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## GIPSA Alleges Jeremy Emerson Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Jeremy Emerson, Okla.:

- engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock without being registered;
- issued checks in payment for livestock without having sufficient funds to cover the checks;
- failed to pay, when due, the full amount for livestock purchased; and
- failed to pay the full amount for livestock purchased.

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

Jeremy Emerson engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce 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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