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GIPSA Settles a Case with Farmers Livestock Market, Inc. of Tazewell Resulting in a \$1,350 Penalty

WASHINGTON, July 25, 2016 – On June 16, 2016, Farmers Livestock Market, Inc. of Tazewell (Farmers Livestock Market), Tazewell, Va., 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). Farmers Livestock Market paid a penalty of \$1,350 after GIPSA found that it failed to test two scales and provide test results in the second half of 2015 per requirement of 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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