

**GIPSA
Press
Release**

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Grain Inspection,
Packers and
Stockyards
Administration

STOP 3601
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.
20250-3601

GIPSA Release 237-12

Catherine M. Grasso 202-720-7201
Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov

Robert M. Self Has Been Assessed a \$19,600 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23, 2012 – On June 29, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Robert M. Self (Self), of Okla., which became final and effective on August 10, 2012.

Self has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required without filing and maintaining an adequate bond;
- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase of livestock; and
- issuing checks in payment for livestock purchases with insufficient funds.

Self is prohibited from engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without first becoming properly registered. Self has been assessed a \$19,600 civil penalty.

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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).