

GIPSA Alleges E.M.M. Pig Placement Co., LLC Failed to Pay Sellers the Full Amount for Livestock Purchases

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that, E.M.M. Pig Placement Co. (E.M.M. Pig), LLC, Baldwin, Iowa, 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 E.M.M. Pig on November 5, 2009. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA Web:

<http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA/webapp?area=home&subject=imp&topic=ea-com10>. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, E.M.M. Pig may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

E.M.M. Pig was in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account as a dealer and was registered with the Secretary of Agriculture. E.M.M. Pig ceased business operations on August 4, 2008.

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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