

## **GIPSA Alleges Deward B. Wolfe and Jonathan Wolfe, dba Wolfe Livestock Failed to Pay for Livestock Purchases**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Deward B. Wolfe and Jonathan Wolfe, doing business as Wolfe Livestock, Bean Station, Tennessee, purchased livestock and failed to pay sellers the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Deward and Jonathan Wolfe on October 8, 2009. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Deward and Jonathan Wolfe may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Deward and Jonathan Wolfe are registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as dealers to buy and sell livestock in commerce for their own account.

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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