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GIPSA Alleges Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC and Donald D. Baker Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May10, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC (Baker Cattle), and Donald D. Baker (Baker), Galax, Va., purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Baker Cattle and Baker on April 7, 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, Baker Cattle and Baker may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Baker Cattle is engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Baker is the sole owner of Baker Cattle and is responsible for the day to day direction, management and control of Baker Cattle, and is the *alter ego* of Baker Cattle.

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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