

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

We support the proposed rule published by the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) on June 2, 2010.

*Over the last three decades, a hand full of the largest meat packing companies have heavily concentrated and controlled livestock markets. Tyson, Excel, JBS-Brazil and National Beef, presently control about 88% of all cattle slaughtered in addition to controlling interests in poultry and hog markets.*

We need these rules to return fair markets and competition to the livestock business and food processing. We especially urge you to support the following items:

- Individual farmers & ranchers won't need to prove industry-wide anti-competitive injury to sue under the law.
- Packer-to-packer sales and buyers purchasing for multiple packers will be illegal.
- Packers will be required to supply evidence to support differential pricing offered to different producers.
- Arbitration in contract disputes will be voluntary and the packers cannot establish unfair terms for the negotiations.
- The packer cannot be biased against producer/sellers based only upon the volume of livestock that can be offered for market sale.

Please pass these badly needed rules to assure fair competition for producers, feeders and packers.

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