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**GIPSA Alleges T&M Cattle, Inc. and Travis 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 T&M Cattle, Inc. (T&M Cattle) and Travis Witt, Falls City, Neb.:

- failed to provide the buyer, on whose behalf he was procuring livestock, a true or accurate written account of livestock 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 T&M Cattle and Travis Witt on October 31, 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, T&M Cattle and Travis Witt may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

T&M Cattle under the direction, management, and control of Travis Witt was engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis and as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce, and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Travis Witt was president, sole owner, and responsible for the direction, management and control of T&M Cattle

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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