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**GIPSA Alleges Sammy Simmons and Wendy Simmons,
dba People's Livestock of Cartersville
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 Sammy Simmons and Wendy Simmons (the respondents), doing business as People's Livestock of Cartersville, Cartersville, Ga.:

- issued check to consignors of livestock without having sufficient funds on deposit and available in the accounts from which those checks were drawn;
- failed to pay within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, the net proceeds due from the sale price of those livestock on a commission basis; and
- had outstanding checks drawn on their custodial account and had to offset those checks which resulted in a deficiency.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the respondents on December 21, 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, the respondents may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Sammy Simmons owned 51% and Wendy Smith owned 49% and acted as an office manager of People's Livestock of Cartersville. Peoples Livestock of Cartersville was registered, with Wendy Simmons, as a market agency selling livestock on commission. Sammy and Wendy Simmons, together were responsible for the day-to-day management, operation, and control of People's Livestock of Cartersville, purchased and sold livestock, sold livestock on commission, and engaged in business as a market agency and dealer.

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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