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**GIPSA Alleges Lester J. Gemmen, Jr. Violated
The Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Lester J. Gemmen, Jr. (Gemmen) failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Gemmen on April 10, 2012. 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, Gemmen may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Gemmen was engaged in business as a 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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