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**GIPSA Alleges Ricardo Jurado  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Ricardo Juardo, Raisin City, Calif.:

- purchased livestock without being registered and without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent;
- issued a check without having sufficient funds available in the account the check was drawn from;
- failed to pay, when due, the full amount for livestock purchases; and
- as of the date of this complaint, \$2,382.80 remains unpaid.

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

Ricardo Jurado engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce 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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