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**GIPSA Alleges James M. Brantley and James H. Brantley,
dba Southeastern Provision, LLC,
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that James M. Brantley and James H. Brantley, doing business as Southeastern Provision, LLC (Southeastern), Bean Station, Tenn.:

- failed to use hooks, rollers, gambrels, and other equipment that were uniform in weight;
- operated a monorail scale in connection with its purchases of livestock without a printing device connected to the scale to record the weights on a scale ticket or other document;
- purchased livestock on a carcass grade and weight basis, used a tare of 9 lbs., which was in excess of the average weight of the hooks, rollers, gambrels, and other equipment used in connection with the weighing of carcasses;
- purchased 23 carcasses on a hot weight basis but did not pay according to the original hot weight recorded on the kill sheets; and
- purchased a cow for less than the recorded hot weight and thereby paid less than the full amount due.

GIPSA filed a complaint against James M. Brantley, James H. Brantley and Southeastern on December 20, 2011. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.html>. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, James M. Brantley, James H. Brantley and Southeastern may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Southeastern was a partnership, nominally a limited liability company, wholly owned by James M. Brantley and James H. Brantley; engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter; and is a packer.

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James M. Brantley is 1% owner and partner; responsible, as a partner with James H. Brantley, for the operations of Southeastern; responsible for the day-to-day management, operation and control of Southeastern; and is a packer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

James H. Brantley is 99% owner and partner; responsible, as a partner with James M. Brantley, for the operations of Southeastern; and is a packer subject to the provision of the P&S 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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