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**GIPSA Alleges Nebraska Beef, Ltd.
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Nebraska Beef, Ltd.:

- failed to maintain and operate an accurate scale for the purpose of determining livestock carcass weights at respondent’s slaughter facility in Omaha, Nebraska;
- failed to meet applicable tolerances for dynamic monorail scales established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); and
- failed to pay for livestock based on accurate or correct weights.

GIPSA notified Nebraska Beef, Ltd. after testing the monorail scale, that the test determined that it exceeded the allowable tolerances set by NIST and was notified of its obligation to correct its business practices. GIPSA retested the respondent’s dynamic monorail scale on the kill floor and again the dynamic monorail scale, which continued to be used to determine hot carcass weights, failed to meet applicable NIST accuracy tolerances.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Nebraska Beef, Ltd. on December 29, 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, Nebraska Beef, Ltd. may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Nebraska Beef, Ltd. was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter and is a packer.

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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