

GIPSA Settles Cases Resulting in \$5,875 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (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 three cases resulting in \$5,875 in civil penalties.

Leanin B, LLC, Janet Lenz, Sac City, Iowa, waived her right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,000 after GIPSA found that she failed to pay for livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act.

Arnold Kuhn, dba Cloverleaf Cattle Company, Mandan, North Dakota, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,625 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay for livestock when due.

Richard C. Mercer, LaVeen, Arizona, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,250 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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