filed within 60 days from the date of the transaction on which the claim is based.

February 9, 2009  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Embassy Suites and Conference Center  
100 Conference Center Drive  
East Peoria, Illinois

If you are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance, please notify Jay Johnson, Midwestern Regional Office, GIPSA Packers and Stockyards Program, United States Department of Agriculture, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2110; e-mail [Jay.A.Johnson@usda.gov](mailto:Jay.A.Johnson@usda.gov); phone (515) 323-2579; or fax (515) 323-2590.

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