

## **GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$5,200 in Civil Penalties**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21, 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 \$5,200 in civil penalties.

Double H Slaughtering, doing business as The Beef Shop, Centralia, Wash., waived its right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,500 after GIPSA found that they had failed to pay when due for livestock.

Keith Jensen, doing business as Keith Jensen Livestock, Langford, S.D., waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$3,700 after GIPSA found that he had failed to pay when due 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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