

## **Potter Sausage Co. is Assessed A Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$10,000**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 2010 - On January 13, 2010, 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 Potter Sausage Co., Durant, Oklahoma.

Potter Sausage Co. has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- engaging in any livestock purchase arrangement where payment is to be made in a manner other than as required by the P&S Act without first obtaining a written credit agreement with a trust waiver as specified in the regulations.

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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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