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BROILER TIP...

GIPSA REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA), an agency within the USDA, recently has instituted regulations regarding weighing practices of live poultry (1998) and specifying weighing of feed in contract arrangements where feed weights are used in calculating payments (2000). Last month, Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture, announced further regulations that, when completed and implemented, could affect poultry growing operations.

GIPSA has been required to issue regulations that will accomplish the following:

1. Mandate disclosure of basic contract terms (ensuring contracts are easy to understand).
2. Prohibit any restrictions by packers/processors on disclosure of contract terms (so producers can easily obtain legal or financial advice).
3. Specify form and content of records required for animal transactions (to ensure packers/processors maintain accurate and complete information).
4. Prohibit conditional purchases between different sellers (so each individual purchase is competitive).
5. Require packers/processors to specify basis on which different prices are paid for like quality animals.

These proposed regulations will be published sometime in the fall of 2000, with public comments taken before final regulations are issued. "Town hall" meetings have been scheduled by GIPSA this fall in the Southeast to discuss these and other issues with poultry growers and other interested parties. The meeting for Georgia will be on October 20, in Athens, Georgia. A local GIPSA representative has been invited to a presentation at the Georgia Poultry Conference Broiler Session, in Athens, on October 4.

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Consult with your poultry company representative before making management changes.

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