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**GIPSA Alleges T&J Meat Packing, Inc.
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 T&J Meat Packing, Inc. (respondent), Chicago Heights, Ill.:

- failed to deliver to the livestock sellers (27 transactions with 4 different livestock sellers) the full amount of the purchase price before the close of the next business day following each purchase of livestock and the transfer of possession;
- failed to keep records that fully and accurately disclosed all transactions involved in its business;
- in 22 of the 27 transactions, the respondent made late payment to the livestock sellers by check but back-dated the checks to the action transaction date; and
- in 15 additional transactions, the respondent purchased approximately 2,133 head for a total purchase price of \$108,365.22 and paid the sellers with undated checks.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against the respondent on October 12, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, the respondent may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

The respondent was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and is a packer subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. 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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