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**GIPSA Alleges Fred J. Berger, Ltd., dba Berger Cattle Company
and Fred J. Berger 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 Fred J Berger, Ltd., doing business as Berger Cattle Company, and Fred J. Berger (respondents), Mandan, N.D., failed to pay, when due, the full amount for livestock purchases in 27 transactions totaling approximately \$3,417,731.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against the respondents on October 13, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, the respondents may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Fred J. Berger, Ltd., doing business as Berger Cattle Company, under the direction, management, and control of Fred J. Berger, is engaged in the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account, and as a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis, and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Fred J. Berger, as the owner, president and manager of Fred J. Berger, Ltd., formulated, directed, and controlled the policies, practices and activities of Fred J. Berger, Ltd. In that capacity he was engaged in the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account, and as a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis.

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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