

## **GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$2,500 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, 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 \$2,500 civil penalty.

Lynn R. Hottle, Rome, Pennsylvania, waived rights to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,500 after GIPSA found that Hottle failed to pay for livestock within the time period required by the 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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