

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

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7, 2011- 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.

Elden Hale Ginn, Aberdeen, Ohio, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$500 after GIPSA found that he had failed to pay within the time period required by the P&S Act for livestock.

Clinton Wayne Langley, Hugo, Oklahoma, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,500 after GIPSA found that he had failed to pay within the time period required by the P&S Act for livestock.

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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