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**GIPSA Alleges Central Beef Industries, LLC and Marshall M. Chernin  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2013 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Central Beef Industries, LLC (Central Beef) and Marshall M. Chernin (Chernin), Center Hill, Fla., purchased livestock in commerce and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Central Beef and Chernin on December 12, 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, Central Beef and Chernin may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Central Beef was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and a packer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

Chernin was a 55% owner and responsible for the direction, management, and control of Central Beef including the acts and practices alleged in this complaint to be in violation of the P&S Act and regulations; engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter; and a packer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

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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