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## GIPSA's Farmer Fair Practices Rules Proposed Rule: Poultry Grower Ranking Systems

Below are sample comments for GIPSA's Proposed Rule: Poultry Grower Ranking Systems. 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 this proposed 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.**

**Poultry grower ranking systems are used to determine the means by which growers are compensated upon settlement of each flock. It's a process that rewards efficiency at the expense of best practices, and suppliers are free to discriminate based on their own standards, often without any legitimate business justification. It is vital that the USDA articulate criteria by which the Secretary can determine whether a live poultry dealer has used a poultry grower ranking system to compensate poultry growers in an unfair manner.**

**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.**