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GIPSA Settles Cases Resulting in \$12,075 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 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 settled cases resulting in \$12,075 in civil penalties.

Harry D. Hamborsky, Connellsville, Pa. -- waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay when due for livestock and issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks.

Billy Roger Chaffin, Jr., and Chaffin Cattle, LLC, Willis, Va. -- waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,700 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay when due for livestock purchases.

Randy R. Wientjes, dba Brookport Cattle Co., Metropolis, Ill. -- waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases and failed to maintain adequate records from livestock purchases.

Piedmont Livestock, Inc., Joseph Ray Jones, President, Altamahaw, N.C. – waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,875 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay, when due, for livestock.

Michael R. Morgan, Bates City, Mo. – waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock.

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Jaime Belcher, Rockfield, Ky. – waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,500 after GIPSA found that he operated without a financial instrument and without being registered.

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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