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GIPSA Alleges BP Livestock, LLC and Brody Peak Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 2, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that BP Livestock, LLC (BP Livestock) and Brody Peak (Peak), Emporia, Kan.:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of the livestock;
- purchased cattle for and sold cattle to certain customers on the bases of the same weight at which they purchased cattle. BP Livestock billed and collected from these customers on the basis of false and incorrect weights obtained by adding an arbitrary number of pounds to the weights at which the cattle were originally purchased; and
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclose all of the transactions in their business as a dealer. Specifically, they failed to keep accurate records of their original and final sales invoices and scale tickets.

GIPSA filed a complaint against BP Livestock and Peak on March 10, 2016. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, BP Livestock and Peak may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and/or assessed a civil penalty.

BP Livestock was engaged in the business of dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce and is registered with the Secretary (Secretary) of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock.

Peak was engaged in the business of a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce; is not registered with the Secretary as a dealer to buy and sell livestock; is 100% owner of BP Livestock, and is responsible for the day-to-day management, direction, and control of BP Livestock.

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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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