

## **GIPSA Alleges David Nolan, dba Northern Livestock 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 David Nolan (Nolan), doing business as Northern Livestock, Marion, Wisconsin:

- issued checks for livestock purchases 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 pay, as of the date of this complaint, \$634,125.49 for livestock purchases; and
- failed to keep accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in his business.

On April 3, 2009, GIPSA filed a complaint against Nolan. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Nolan may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Nolan buys and sells livestock in commerce as a dealer for his own account; is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce, and as a market agency buying on commission.

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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