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GIPSA Alleges Double H Cattle Co., LLC, Todd Holstein and Tyler Holstein Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Double H Cattle Co., LLC (Double H), Todd Holstein and Tyler Holstein, Canyon, Texas:

- engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock without being registered and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent;
- issued checks in payment for livestock without having sufficient funds to cover the checks; and
- failed to pay, when due, the full amount for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Double H, Todd and Tyler Holstein on September 13, 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, Double H, Todd and Tyler Holstein may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Double H was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account and was not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Todd and Tyler Holstein were owners of Double H, responsible for the direction, management, and control of Double H, and dealers within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the P&S Act, and were 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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