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**GIPSA Alleges Randy R. Wientjes, d/b/a Brookport Cattle Company  
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 Randy R. Wientjes (Wientjes), doing business as Brookport Cattle Company, Metropolis, Ill., purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, for the livestock purchases. As of March 26, 2012, Wientjes owed approximately \$334,766.66 to the livestock sellers of livestock purchases.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Wientjes on January 9, 2013. The complaint may 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, Wientjes may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Wientjes was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce 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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