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## GIPSA Alleges Plainville Livestock Commission, Inc., and Tyler Gillum Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Plainville Livestock Commission, Inc. (Plainville Livestock), and Tyler Gillum (Gillum), Plainville, Kan.:

- failed to properly maintain their custodial account in that they had shortages in the account;
- permitted bank fees that were charged to their custodial account; and
- failed to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in their business.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Plainville Livestock and Gillum on July 26, 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, Plainville Livestock and Gillum may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

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

Gillum was president of Plainville Livestock, was 100% owner of the stock issued by Plainville Livestock; and was responsible for the direction, management and control of Plainville Livestock.

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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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