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**GIPSA Alleges Riata Cattle Company, Inc.,  
And Porfirio Garcia, aka Fedo Garcia  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 3, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Riata Cattle Company, Inc. (Riata Cattle), and Porfirio Garcia (Garcia), also known as Fedo Garcia, Lyford, Texas:

- failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases; and
- failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Riata Cattle and Garcia on April 24, 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, Riata Cattle and Garcia may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Riata Cattle under the direction, management, and control of Garcia was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Garcia is, and at all times was president of Riata Cattle; 100% owner of the stock issued by Riata Cattle; responsible for the direction, management and control of Riata Cattle; and the alter ego of Riata Cattle.

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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