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GIPSA Settles a Case with Ed DeYoung and Lynn Zandbergen, dba E.Z. Calf Company Resulting in a \$1,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Ed De Young and Lynn Zandbergen, dba E.Z. Calf Company, Hudsonville, Mich. -- waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,000 after GIPSA found that they failed to issue timely payment and engaged in unfair and deceptive practices.

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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