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**GIPSA Alleges Robert Morales Cattle Company, dba K-M Cattle
and Robert Morales
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Robert Morales (R. Morales):

- purchased livestock and failed to pay for livestock, within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- failed to maintain means to trace his dealer transactions from purchase to sale by failing to maintain all purchase and sales invoices, load make-up sheets, and trucking records;
- failed to zero balance his scale, print scale tickets when the scale was zero balanced, identify the name of the buyer on his scale tickets, use serially numbered scale tickets and keep copies of executed or voided scale tickets.

GIPSA has also found evidence that Robert Morales Cattle Company (Morales Cattle), doing business as K-M Cattle under the direction, management, and control of R. Morales:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock (payments were made approximately 1 – 160 days late);
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in its business as a dealer and market agency; and
- issued scale tickets that were not serially numbered, did not identify the buyer of the livestock, did not identify the name, initials, or number of the person who weighed the livestock, and contained no record of zero balancing.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Morales Cattle and R. Morales on September 15, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Morales Cattle and

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R. Morales may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Morales Cattle was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for its own account or for the account of others; engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

R. Morales was president; director; 100% owner; registered agent; and is responsible for the direction, management, and control of Morales Cattle.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.