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GIPSA Alleges Benjamin W. Dunlap, a/k/a Ben Dunlap, d/b/a Ben Dunlap Livestock, d/b/a Dunlap Cattle and Farms, and d/b/a Phat Buzzard Cattle Co. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2013 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Benjamin W. Dunlap, also known as Ben Dunlap, doing business as Ben Dunlap Livestock, doing business as Dunlap Cattle and Farms, and doing business as Phat Buzzard Cattle Co., Bear Creek, N.C.

- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock purchases; and
- as of the date of this complaint, failed to pay approximately \$83,659.02 for livestock purchases.

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

Benjamin W. Dunlap was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; a dealer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act; and is 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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