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GIPSA Alleges Monty Witt Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Monty Witt, Falls City, Neb.:

- failed to provide buyers, on whose behalf he was procuring livestock, a true and accurate written account of the purchases; and
- failed to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in his business.

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

Monty Witt was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and as a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis, 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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