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## **Mark Oberly, d/b/a Oberly Brothers Livestock Assessed \$800 Civil Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, April 7, 2017 – On March 29, 2017, Mark Oberly (Oberly), doing business as Oberly Brothers Livestock, Dundee, Mich., waived his right to a hearing and entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Oberly paid a penalty of \$800 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

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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