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**GIPSA Alleges Nathan Lewis 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 Nathan Lewis, Denair, Calif.:

- failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchased; and
- as of April 4, 2012, there remained unpaid a total of \$35,181.39 for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Nathan Lewis 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, Nathan Lewis may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Nathan Lewis engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for slaughter; engaged in the business of manufacturing or preparing meat and meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce; and operated as a packer.

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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