



## GIPSA's Farmer Fair Practices Rules Interim Final Rule: Scope of Sections 202(a) and (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act

Below are sample comments for GIPSA's Interim Final Rule: Scope of Sections 202(a) and (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act. You are welcome to use this language as your own, although personalized comments will be more effective, so please tell the USDA why these rules are important to you! When you are ready, [click here](#) to post your comments in the Federal Register.

### **Sample Comments**

**Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the interim final rule. I strongly support this rulemaking action, and urge its prompt implementation.**

**As a consumer and proponent of a fair and sustainable food system, I place tremendous importance on the availability of food that is produced in a manner that respects the farmer, neighbor, animals and the land. Under the current system, family farmers face unfair practices as a result of corporate concentration in the packing industry and the abuse such concentration allows, while consumers are left with few choices in the grocery store.**

**Individual farmers who value traditional husbandry practices currently have no recourse to address this anticompetitive behavior. In order to combat violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act, farmers must prove a showing of harm to the industry as a whole, a high burden that is impractical, if not unattainable, and fails to address the many unfair, deceptive and discriminatory actions of big meat producers.**

**It is vital that the USDA reduce the burden for contract farmers who are harmed by an integrator's anticompetitive and unfair practices. I encourage USDA to adopt this rule, which will provide greater fairness to farmers while keeping markets competitive for consumers like me who make a point to vote with our food dollars.**

**Thank you for considering my views on this issue.**