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GIPSA Alleges Thomas B. Welch, d/b/a TBW Cattle Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Thomas B. Welch (Welch), doing business as TBW Cattle, Sophia, N.C., purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of the livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Welch on May 2, 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, Welch may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Welch was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for his own account, and is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock.

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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