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GIPSA Alleges Magic Valley Buying Station, Inc., Eric Drees and Mindy Drees Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Magic Valley Buying Station, Inc. (Magic Valley), Eric Drees and Mindy Drees, Goodling, Idaho:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock purchased; and
- as of the date of this complaint, \$93,621.68 remains unpaid for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Magic Valley, Eric and Mindy Drees on May 31, 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, Magic Valley, Eric and Mindy Drees may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Magic Valley engaged in business of a livestock dealer and market agency buying and selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary. Magic Valley was administratively dissolved by the State of Idaho on February 8, 2011.

Eric Drees was President of Magic Valley; named as the incorporated and registered agent of Magic Valley in its Articles of Incorporation; 50% owner of the stock issued by Magic Valley; and in conjunction with Mindy Drees, responsible for the direction, management and control of Magic Valley.

Mindy Drees was Secretary/Treasurer of Magic Valley; 50% owner of the stock issued by Magic Valley; and in conjunction with Eric Drees, responsible for the direction, management and control of Magic Valley.

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