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GIPSA Alleges Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc., d/b/a Salem Packing Company, and Samuel Bonaccurso 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 Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc., doing business as Salem Packing Company, and Samuel Bonaccurso, Salem, N.J.:

- failed to pay, when due, the full price for livestock purchases; and
- purchased livestock and paid the livestock sellers with non-certified checks.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc. and Samuel Bonaccurso 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, Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc. and Samuel Bonaccurso may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc. (Salem Packing Company) and Samuel Bonaccurso were engaged in the business of operating the Salem Packing Company and engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and the manufacturing and preparation of meats and meat food products for sale and shipment in commerce. They were engaged in the business as a packer.

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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