

GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$4,575 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14, 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 \$4,575 in civil penalties.

T. Kenneth Emery, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$3,500 after GIPSA found that he had failed to pay when due.

Toby Meyer, dba M&M Cattle and Cody Murray and Toby Meyer Order Buyer, LLC, dba M&M Cattle and Toby Meyer Order Buyer, LLC, Sulvan Grove, Kansas, waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,075 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay when due.

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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