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**GIPSA Alleges Michael Brent Wagner
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Michael Brent Wagner (Wagner) purchased livestock in commerce on a commission basis without obtaining a bond or bond equivalent.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Wagner on January 9, 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, Wagner may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Wagner was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is not 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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