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**GIPSA Alleges Martin D. Yoder, d/b/a Martin D. Yoder Livestock, Ltd.
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Martin D. Yoder (Yoder), doing business as Martin D. Yoder Livestock, Ltd., Kidron, Ohio:

- failed to make full payment promptly to livestock sellers; and
- sold livestock on commission, deceptively misrepresented to the sellers, the grade and yield price he received from the purchaser, and took an undisclosed profit above his commission from his sale of the livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Yoder on August 7, 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, Yoder may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Yoder 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.

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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