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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, which I strongly support. I am a farmer who grows XXXX in the state of XXXX. I am familiar with the many ways that packers and processors are using their iron grip on the markets to prevent family farmers from being treated fairly and equitably in our quest to produce safe and healthy food products for the American consumer.**

**I urge GIPSA to adopt this proposed rule, because it will finally establish fair and equitable criteria for GIPSA to use in determining whether a processor employs a system for compensating a poultry grower that is unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive, or that gives an undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage to competing farmers. The tournament system has been used to compel growers to compete against each other based on company inputs, over which growers have no control, and creates very real hardships for poultry growers who are already working under extremely challenging market conditions.**

**Please adopt these rules swiftly, and give poultry farmers some much needed relief from the anti-competitive practices by processors, who for too long have flouted the rules and treated their growers in a manner that is unfair at best, and abusive at worst. Thank you for considering my views.**