

## **GIPSA Alleges James Emanuel Mowery Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that James Emanuel Mowery (Mowery), Tennessee, engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis without maintaining an adequate bond.

On April 8, 2009, GIPSA filed a complaint against Mowery. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Mowery may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Mowery buys livestock in commerce on a commission basis; is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account; and as a market agency to buy and sell 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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