

## **GIPSA Alleges Curtis Walton, dba Walton Livestock Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Curtis Walton (Walton), doing business as Walton Livestock, Lamar, Indiana:

- failed to maintain a bond and registration while continuing to operate his business after notification from GIPSA;
- failed to keep records that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in his business; and
- marked up the purchase price of livestock and charged commission on the same livestock obtaining both a dealer profit and a commission fee as a market agency buying on commission for the same livestock in the same transactions.

GIPSA filed a [complaint against Walton](#) December 23, 2009..If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Walton may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Walton engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and for the account of others and as a market agency buying livestock 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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