

GIPSA Alleges Berry & Sons Rababeh Islamic Slaughter House, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 05, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Berry & Sons Rababeh Islamic Slaughter House, Inc. (Berry & Sons), Detroit, Michigan:

- failed to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchases in a timely manner; and
- continued to operate as a packer after being notified that its bond would terminate August 7, 2010.

GIPSA filed a **complaint** against Berry & Sons on March 23, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Berry & Sons may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyard (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Berry & Sons engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter and manufacturing or preparing meats or meat products for sale or shipment in commerce and is a packer subject to 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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