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GIPSA Alleges Perkins Livestock, LLC and Robb Taylor 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 Perkins Livestock, LLC (Perkins) and Robb Taylor (Taylor), Perkins, Okla.

- failed to properly use and maintain its custodial account;
- had custodial account shortages on May 26, 2011, in the amount of \$97,999.98;
- had custodial account shortages on October 6, 2011, in the amount of \$74,913.03; and
- these custodial account shortages were due, in part, to Taylor's failure to reimburse the custodial account for his purchases and for livestock purchases made by buyers who had not paid by the close of the seventh business day following the sale of livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Perkins and Taylor on December 26, 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, Perkins and Taylor may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Perkins, under the direction, management, and control of Taylor was engaged in the business of conducting and operating Perkins Livestock, LLC, a stockyard posted under and subject to the provisions of the P&S Act; engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Taylor was the sole member of Perkins; 100% owner of Perkins; a registered agent of Perkins; and responsible for the direction, management, and control of Perkins.

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Taylor was also engaged in the business of conducting and operating Perkins and engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis.

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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