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**GIPSA Alleges Geoffrey S. Martin
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 Geoffrey S. Martin, (Martin), after notification by the Packers and Stockyards Program, continued to buy livestock in commerce on a commission basis without being registered and maintaining an adequate bond as required by Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and regulations.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Martin on December 22, 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, Martin may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Martin is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis 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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