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**GIPSA Alleges Tony Wells, dba Tony Wells Livestock
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) have found evidence that Tony Wells (Wells), doing business as Tony Wells Livestock, Wilmar, Ark.:

- purchased livestock without having sufficient funds to pay for the livestock purchased and
- failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Wells on December 12, 2011. 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, Wells may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Wells was engaged in the business of a livestock 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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