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**GIPSA Alleges Abe Cuesta, aka Abram Cuesta, dba Quality Cattle  
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 2013 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Abe Cuesta, also known as Abram Cuesta (Cuesta), doing business as Quality Cattle, Tampa, Fla.:

- failed to maintain funds on deposit and available in the account that checks were drawn to pay the checks for livestock purchases when presented; and
- failed to pay, when due, the full amount for livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Cuesta on July 17, 2012, which was not officially served on Cuesta until 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, Cuesta may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Cuesta is engaged in the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock for his own account and is 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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