



GIPSA's Farmer Fair Practices Rules Proposed Rule: Unfair Practices and Undue Preferences in Violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act

Below are sample comments for GIPSA's Proposed Rule: Unfair Practices and Undue Preferences in Violation 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 this proposed rule. I strongly support this rulemaking action, and urge its prompt approval and 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.

This proposed rule outlines which unfair practices would be considered illegal by GIPSA, allowing the industry to have a better understanding of what is appropriate or inappropriate conduct. The rule would establish criteria to protect the legal rights of farmers. It is critical that the Department of Agriculture articulate specific, actionable conduct that violates the Packers and Stockyards Act.

I encourage USDA to adopt this proposed rule, which will provide greater fairness to farmers while keeping markets competitive, a critical requirement for consumers like me who make a point to vote with our food dollars.

Thank you for considering my views on this issue.