

**GIPSA
Press
Release**

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Grain Inspection,
Packers and
Stockyards
Administration

STOP 3601
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.
20250-3601

GIPSA Release 210-12

Catherine M. Grasso 202-720-7201
Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov

**GIPSA Alleges David Byrd, d/b/a DB Cattle Co., and also
d/b/a AD Byrd Cattle Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that David Byrd, doing business as DB Cattle Co., and also doing business as AD Byrd Cattle:

- purchased livestock without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent;
- issued checks without having sufficient funds available in the account the checks were drawn from;
- failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases; and
- as of April 30, 2011, \$229,337.77 remains unpaid.

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

David Byrd engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is not 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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Office of Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).