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## **GIPSA Settles a Case with Lee Farmers Livestock Market, Inc. And Stuart Wilson Resulting in a \$1,350 Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31, 2016 – On August 18, 2016, Lee Farmers Livestock Market, Inc. (Lee Farmers) and Stuart Wilson, Jonesville, Va., waived their 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). Lee Farmers and Stuart Wilson paid a penalty of \$1,350 after GIPSA found that they 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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