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**GIPSA Alleges Mark K. Holder, dba Mark Holder Livestock,
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration has found evidence that Mark K. Holder (Holder), doing business as Mark Holder Livestock, Hartsville, Tenn.:

- issued checks in payment for livestock purchases without having the funds to cover the checks;
- purchased livestock and failed to pay within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, the full purchase price for the livestock; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay the full purchase price for the livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Holder on January 10, 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 P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Holder was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or the account of others as a dealer, and as a market agency buying on commission. Holder 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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