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**GIPSA Alleges Tony E. Lyon d/b/a Lyon Farms
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 2013 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Tony E. Lyon, doing business as Lyon Farms (Lyon), Perrin, Texas:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock purchases;
- issued checks in payment for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds on deposit to pay them when presented; and
- bought and sold livestock without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and without maintaining a bond or bond equivalent.

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

Lyon was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; engaged in the business of a market agency buying and selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis and not 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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