

GIPSA Alleges David DeStafino, dba D&D Stockhauling 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 David DeStafino (DeStafino) doing business as D&D Stockhauling, Cullman, Alabama:

- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- failed to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against DeStafino on October 2, 2009. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, DeStafino may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

DeStafino is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account as a dealer and 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 buying on commission. He is also 100% owner of D&D Stockhauling.

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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