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**GIPSA Alleges Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc.
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, July 26, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc., Cookeville, Tenn.:

- failed to properly maintain its custodial in that it was operating with custodial account shortages;
- its current liabilities exceeded its current assets; and
- misused shipper’s funds in the custodial account to pay bank fees.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Wilson Horse and Mule Sale, Inc. on July 18, 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, Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc. may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc. engaged in the business of conducting and operating Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc., a posted stockyard under and subject to the P&S Act; engaged in the business of a market agency selling consigned livestock on a commission basis in commerce; 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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