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**Barnesville Livestock, LLC and Darryl Watson Have Been Ordered to Cease and Desist from Improperly Using its Custodial Account**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5, 2012 – On January 23, 2012, the Judicial Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a decision in a case brought by USDA’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) against Barnesville Livestock, LLC (Barnesville) and Darryl Watson (Watson), Norwich, Ohio.

Barnesville and Watson shall cease and desist from further violations of section 312(a) of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, 7 U.S.C. §213(a) and sections 201.42 and 201.43 of the Regulations, 9 C.F.R. §201.42 and §201.43. Including:

- failing to properly use and maintain a custodial account;
- failing to deposit into the custodial account an amount equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock, causing in part, the shortages in its custodial account;
- failing to remit, when due, the net proceeds due from the sale price of livestock sold on a commission basis;
- depositing custodial account funds to the market’s general account;
- depositing proceeds from the sale of livestock on a commission basis into an account other than the market’s custodial account; and
- issuing custodial checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks.

Barnesville was suspended as a registrant for a period of 21 days.

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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