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**GIPSA Alleges Albert J. Huizenga and Aaron M. Lancaster, dba Beefco
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Albert J. Huizenga (Huizenga) and Aaron M. Lancaster (Lancaster), doing business as Beefco:

- failed to pay, when due, the full amount of livestock purchased; and
- issued checks in payment for livestock that were returned for non-sufficient funds.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Huizenga and Lancaster on January 25, 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, the Huizenga and Lancaster may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Huizenga and Lancaster, doing business as Beefco engaged in the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account and are 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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