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GIPSA Alleges Ocala Livestock Market, Inc., Michael Yeomans, aka Tony Yeomans, and Tobitha Yeomans Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Ocala Livestock Market, Inc. (Ocala), Lowell, Fla., Michael Yeomans, also known as Tony Yeomans (Tony Yeomans), and Tobitha Yeomans:

- failed to deposit collected proceeds from the sale of livestock before the close of the next business day;
- failed to reimburse the custodial account for bank charges;
- operated with custodial account shortages; and
- had current liabilities-exceeding current assets.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Ocala, and Tony and Tobitha Yeomans on October 7, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Ocala, and Tony and Tobitha Yeomans may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Ocala was engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Tony Yeomans is the president, secretary, and 50% owner of Ocala, and with Tobitha Yeomans, is responsible for the direction, management, and control of Ocala.

Tobitha Yeomans is the vice-president, treasurer, registered agent, and 50% owner of Ocala, and with Tony Yeomans, is responsible for the direction, management, and control of Ocala.

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.

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