

## **GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$2,375 Civil Penalty**

Washington, Mar. 25, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

GIPSA recently settled a case resulting in a \$2,375 civil penalty.

Todd Fortner, dba F&F Farms & Cattle, Inc., Kite, Georgia, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,375 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay for livestock when due.

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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