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**GIPSA Alleges D&H Mebane Stockman's Corporation,
dba Western Stockman's Market and Dwight G. Mebane
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 D&H Mebane Stockman's Corporation (D&H), doing business as Western Stockman's Market and Dwight G. Mebane (Mebane):

- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- failed to remit to consignors, when due, the net proceeds due from the sale of their livestock on a commission basis.

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

Mebane was at all times the sole owner, president, and manager of D&H. Mebane formulated and controlled the practices and activities of D&H.

D&H under the direction, management, and control of Mebane was engaged in the business of conducting and operating Western Stockman's Market a posted stockyard subject to the provisions of the P&S Act; engaged in the business of a market agency buying and selling livestock on commission basis; 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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