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**GIPSA Alleges Richard Hunter, dba H&H Farms
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Richard Hunter, doing business as H&H Farms:

- failed to properly maintain and properly use his custodial account for shippers’ proceeds;
- operated with shortages in his custodial account;
- failed to deposit into the custodial account an amount equal to the proceeds from the sale of consigned livestock within the time period prescribed in the regulations; and
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in his business as a market agency.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Richard Hunter on January 25, 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, Richard Hunter may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

The respondent was engaged in business as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account 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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