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**GIPSA Alleges Weikert's Livestock, Inc., and Todd D. Weikert
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Weikert's Livestock, Inc. (Weikert's Livestock), and Todd D. Weikert (Weikert), Fairfield, Pa., failed to pay, when due, the full amount of the livestock purchase price within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Weikert's Livestock and Weikert 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, Weikert's Livestock and Weikert may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Weikert's Livestock under the direction, management, and control of Weikert engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce; is a dealer; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Weikert is the owner and president of Weikert's Livestock; engaged in the business of conducting and operating Weikert's Livestock as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; is a dealer; 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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