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**Mike Whitfield, N.B. Hutchinson, Jr. and Pete Pingrey,  
dba Gowan Stockyards Have Been Suspended for Violating  
The Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 2011 – On November 22, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Shirley Dance, Mike Whitfield, N.B. Hutchinson, Jr., and Pete Pingrey (the respondents), doing business as Gowan Stockyards, Kosciusko, Miss.

The respondents have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to maintain and properly use their custodial account for shippers’ proceeds in strict conformity with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- using funds from the sale of consigned livestock for any purpose other than those specifically permitted; and
- failing to properly indicate “Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds” or an equivalent identifying designation on their banking account statements and checks.

Respondents Mike Whitfield, N.B. Hutchinson, Jr., and Pete Pingrey, doing business as Gowan Stockyards, are suspended as registrants under the P&S Act for a period of 14 days and until the respondents have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Packers and Stockyards Program that the custodial account shortages have been corrected.

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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