

McAndrews Livestock Company, Inc., and John McAndrews Suspended for 5 Years

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with McAndrews Livestock Company, Inc. (McAndrews Livestock), and John McAndrews, Garnavillo, Iowa.

McAndrews Livestock and John McAndrews are ordered to cease and desist from:

- issuing checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks;
- failing to pay the full amount due to livestock sellers;
- failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- operating in any capacity under the P&S Act while its current liabilities exceed its current assets.

John McAndrews is suspended as a registrant for a period of 5 years.

This decision resolves charges that were filed on June 18, 2008, in which GIPSA alleged that McAndrews Livestock and John McAndrews:

- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks;
- failed to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchased within the time period required by the P&S Act; and
- failed to pay the full amount due to livestock sellers.

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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