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**GIPSA Alleges Pasqual A. Leone, d/b/a P.A. Leone Livestock,  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 3, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Pasqual A. Leone (Leone), doing business as P.A. Leone Livestock, Rome, N.Y.:

- purchased livestock and altered or fabricated invoices from livestock auctions by increasing the amount paid for cattle in order to falsely inflate the prices to those he bought cattle for; and
- falsified the records of his business that were documented in transactions.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Leone on April 23, 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, Leone may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Leone was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer; and in the business of a market agency buying livestock on commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary.

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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