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GIPSA Settles a Case with County Line Sale Barn, Inc. Resulting in a \$3,500 Penalty

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2016 – On May 12, 2016, County Line Sale Barn, Inc. (County Line), Ratcliff, Ark., waived its right to a hearing and entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). County Line agreed to pay a penalty of \$3,500 after GIPSA found County Line engaged in deceptive trade practices by creating false or misleading records in connection with activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the P&S Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

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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