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**GIPSA Alleges Ronald Wayne Kitchen  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 24, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Ronald Wayne Kitchen (Kitchen):

- purchased livestock for another buyer and issued invoices showing false, inaccurate or misleading purchase prices and weights; and
- failed to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclosed all transaction involved in his business subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Kitchen on April 27, 2012. 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, Kitchen may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Kitchen was engaged in the business of a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or the account of others, and as a market agency, buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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