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**GIPSA Alleges Thomas Kinderknecht, Barbara Kinderknecht and
Quinter Livestock, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Thomas Kinderknecht, Barbara Kinderknecht, and Quinter Livestock, Inc. (the respondents), Park, Kan.:

- failed to properly maintain their custodial account in that their custodial account had shortages; and
- these shortages were due, in part, to the respondent’s failure to deposit into its custodial accounts an amount equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock and to the withdrawal of bank charges from their custodial account.

GIPSA filed a complaint against the respondents on February 22, 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, the respondents may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

The respondents were engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock on a commission basis and are registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Thomas Kinderknecht was president and 50% co-owner of Quinter Livestock, Inc. and responsible, jointly with Barbara Kinderknecht, for the day-to-day management, direction, and control of Quinter Livestock, Inc.

Barbara Kinderknecht was secretary and treasurer and 50% co-owner of Quinter Livestock, Inc., and responsible, jointly with Thomas Kinderknecht, for the day-to-day management, direction, and control of Quinter Livestock, Inc.

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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