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**GIPSA Alleges Headwaters Livestock Auction, LLC
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 Headwaters Livestock Auction, LLC (Headwaters Livestock), Three Forks, Mont.:

- failed to properly maintain and properly use their custodial account for shippers’ proceeds;
- operated with shortages in their custodial account; and
- failed to deposit into the account an amount equal to the proceeds from the sale of consigned livestock within the time period prescribed in the regulations.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the Headwaters Livestock on February 17, 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, Headwaters Livestock may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Headwaters Livestock was engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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