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**GIPSA Alleges Gary Craig, dba Craig Sheep Farm, Mingis Farms
And Triple C Sheep Farm
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Gary Craig (respondent), doing business as Craig Sheep Farm, Mingis Farms, and Triple C Sheep Farm:

- after being notified by Packers and Stockyards Program that he was required to obtain a bond or bond equivalent, the respondent continued to engage in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce, and the business of a market agency buying livestock on a commission basis without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and regulations;
- inflated the price of livestock that he purchased for a customer by creating false auction market invoices; and
- purchased livestock on a commission basis without disclosing to his customer that the livestock had been purchased at auction from his own consignments.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the respondent on January 9, 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.

The respondent was engaged in business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for his own account or for the account of others; engaged in the business of a market agency 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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