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**GIPSA Alleges Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole  
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 Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole (the respondents), Clifton, Colo.:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- engaged in business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and the business of a market agency buying livestock on a commission basis without registering or maintaining an adequate or bond equivalent as required by the P&S Act and the regulations.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the respondents on December 21, 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, the respondents may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Claypool Livestock, Inc. was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account or for the account of others; engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Timothy J. Claypoole was president; director; owner; registered agent; and responsible for the direction, management, and control of Claypoole Livestock, Inc.

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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