

## **GIPSA Alleges Eddie Bennett, dba Preferred Livestock Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Eddie Bennett (Bennett), doing business as Preferred Livestock:

- failed to pay for the full purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- failed to pay for livestock purchased.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Bennett November 29, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Bennett may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Bennett engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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