

GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$2,000 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, 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 \$2,000 in civil penalties.

Leon Farrow, dba J&L Farms, Ledyard, Iowa, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock.

Ricardo De Los Santos, Dairyland Packing, Inc., dba Pecos Valley Meat, Roswell, New Mexico, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock and failed to maintain records.

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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