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**GIPSA Alleges Douglas Butler
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Douglas Butler (Butler):

- failed to pay for livestock; and
- failed to maintain records of transactions, including failure to maintain any invoices pertaining to any cattle that he purchased, and failure to maintain inventory of cattle that he purchased.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Butler on October 19, 2011. 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, Butler may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Butler is engaged in the business of a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock for his own account and as a market agency buying livestock on commission.

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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