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## GIPSA Alleges Anderson Livestock Auction, Co., and Jerry Anderson Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Anderson Livestock Auction, Co. (Anderson Livestock), and Jerry Anderson (Anderson), Willard, Utah:

- failed to properly maintain its custodial account in that it was operating with custodial account shortages;
- failed to deposit in the custodial account, within the time prescribed by the regulations, an amount equal to the proceeds receivable for sales of consigned livestock; and
- misused shippers' funds in the custodial account to pay bank fees.

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

Anderson Livestock, under the direction, management, and control of Anderson, engaged in the business of conducting and operating Anderson Livestock, a posted stockyard under and subject to the P&S Act; engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and as a market agency selling consigned livestock on a commission basis in commerce; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Anderson is president, 100% owner, and responsible for the direction, management and control of Anderson Livestock; engaged in the business of conducting and operating Anderson Livestock, a stockyard posted under and subject to the P&S Act; and engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and as a market agency selling consigned livestock on a commission basis in commerce.

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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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