

GIPSA Alleges Tallgrass Beef Company, LLC Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Tallgrass Beef Company, LLC, (Tallgrass), Sedan, Kansas:

- failed to pay in a timely manner the full purchase price owed for livestock purchases;
- failed to pay, as of November 30, 2009, a total of \$1,595,039.81 for livestock purchases;
- operated without a bond; and
- had current liabilities in excess of current assets on November 30, 2009, and was therefore insolvent on that date.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Tallgrass on April 7, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Tallgrass may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Tallgrass is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and after the custom slaughter and processing of the livestock, of marketing meats, meat food products, or livestock products in an unmanufactured form acting as a wholesale distributor in commerce, and is a packer subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act

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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