

GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$3,550 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, May 20, 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 two cases resulting in \$3,550 in civil penalties.

Cary N. Ponder, dba Ponder Livestock Company, Greenwood, South Carolina, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,550 after GIPSA found that Ponder failed to pay when due for livestock.

Joseph Blystone, Blystone Farm, LLC, Canal Winchester, Ohio, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to install a printer on scale.

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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