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**GIPSA Alleges Norberto Gonzalez, aka Tito Gonzalez, d/b/a TG Cattle
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Noberto Gonzalez, also known as Tito Gonzalez (Gonzalez), doing business as TG Cattle, Falfurrias, Texas:

- failed to pay the full amount for livestock that he purchased within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- signed a promissory note agreeing to pay for livestock purchases plus interest to a posted stockyard in 23 monthly installments – has made four payments; and
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in his business as a dealer.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Gonzalez on April 27, 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, Gonzalez may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Gonzalez was engaged in business as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is 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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