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**GIPSA Alleges Big Dan's Trucking, Inc.
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Big Dan's Trucking, Inc. (the respondent), Altura, Minn.:

- purchased cattle on estimated carcass weights, rather than actual carcass weights;
- purchased cattle on false carcass weights; and
- failed to make timely payment for livestock purchases.

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

The respondent was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce and is 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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