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**GIPSA Alleges Dwight Gregory “Greg” Cox
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 Dwight Gregory “Greg” Cox (respondent), Urbana, Mo.:

- continued to engage in the business of buying livestock in commerce without registering and without maintaining an adequate bond;
- failed to pay, within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for livestock purchases; and
- issued checks that were returned unpaid by the bank from which they were drawn.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the respondent on November 30, 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 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 the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account; and as 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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