

GIPSA Alleges John Morrell & Co. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11, 2010- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that John Morrell (Morrell) & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio:

- When a lean percent was not recorded, Morrell substituted a lean percentage other than the average lean percent of the carcasses in the same lot in calculating the amounts to be paid for these carcasses; and
- Provided inaccurate and false accountings to the sellers of hogs.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Morrell on February 25, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Morrell may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Morrell was engaged in the business of purchasing livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and of manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce and is a packer.

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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