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**GIPSA Alleges Pamela Hill and John Clark, dba Tri-State Livestock
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Pamela Hill (Hill) and John Clark (Clark), doing business as Tri-State Livestock, Texhoma, Okla.:

- bought and sold livestock in commerce without being registered with the Secretary and without maintaining an adequate or bond equivalent;
- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover such checks;
- failed to pay the full amount of livestock purchase prices; and
- failed to pay, when due, the full amount of the livestock purchase prices within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Hill and Clark on January 19, 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, Hill and Clark may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Hill and Clark were engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and are 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.

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