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**GIPSA Alleges Mark Kasmiersky
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Mark Kasmiersky, Fayetteville, Texas, purchased livestock without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Mark Kasmiersky on August 23, 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, Mark Kasmiersky may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Mark Kasmiersky was engaged in the business of 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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