

GIPSA Alleges Superior Livestock Auction, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Superior Livestock Auction, Inc. (Superior Livestock), Brush, Colorado:

- used scales to weigh livestock that were not certified and not tested in that the scales had not been tested at least twice during the calendar year at intervals of six months;
- failed to maintain and furnish a requested scale test and inspection report; and
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in its business as a market agency.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Superior Livestock on December 28, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Superior Livestock may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Superior Livestock was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account and is registered as a market agency selling livestock on commission.

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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