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GIPSA Alleges Than Foote Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Than Foote:

- bought livestock in commerce on a commission basis without being registered and without maintaining an adequate bond;
- engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce without being registered and without maintaining an adequate bond; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full amount of the purchase price for the livestock purchased.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Than Foote on July 26, 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, Than Foote may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Than Foote engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce 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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