

## **GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$1,500 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (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 \$1,500 civil penalty.

Jeff Donkel, Donkel's Livestock and Poultry, LLC, Bethel, Pennsylvania waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,500 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay for poultry as required by the P&S Act; failed to provide adequate scale records; and failed to timely weigh poultry.

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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