

GIPSA Alleges New Wilmington Livestock Auction, Inc. and Thomas R. Skelton Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that New Wilmington Livestock Auction, Inc. (New Wilmington) and Thomas R. Skelton (Skelton), Canfield, Ohio:

- failed to have their scales tested at six-month intervals and did not furnish a copy of the report to the regional director in the Midwestern Regional Office since October 18, 2006; and
- sold livestock in commerce on a commission basis using a scale that had not been tested in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 201.72.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against New Wilmington and Skelton on April 15, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, New Wilmington and Skelton may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

New Wilmington engaged in the business of conducting and operating a posted stockyard; is a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency to sell livestock in commerce on a commission basis.

Skelton is president and 100% shareholder of New Wilmington and responsible for the day-to-day direction, management and control of New Wilmington.

The Packers and Stockyards 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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