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**GIPSA Alleges Rick Shannon
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 Rick Shannon (respondent), Blocker, Okla.:

- after being notified by a Notice of Default letter that he was operating in commerce and would need to apply for registration and a bond, continued to engage in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis or as a dealer buying livestock in commerce for the account of others without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and the regulations;
- places all the fees for the services that he provides under “hauling” on the invoices and he collects a check from the market for these fees;
- fails to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclose all the transactions involved in his business; and
- admitted that he does not keep complete records pertaining to his buying activities.

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

The respondent was engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis or engaged in the business of a dealer buying livestock in commerce for the account of others; is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture; and is operating subject to the P&S Act and regulations.

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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