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**GIPSA Alleges Lacy Bowman Livestock Co., Inc., and Lacy Bowman
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Lacy Bowman Livestock Co., Inc. (Lacy Bowman Livestock), and Lacy Bowman (Bowman), Hillsville, Va., failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Lacy Bowman Livestock and Bowman on June 26, 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, Lacy Bowman Livestock and Bowman may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Lacy Bowman Livestock under the direction, management, and control of Bowman engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Bowman is the president and sole owner of Lacy Bowman Livestock, Inc. and responsible for the direction, management and control of Lacy Bowman Livestock, and the *alter ego* of Lacy Bowman Livestock.

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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