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**GIPSA Alleges Doyle Harms, dba Harms Livestock  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2012 – In a September 17, 2008, consent decision Doyle Harms (Harms), doing business as Harms Livestock, Redfield, S.D. was ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase for livestock.

Subsequent to that consent decision, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Harms continues:

- issuing checks for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds to cover the checks; and
- failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Harms on January 19, 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, Harms may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Harms was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis 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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