

GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$8,350 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, 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 \$8,350 in civil penalties.

Gary Davis, dba Caldwell Sales Company, Caldwell, Kansas waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,600 after GIPSA found that he had custodial account shortages and custodial misuses.

Rod Taylor and Perkins Livestock LLC, Perkins, Oklahoma, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$5,750 after GIPSA found that he operated with shortages in his custodial account, had custodial account misuses, and falsified records.

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.

#

GIPSA Release #77-10

Catherine M. Grasso 202-720-7201
Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).