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GIPSA Alleges Comanche Livestock Auction, Inc., and W. Raymond Brown, and Jo Ann Brown Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 17, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Comanche Livestock Auction, Inc. (Comanche Livestock), and W. Raymond Brown, and Jo Ann Brown, Comanche, Okla.

- failed to properly maintain their custodial account;
- failed to deposit into their custodial account amounts equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock resulting in deficiencies in their custodial account.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Comanche Livestock, W. Raymond Brown, and Jo Ann Brown on May 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, Comanche Livestock, W. Raymond Brown, and Jo Ann Brown may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Comanche Livestock under the direction, management, and control of W. Raymond Brown and Jo Ann Brown was engaged in the business of conducting and operating Comanche Livestock, a stockyard posted and subject to the provisions of the P&S Act; engaged in the business of a market agency selling consigned livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

W. Raymond Brown was president of Comanche Livestock; 50% owner of Comanche Livestock; and responsible for the direction, management and control of Comanche Livestock.

Jo Ann Brown was secretary and office manager of Comanche Livestock; 50% owner of Comanche Livestock; and responsible for the direction, management and control of Comanche Livestock.

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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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