

GIPSA Enforcement Action

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Grain Inspection,
Packers and
Stockyards
Administration

STOP 3601
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.
20250-3601

GIPSA Release 49-12

Catherine M. Grasso 202-720-7201
Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov

GIPSA Settles a Case with Phillip Hill, dba Hidden Valley Farms Resulting in a \$1,500 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb.9, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration’s (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Phillip Hill, dba Hidden Valley Farms, Moulton, Ala. -- waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,500 after GIPSA found that he failed to issue timely payment and engaged in unfair and deceptive practices.

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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272(voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).