

## **GIPSA Alleges Park Poultry, Inc. doing business as Park Farms Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Park Poultry, Inc. (Park Poultry), doing business as Park Farms, Canton, Ohio:

- failed to make payments when due under a poultry growing arrangement with poultry growers; and
- failed to use serially numbered scale tickets.

GIPSA filed a **complaint** against Park Poultry April 6, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Park Poultry may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Park Poultry engaged in the business of obtaining live poultry by purchase or under poultry growing arrangements for the purpose of slaughter, shipped processed poultry products in commerce, and operated as a live poultry dealer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

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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