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## Darrell Bouma Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 15, 2017 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Darrell Bouma (Bouma), Visalia, Calif.:

- engaged in the business of purchasing livestock in commerce without obtaining the necessary bond as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and Regulations;
- failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay for the livestock. To date, the remaining unpaid balance is approximately \$16,660.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Bouma on Feb. 28, 2017. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Bouma may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Bouma was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or for the account of others, and engaged in the business of a market agency, buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary as a market agency and dealer

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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