

GIPSA Alleges Chuck L. Matteson and Justin L. Matteson, doing business as Matteson Livestock Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Chuck L. Matteson (C. Matteson) and Justin L. Matteson (J. Matteson) doing business as Matteson Livestock, Heppner, Oregon:

- failed to pay for livestock purchases;
- failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases; and
- failed to keep adequate books and records.

As of June 3, 2009, a total of \$162,642.99 is owed to livestock sellers.

GIPSA filed a complaint against C. and J. Matteson on June 3, 2009. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, they may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

C. and J. Matteson are registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as dealers buying and selling livestock in commerce for their own account and as a market agency buying 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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